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AGONG SENDS INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETINGS TO VANUATU

KUALA LUMPUR, July 30 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah today congratulated Vanuatu President Father John Bani on his country's Independence Day.

In their message, the royal couple wished the president continued good health and well being.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his counterpart Donald Kalpokas Masikevanua, wished Vanuatu continued peace, development and prosperity.

"I am confident the friendly ties between Malaysia and Vanuatu will continue to grow in the years ahead," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart Clement Leo.

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