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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO MALDIVES PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 26 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Aishah have sent a congratulatory message to Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on the occasion of the republic's Independence Day today.

Sultan Salahuddin, in his message, expressed the hope that the people of Maldives will continue to enjoy peace, progress and prosperity, according to a Wisma Putra statement issued today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to Maumoon, said that he looked forward to enhance the close bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in a message to Maldives Foreign Affairs Minister Fathulla Jameel, hoped that the friendship and cooperation of the two countries would continue to be enhanced in years to come.

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