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KING, DR MAHATHIR EXTEND CONDOLENCE TO S'PORE PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah today extended his condolence to President Ong Teng Cheong of Singapore on the demise of his wife yesterday.

Sultan Salahuddin said he and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah were deeply grieved on learning about the untimely demise of his wife.

"The people of Malaysia joins us in offering to Your Excellency and family our profound condolences and sympathies in your moment of bereavement," he said in his message issued by Wisma Putra, here.

In his message to the Singapore president, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was sad to learn about his wife's demise.

He said Singapore had lost a dedicated First Lady.

"In this moment of your bereavement, my wife (Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali) joins me in extending our deepest sympathies and condolences to Your Excellency and family on your deep loss," Dr Mahathir said.

The First Lady died after a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer. She was 62.

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