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AGONG CONGRATULATES HUGO CHAVEZ ON VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has congratulated Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on the occasion of his country's Independence Day tomorrow.

In the King's congratulatory message to the president, he said: "The Raja Permaisuri Agong (Tuanku Siti Aishah) joins me in extending to Your Excellency our heartiest congratulations."

A copy of the message was released by Wisma Putra here.

In a similar message to Chavez, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was pleased to note the increasing contacts and cooperation between the governments and people of the two countries.

He said the president's recent visit to Malaysia had contributed to the strengthening of ties between Kuala Lumpur and Caracas.

"I am confident that under your dynamic leadership and the untiring efforts of your government, the people of Venezuela will enjoy greater development and prosperity in the years ahead," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar told his Venezuelan counterpart Luis Alfonso Davila that he looked forward to working closely with him to further improve bilateral relations.

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