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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO COLOMBIA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 19 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to Colombian President Andres Pastrana on the occasion of the country's Independence anniversary tomorrow.

"May the warm and friendly relations that exist between Malaysia and Colombia continue to strengthen and flourish in the coming years," the King said in the message released by Wisma Putra here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Pastrana, said he hoped the coming years would bring continued peace and security to the country.

"Let us work closely together to bring development and prosperity to our people through frequent exchange of visits and improved economic and commercial ties," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a similar message to his counterpart Guillermo Fernandez de Soto.

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