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AGONG CONGRATULATES BELGIUM'S KING ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah today congratulated King Albert II of Belgium on the occasion of its National Day.

According to Wisma Putra, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to his counterpart, Guy Verhofstadt.

The statement said that in his message, Dr Mahathir said he was happy with the excellent ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries which had continued to flourish.

"I look forward to working closely with you to further enhance these relations," he said.

Dr Mahathir also congratulated Verhofstadt on his assumption of the presidency of the European Union.

Wisma Putra said that Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Louis Michel.

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