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FOREIGN DIGNITARIES OFFER CONDOLENCES OVER KING'S DEMISE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Queen Elizabeth II of England has extended her condolences to the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah on the demise of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

"I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of His Majesty Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

"I send my sincere condolences to you and members of your family, to the government and people of the state of Selangor, and to the government and people of Malaysia," the monarch said in her message, a copy of which was made available to the media by the British high commission here.

Malaysia's 11th King died at the Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre today of heart failure after two months of illness. He was 75.

Malaysia gained independence from Britain in 1957.

President S.R. Nathan of Singapore also extended a similar message to Tuanku Siti Aishah on behalf of the government and people of Singapore, according to the republic's Foreign Affairs Ministry.

In a statement, it said: "President Nathan and Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong have also sent messages of condolence to Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, the Acting Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, and Prime Minister (Datuk Seri) Dr Mahathir Mohamad respectively."

Sultan Salahuddin received medical care at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore for nearly two months before being flown back to Malaysia on Sunday.

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