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KING, QUEEN SEND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO AZERBAIJAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 27 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, and Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Siti Aishah, have sent a congratulatory message to Azerbaijan President Heydar Aliyev on the occasion of the republic's National Day tomorrow.

"We would like to extend to Your Excellency and the people of Azerbaijan our warm wishes and sincere felicitations," they said in a statement today.

The royal couple was confident that Azerbaijan would enjoy continued peace and progress under Aliyev's leadership.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his Azerbaijan counterpart Artur Rasizade, hoped that the existing friendly and cordial ties between the two countries would be further strengthened.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to his counterpart Vilayat Moukhtar Oglu Guliyev, said he believed there was immense scope for both countries to work closely to further expand the existing level of bilateral cooperation.

"It is my sincere hope that the warm and friendly relations between our two countries will continue to grow and enhanced in the coming years," he added.

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