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KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to President Shahabuddin Ahmed of Bangladesh on the occasion of the republic's independence day tomorrow.

"We are confident that the existing cordial ties of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will be further enhanced in the coming years," he said in the message.

The King and the Raja Permaisuri Agong also prayed for Shahabuddin's good health, prosperity and happiness as well as for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina, said he was confident that the excellent ties between the two countries would continue to be further strengthened in the future.

"Malaysia and Bangladesh enjoy friendly and close ties, which have expanded over the years to include various fields of cooperation," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, said he looked forward to working closely with him to further strengthen the bilateral relations for mutual benefit.

"I am happy to note that Malaysia and Bangladesh have continued to enjoy warm relations over the years," he said.

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