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SPORTS-CHANNERL (Appreciation)

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DOVER, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Following are the contents of letters of appreciation sent by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Prime Minister to Abdul Malik Mydin congratulating him on his feat in conquering the English Channel.

Malik became the first Southeast Asian to cross the 32.8km-wide Channel when he completed the swim in 17 hours 42 minutes yesterday.

"I and the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Fauziah binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Rashid, wish to express our heartiest congratulations and syabas to you on your success in crossing the English Channel from Dover to Calais, France. I and the Raja Permaisuri Agong pray that you will always receive the blessings of Allah."

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail. Aug 5 2003

"My wife and I would like to say syabas and congratulations to you on your success in swimming across the English Channel.

Indeed, it was no easy challenge with the cold weather, big waves of up to 2m high and strong currents. Only those with strong spirit and resilience can achieve success.

I am proud of your success, Malik. All the people of Malaysia are also proud of your success."

Syabas again.

Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad

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