

22 AUG 1996

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT ARRIVES FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Argentine President Carlos Menem arrived here today to begin a five-day visit to Malaysia.

He was met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport by Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The special aircraft carrying Menem and his delegation, which includes Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella and other officials, touched down at about 8am.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will call on Menem after an official welcoming ceremony at the Parliament Square in the afternoon.

Tonight the president is scheduled to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'far and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah at Istana Negara before attending a state banquet hosted in his honour.

The Argentine head of state is expected to hold talks with Dr Mahathir tomorrow.

He will also receive an honorary law doctorate from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Menem will visit West Port in Port Klang on Saturday before departing for Jakarta on Monday. -- BERNAMA

MAM YBY