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BRITISH DEFENCE SECRETARY TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- British Secretary of State for Defence Michael Portillo will pay a four-day official visit to Malaysia from Sept 11, the British High Commission said in a statement today.

The visit, his first to Malaysia since assuming the post on July 5 last year, is to reciprocate that made by Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar to Britain last June, it said.

Portillo will call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and hold talks with Syed Hamid.

He is also scheduled to visit the Royal Malaysian Air Force base and the Integrated Air Defence System (IADS) headquarters in Butterworth.

Portillo will be accompanied by his wife, Carolyn, and five officials.

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