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FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR MENEM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Argentinian President Carlos Menem, who arrived here this morning for a five-day visit to Malaysia, was accorded an official welcome at Parliament House this afternoon.

He was greeted on arrival by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Royal Malay Regiment band then played the national anthems of both countries after which Menem was introduced to Cabinet ministers and members of the foreign mission here.

The ceremony was held indoors as it was raining slightly in the capital city.

Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah will host a state banquet for Menem tonight.

He will hold discussions with Dr Mahathir tomorrow. -- BERNAMA
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