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KING GUSTAF PRESENTS AWARDS TO AGONG AND PM

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, who arrived today for a five-day state visit, has conferred awards on Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

King Gustaf presented the Knight of the Royal Order of the Seraphim to Tuanku Ja'afar when he called on him at Istana Negeri Sembilan here.

Tuanku Ja'afar also presented an award, the Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara (DMM), to King Gustaf.

Earlier, during a private lunch at Carcosa Seri Negara, King Gustaf presented the Commander Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Polar Star to Dr Mahathir.

King Gustaf, who flew in from Singapore, was accompanied by his consort Queen Silvia and their son, Prince Carl Philip.

In the royal entourage are 15 senior officials, including Minister of Foreign Trade and European Cooperation Mots Hellstrom and a 20-member business delegation.

In a separate programme, Queen Silvia attended a briefing on the government's efforts in combating dadah.

At the 30-minute briefing, Anti-Dadah Task Force Director Johan Shamsuddin said the dadah in Malaysia came from the Golden Triangle, either for local consumption or in "transit" to other places like Australia, the United States and Europe.

He said 34,104 cases of dadah addiction were detected in the country last year, including 13,140 new cases.

There are an estimated 200,000 addicts in Malaysia, he said. -- Bernama
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