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MALAWI PRESIDENT ARRIVES FOR THREE-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Malawi President Dr Bakili Muluzi arrived today for a three-day visit to Malaysia.

Dr Muluzi, accompanied by his wife Annie, was received by Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang, near here. Also present was Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek, who is the minister-in-attendance.

He then proceeded to Parliament Square for the ceremonial welcome. On arrival at the Parliament ground, Dr Muluzi was greeted by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

A 37-member band of the Royal Malay Regiment then played the national anthems of both countries.

He inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by six officers and 103 rank and file members of the First Battalion Royal Malay Regiment under the command of Mej Nor Azmi Karim.

Dr Muluzi was then introduced to the Cabinet members and other dignitaries, including foreign diplomats.

Dr Muluzi is scheduled to hold talks with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department in the afternoon and subsequently attend a meeting between the Malaysian and Malawian delegations. Both leaders will witness the signing of several agreements between the two countries.

Tuanku Ja'afar will host a state banquet for Dr Muluzi at Istana Negara tonight.

Tomorrow, Dr Muluzi will visit the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysian Industrial Development Authority, Masjid Negara and the Wangsa Maju low-cost housing project. -- BERNAMA

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