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Jackson-Arrival

MICHAEL JACKSON ARRIVES FOR DOUBLE SHOWS IN KUALA LUMPUR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- After the Shah Alam Municipal Council refused to allow him to perform at the Shah Alam Stadium, international superstar Michael Jackson flew in by private jet today for two performances here as part of his HIStory World Tour Concert.

He is scheduled to stage two performances at the Merdeka Stadium tomorrow and on Tuesday. Tickets for Jackson's first appearance here sold like hot cakes.

Jackson was greeted by hundreds of fans who packed terminal one of the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport in Subang, near here.

Dressed in his signature black outfit with matching hat, he emerged from the VIP arrival hall at 2.30pm and blew kisses to the fans who chanted his name.

Although his plane landed at 1.45pm, fans had begun gathering at the airport since noon.

Police, FRU and airport security personnel were present to control the crowd.

A 21-year-old fan, who gave her name as Sandy, said she had wanted to meet the King of Pop since she was 12.

Jackson's performance here ran into controversy when the Shah Alam Municipal Council refused to allow him to perform at the 80,000-capacity Shah Alam Stadium, saying that it was in conflict with local values.

The Cabinet, however, had no objections to the concert. Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said future such performances would depend on the behaviour of fans during Jackson's concert.

While fans queued to snap up the tickets, a group of students yesterday held a demonstration against the concert. -- BERNAMA

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