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MYANMAR LEADER ARRIVES FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Chairman of Myanmar's State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), General Than Shwe, and his wife Puan Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang today to begin a five-day visit.

They were received by Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Endon Mahmood. Also present was Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar who is the Minister-in-Attendance.

Gen Than Shwe left in a motorcade for Parliament Square for the official welcoming ceremony.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah later called on the Myanmar leader and his wife at Hotel Istana.

Gen Than Shwe is scheduled to hold talks with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Office in the afternoon and witness the signing of several agreements.

Tonight, Gen Than Shwe and his wife are scheduled to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah at Istana Negara and attend a state banquet.

The Myanmar leader is scheduled to visit the site of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang and the Proton plant in Shah Alam, and attend a briefing at the Economic Planning Unit.

His wife will have a separate programme, with visits to the National Museum and the Central Market, among other places.

Gen Than Shwe and his wife will leave for Pulau Pinang on Wednesday and is scheduled to call on the Pulau Pinang Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Hamdan Sheikh Tahir and his wife Toh Puan Hajah Siti Zainab.

He is scheduled to visit the Sony Electronics (M) Sdn Bhd plant at the Prai Industrial Estate and a Buddhist temple, and attend briefings at the Penang Development Corporation and Penang Port Sdn Bhd, among others.

The Myanmar visitors will leave for home from the Bayan Lepas International Airport on Friday. -- BERNAMA

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