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OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR TURKISH PREMIER

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Turkish Prime Minister Dr Necmettin Erbakan, who arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit, was today accorded an official welcoming ceremony at Parliament Square.

He was met on arrival by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Also present was Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

After the national anthems of both countries were played by the Royal Malaysian Navy band, Dr Erbakan inspected a 107-member guard-of-honour from the Royal Malay Regiment first battalion led by Mej Rafizi Sharif.

Cabinet ministers and members of the foreign diplomatic corps were introduced to the Turkish leader who later left for a meeting with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's office.

Dr Erbakan is scheduled to visit the Economic Planning Unit at the Prime Minister's Department later today. He will also be granted an audience by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara and attend a dinner hosted by Dr Mahathir at his official residence, Sri Perdana.

This is Dr Erbakan's first visit to Malaysia since he took office in June.

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