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POLISH PRIME MINISTER GIVEN RED CARPET WELCOME

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Polish Prime Minister Dr Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, who arrived here today for a three-day official visit, was given a red-carpet welcome at Parliament Square, here.

He was met on arrival at Parliament House by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Cimoszewicz inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 109 officers and men of the First Battalion, Royal Malay Regiment, after the national anthem of Poland and the Negara Ku were played by the military band.

Cabinet Ministers and members of the foreign diplomatic corps were then introduced to him. This is Dr Cimoszewicz's first visit to Southeast Asia after being appointed prime minister last month.

He is scheduled to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Najihah, at Istana Negeri Sembilan.

Dr Cimoszewicz is accompanied by his wife, Barbara, First Deputy Finance Minister Krzysztof Kallicki, First Deputy National Defence Minister Andrzej Karkoszka, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Robert Mroziewicz, senior government officials and members of the private sector.

This afternoon, Dr Cimoszewicz will call on Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department prior to attending a delegation meeting between the two countries. -- Bernama

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