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FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR CROATIAN PRIME MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- Croatian Prime Minister Zlatko Matesa who arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit to Malaysia was accorded an official welcome at Parliament Square this morning.

He was greeted on arrival by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Also present was minister-in-attendance Datuk Suleiman Mohamed.

The national anthems of both countries were played. Matesa inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by officers and men of the Royal Malay Regiment led by Mej Ramli A. Rahman.

The Croation leader was later introduced to cabinet ministers, head of foreign missions and other dignitaries.

Matesa is leading a 12-member delegation comprising three ministers, two vice ministers, senior government officials and businessmen.

He is scheduled to hold talks with Dr Mahathir and visit the Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd in the afternoon. -- BERNAMA

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