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HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER BEGINS TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn and wife, Anna Horn, were accorded a red carpet official welcome at Parliament Square this morning to begin a two-day official visit to Malaysia.

They were earlier met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, after spending a two-day private visit in Langkawi.

Accompanied by his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Horn inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 106 officers and men of 1st Battalion Royal Malay Regiment under the command of Mej Hamdi Abdul Rahman before being introduced to a long line of cabinet ministers and heads of foreign missions.

Horn and his delegation will meet Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's office followed by the signing of a bilateral agreement on scientific and technological cooperation witnessed by the two leaders.

In the afternoon, Horn will be granted an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaafar at the Istana Negara before attending a briefing at the Economic Planning Unit (EPU).

Horn and wife will later visit the Kuala Lumpur Tower and the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC).

In the evening, the visitors will be entertained to dinner by Dr Mahathir at Sri Perdana.

Tomorrow, Horn and delegation will attend a briefing by Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) followed by a visit to Menara Maybank.

The Hungarian Prime Minister will also attend the Hungarian Investment Seminar at a leading hotel here and witness the signing ceremony of a cooperation agreement between Matrade and ITD-Hungary.

He will also witness the opening ceremony of the Hungarian Trade Exhibition.

In the afternoon, Horn will be guest to a luncheon hosted by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM) before visiting the national car Proton plant in Shah Alam.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah will make a farewell call on the Hungarian Prime Minister and wife before they leave for Singapore in the evening. -- BERNAMA

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