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OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR THAI PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- Thai Prime Minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyudh who arrived here today for a two-day official visit was given an official welcome at Parliament Square.

Gen Chavalit and his wife, Phankrua, were greeted on arrival by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah.

The visiting Prime Minister later inspected a guard of honour mounted by three officers and 104 men from the 1st Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment led by Mej Hamdi Abd Rahman.

Gen Chavalit was introduced to the Malaysian Cabinet and foreign diplomats at the end of the ceremony.

He is scheduled to meet Dr Mahathir at the latter's office this afternoon.

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