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PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER HAS AUDIENCE WITH AGONG

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- Pakistan Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and his wife Begum Kulsoom were today granted an audience by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah at Istana Negara.

Sharif, who is on a three-day visit to Malaysia, was accompanied by Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan, Trade Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Mushahid Hussain Syed, State Minister Ahsan Iqbal and High Commissioner to Malaysia Musa Javed Chohan.

Malaysian leaders present at the ceremony included Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali who is the Minister-in-Attendance and Malaysia's High Commissioner to Pakistan Datuk Sallehuddin Abdullah.

Sharif and his delegation were earlier met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport in Subang by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah.

The Pakistani leader and his delegation would attend a meeting with Dr Mahathir and witness the signing of several agreements between the two countries tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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