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King, Dr M at welcome ceremony for Museveni

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Uganda's President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was accorded an official welcome complete with a 21-gun salute at Parliament Square this morning to mark the start of his four-day State visit.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar received Museveni and his wife Janet.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were also present.

The Negara Ku and Uganda's national anthem were struck as Museveni took the salute.

He was then accompanied by the King to inspect the guard of honour mounted by four officers and 103 men of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment, commanded by Mejar Abdul Basit Abdul Rahman.

Museveni and his wife were later introduced to members of the Cabinet, Deputy Ministers and members of the diplomatic corps.

The President arrived yesterday with a 24-member delegation which includes First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Eriya Kategaya and Planning and Economic Development Minister Richard Kaijuka.

His visit is at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and is aimed at strengthening ties between Malaysia and Uganda.

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