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President Afwerki here on visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki arrived today for a two-day state visit at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar.

He was received at the KL International Airport in Sepang by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, who is the minister-in-attendance.

Afwerki, who was accompanied by Transport and Communications Minister Salih Kekia and five senior officials, later attended briefings at the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department and the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority.

In the evening, he attended a State Banquet hosted by the King at Istana Negara.

Tomorrow, Afwerki will hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and visit the Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

He will also have a farewell audience with Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara before attending briefings in Port Klang.

Afwerki and his entourage will leave for Asmara, Eritrea, tomorrow night.

Eritrea, bordering the Red Sea between Djibouti and Sudan, has 3.7 million people.

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