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SURINAME PRESIDENT ARRIVES FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 (Bernama) -- The president of the Republic of Suriname, Jules Wijdenbosch, arrived here tonight for a two-day state visit to Malaysia.

He and his wife Patricia d'Leon were met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, who is acting Foreign Minister, and his wife Datin Seri Sharifah Aziah Syed Zainal Abidin.

The visit is at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, the Foreign Ministry said. The state welcoming ceremony would be held at Parliament Square tomorrow morning.

Wijdenbosch will have an audience with Tuanku Ja'afar and meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for discussions tomorrow.

During his stay, he will also attend a briefing at the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department and visit the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (Porim) in Bangi.

Suriname, whose capital is Paramaribo, is located in north of South America bordering Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana and the North Atlantic Ocean.

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