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Hun Sen-Arrival

HUN SEN ARRIVES FOR THREE-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen arrived here today for a three-day official visit to enhance bilateral ties with Malaysia.

Hun Sen, who is here at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is expected to also take the opportunity to woo and assure investors of the political stability in Cambodia.

Dr Mahathir and he are expected to discuss various bilateral, regional and international issues of common concern at their meeting later today.

Hun Sen and his delegation, including Foreign Minister Hor Namhong and Finance Minister Keat Chhon, were met on arrival at the KL International Airport in Sepang by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

This is Hun Sen's first official visit to Malaysia since last July's Cambodian general election.

Upon arrival Hun Sen proceeded in a motorcade for the customary official welcoming ceremony at Parliament Square where he was received by Dr Mahathir.

He inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by officers and men of the 1st Battalion Royal Malay Regiment and was afterwards introduced to members of the Malaysian Cabinet and the diplomatic corps.

Hun Sen is scheduled to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara in the afternoon followed by bilateral talks with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr Mahathir and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali will host a dinner in Hun Sen's honour at Sri Perdana tonight.

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