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KING RECEIVES HABIBIE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah received Indonesian President B.J.Habibie in an audience at Istana Negara here today.

Habibie arrived earlier for a one-day working visit to reciprocate that by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Indonesia's Batam Island last May.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is the minister-in-attendance, were also present.

Also accompanying Habibie for the audience were Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy, Finance and Industry Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, Defence Minister and Armed Forces Chief Gen Tan Sri Wiranto, Industry and Trade Minister Rahardi Ramelan and Justice Minister Muladi.

This is Habibie's second trip to Malaysia since assuming the presidency. His first was in November last year for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum meeting.

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