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Sultan-welcome

OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR INCOMING KING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- An official welcoming ceremony was held at Parliament Square here for the Sultan of Selangor Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, preceding his swearing-in as the 11th Yang di-Pertuan Agong today.

He was accompanied by the Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor Siti Aishah.

They were received on arrival there by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The Sultan later inspected a guard of honour mounted by 107 officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment commanded by Maj Rafizi Shariff.

Sultan Salahuddin was later introduced to members of the Cabinet and the diplomatic corps.

Earlier about 4,000 students, public and private sector workers lined up along Jalan Raja in front of Dataran Merdeka here to greet the incoming King and Queen as the royal motorcade passed the Sultan Abdul Samad Building at 9.25 am enroute to Parliamentary Square.

They waved the national flag and chanted "Daulat Tuanku" (long live your majesty).

Meanwhile, in SHAH ALAM, about 3,000 well-wishers gathered as early as 7.30 am at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah building to send off the Sultan for the swearing-in ceremony.

The Sultan and consort arrived there at 8.15 am and were received by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar.

The Sultan, who is also Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN), inspected a guard of honour mounted by 136 RMN officers and men followed by a 21-gun salute.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob, as minister-in-attendance, accompanied the Sultan to the federal capital.

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