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EQUATORIAL GUINEA PRESIDENT ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea, who arrived today for a two-day visit, was accorded a red carpet welcome at Parliament Square here.

The president and wife were received there by the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah.

The customary welcoming ceremony featured playing of the national anthems of the two countries and inspection of a guard of honour by President Mbasogo.

Later the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad called on President Mbasogo at his hotel here and they had 30 minutes of discussions.

The visit is the first by the President of Equatorial Guinea aimed at enhancing ties between the two countries.

President Mbasogo, who is accompanied by a 30-member delegation, later held further talks with Dr Mahathir in Putrajaya, followed an inter-delegation meeting to discuss enhancing of bilateral economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation.

A state banquet will be held at Istana Negara here tonight in honour of President Mbasogo.

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