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CEREMONIAL WELCOME FOR VISITING SENEGALESE PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal who arrived here yesterday for a three-day official visit to the country was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Parliament Square here today.

He was greeted on arrival by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail Putra and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The national anthems of both countries were played by the band from the Royal Armoury Corps before President Abdoulaye inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 103 officers and men from the First Battalion Royal Malay Regiment led by Mej Hamdan Musa.

A 21 gun salute was then fired.

President Abdoulaye was later introduced to Cabinet ministers and heads of foreign mission here.

During the visit, his first state visit to the country, President Abdoulaye, who is leading a 30-member delegation, is scheduled to hold discussions with Dr Mahathir and attend a briefing at the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department.

The King is also scheduled to host a state banquet in his honour.

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