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OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR VISITING IRANIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- Iranian President Seyed Mohammad Khatami who arrived here last night for a four-day visit to Malaysia was accorded an official welcome at a ceremony at the Parliament Square here today.

Mohammad Khatami, accompanied by his wife, Zohreh Sadeqi, was met on arrival by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He then inspected a guard-of-honour and was introduced to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, cabinet ministers and dignitaries.

This afternoon, he is scheduled to have a closed-door meeting with Dr Mahathir at his office in Putrajaya before attending a delegation meeting.

Tonight, he is scheduled to meet the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and attend a state banquet at Istana Negara.

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