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OIC: SAUDI CROWN PRINCE ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- Saudi Arabia's Deputy Prime Minister, Crown Prince Abdullah Abdul Aziz, arrived here today for a two-day official visit and to attend the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) summit.

On hand to receive him at the Bunga Raya Complex at the KL International Airport (KLIA), near here, were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, and other cabinet ministers.

Saudi's Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, who arrived two days ago to attend the preparatory meeting for the summit, was also present.

Crown Prince Abdullah later inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by three officers and 104 men of the 1st Battalion, Royal Malay Regiment (RMR), led by Major Saiful Bahari Zainol.

The anthems of the oil-rich West Asian country and Malaysia were also played.

Scheduled to arrive at the KLIA later in the evening for the OIC summit is Bangladesh's Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

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