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TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan will make a three-day official visit to Malaysia from Friday, according to Wisma Putra.

It said in a statement issued here today that the principal objective of the visit is to strengthen and enhance bilateral relations between Malaysia and Turkey.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Ermine Erdogan, and a 200-member delegation comprising five Cabinet ministers, nine MPs, senior government officials, business representatives, media representatives and security personnel.

During the visit, Erdogan is expected to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

He will also attend a Malaysia-Turkey business forum and luncheon as guest of honour. The forum will be hosted by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia and the Foreign Economic Relations Department of Turkey.

The visit to Malaysia will be the first for Erdogan. The last visit by a Turkish Prime Minister to the country was in 1996.

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