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TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES FOR THREE-DAY VISIT

SEPANG, June 13 (Bernama) -- Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan arrived here today to begin a three-day visit to Malaysia.

He was met on arrival at the KL International Airport (KLIA) here by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

The Airbus A-340 jet carrying Erdogan, his wife, Emine, as well as a 200-member entourage which includes five ministers and nine Members of Parliament, landed at about 11am.

Erdogan will perform Friday prayers at the Putra Mosque in Putrajaya before attending an official welcoming ceremony at Dataran Putra at about 3pm.

He and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad are scheduled to have a bilateral meeting at the Prime Minister's Department after that.

Tonight, Dr Mahathir will host a dinner for the Turkish leader at Seri Perdana, the prime minister's official residence in Putrajaya.

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