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PM ARRIVES IN PHNOM PENH

PHNOM PENH, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- Cambodia accorded Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi a red carpet welcome on his arrival for a whirlwind visit here today, the penultimate stop of his tour of Asean countries.

On hand to receive the Prime Minister at the Phnom Penh International Airport was his Cambodian counterpart, Hun Sen.

Datuk Seri Abdullah, who succeeded Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 31 last year, flew in after a visit to Hanoi earlier today.

After the national anthems of the two countries were played, Datuk Seri Abdullah inspected a guard of honour and later Cambodian dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps were introduced to the Malaysian leader.

The two Prime Ministers later left the airport in a motorcade for the Office of the Council of Ministers for talks.

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