

King begins four-day visit to Indonesia

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JAKARTA: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin arrived in Indonesia yesterday for a four-day state visit.

Tuanku Mizan and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah were received at the airport here by Indonesian Communication and Information Minister Muhammad Noh and Malaysian ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Zainal Abidin Mohamed Zain and their wives.

This is the King's first overseas visit after his installation on April 26.

Their Majesties were later accorded a state welcome at Istana Merdeka, where they were received by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and his wife Kristiani Herawati.

Tuanku Mizan inspected a guard of honour mounted by officers and men of the Presidential Guard to a 21-gun salute.

To mark the visit, the city was bedecked with hundreds of flags of both countries and giant posters of the Malaysian royal couple and Susilo and Kristiani. — Bernama



Royal guests: Tuanku Mizan (second from left) shaking hands with Susilo while Tuanku Nur Zahirah (left) and Kristiani look on at the presidential palace in Jakarta yesterday. — AFP