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PM to speak at Islamic forum in Astana

SEPANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak left yesterday for a two-day official visit to Kazakhstan where he will also attend the 7th World Islamic Economic Forum.

Najib, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, left the Kuala Lumpur International Airport here at 11.45 am.

The visit is at the invitation of Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Najib is expected to deliver an address at the forum on Wednesday in Astana.

He is accompanied by several ministers, including Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Najib's visit reflected Malaysia's initiative to continue developing bilateral relations for mutual benefit.

Najib's visit and participation at the forum would strengthen bilateral relations and pave the way for greater cooperation between Malaysia and Kazakhstan, it said.

The visit would help explore opportunities and boost economic cooperation with other countries participating at the forum, being held in Kazakhstan for the first time, it added. — Bernama