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## PM to hold talks with King Salman during Saudi visit

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will have an audience with King Salman Abdul Aziz Al-Saud during his four-day working visit to Saudi Arabia.

This will be the second time he has an audience with King Salman who ascended the throne in January last year after the death of his brother King Abdullah Abdul

Aziz Al Saud.

An official said that Najib would also have an audience with Crown Prince Mohammad bin Naif Al-Saud and Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Al-Saud.

The visit, which ends on Thursday, is expected to provide a chance for the leaders to discuss bilateral, security and regional issues of

common interest.

Najib will be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, and two Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom and Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar.

He is also scheduled to visit the

Malaysian armed forces based in Hafar Al-Batin.

The Malaysian troops are involved in a military drill, dubbed as "Thunder of the North" involving 20 countries, in Saudi Arabia until Thursday.

Najib will also be delivering a keynote address on Private Public Partnership at the Jeddah Economic

Forum (JEF).

The JEF has become a leading hub for leaders, economists and business figures to discuss and exchange views on global issues.

Bilateral trade between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia was valued at a total of RM3.42bil, with imports worth RM7.53bil and exports totalling RM3.42bil.