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# Farewell, King Salman

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## Saudi Ruler flies off after four-day state visit

**SEPANG:** King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia left Kuala Lumpur after a four-day state visit.

The monarch was seen off at the KLIA Bunga Raya Complex by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Also present were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, who was the Minister-in-Attendance.

Malaysia was King Salman's first country of visit in South-East Asia since his ascension to the throne in 2015. He flew to Jakarta for a three-day state visit yesterday.

On Sunday, King Salman was accorded a state welcome at Parliament Square.

He also attended a state banquet at Istana Negara, hosted in his honour by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V.

In addition to that, King Salman was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Universiti Malaya and an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (Islam and Wasatiyyah) degree, as well as a Lifetime Outstanding Achievement Award by the International Islamic University of Malaysia.

During his visit, several memo-



**Adieu:** King Salman bidding farewell to Najib at the KLIA Bunga Raya Complex. — Bernama

randa of understanding were signed, including a RM31bil Share Purchase Agreement between Saudi Aramco and Petronas.

Saudi Arabia also agreed to consider Malaysia's request to increase the quota of its Haj pilgrims, even after the number rose to 30,000 for

this year.

At the airport, King Salman and Najib shook hands and embraced each other before the Ruler, who is the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, boarded the special aircraft.

King Salman's maiden visit to

Malaysia was at the invitation of Sultan Muhammad. — Bernama



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