

King, Queen Begin Visit To Indonesia

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JAKARTA, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah arrived here today to begin a two-day official visit to Indonesia.

This is their second visit to the republic after their state visit in February 2007.

Their Majesties, who flew in to the Halim Perdanakusuma Airport in a special aircraft, were welcomed by Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr Marty Natalegawa and Indonesian National Education Minister Prof Mohammad Nuh, who is the minister-in-attendance of the Indonesian government.

Also at the airport to greet them were Malaysian Ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Syed Munshe Afdzaruddin Syed Hassan and senior officials of the Malaysian embassy in Jakarta.

Their Majesties were accompanied by their princesses, Tengku Nadhirah Zahrah and Tengku Fatmatuz Zahra'.

Also in the delegation were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, as the minister-in-attendance from Malaysia, and senior Malaysian government officials.

Tuanku Mizan and Tuanku Nur Zahirah will be accorded an official welcome at the Merdeka Palace here.

Also at the Merdeka Palace, Their Majesties will have an audience with President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and First Lady Ibu Ani Yudhoyono.

Tuanku Mizan will also be honoured with Indonesia's highest award, the Bintang Republik Indonesia Adipurna, by President Susilo.

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