

Najib To Visit UAE This Saturday
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will be making a three-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Saturday at the invitation of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed Zayed al Nahyan.

Najib will be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Tourism and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Aziz, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh and senior government officials, said the Foreign Ministry (Wisma Putra) in a statement here Thursday.

While there, Najib is also scheduled to meet Sheikh Mohamad Rashid Al-Maktoum, the Vice President and the Prime Minister of the UAE and the Ruler of Dubai.

He is also scheduled to meet Sheikh Mohammed, who is also the Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and both of them will be witnessing the signing of several Memoranda of Understanding between Malaysia and the UAE, the statement said.

UAE is Malaysia's largest trading partner in the Middle East Region and last year's total trade between both countries was RM27.7 billion, an increase of 11.7 percent compared to RM24.8 billion in 2012.

Wisma Putra said the visit will provide an excellent opportunity for the Prime Minister and UAE leaders to renew their bonds of friendship and discuss issues of common interest, including regional and international issues and areas of cooperation to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

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