

**Najib Arrives For Three-Day Visit To Abu Dhabi**  
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ABU DHABI, May 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak arrived here Saturday to begin a three-day official visit to the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Najib flew into the city by a special aircraft from Kuala Lumpur and touched down at the Abu Dhabi International Airport at 7.45 pm local time (11.45 pm Malaysia time).

On hand to receive Najib at the airport were UAE Minister of Justice Hadeef Jaw'an Al-Dhaheri, Chairman of the Executive Affairs Authority and Chief Executive Officer of Mubadala Development Company, Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak and the Malaysian Ambassador to UAE Datuk Ahmad Anwar Adnan.

The Malaysian delegation included Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Husein and Armed Force chief Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin as well as senior government officials.

The visit is at the invitation of the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed Zayed al Nahyan.

Najib will be accorded an official welcoming ceremony at Mushrif Palace (the Presidential Palace) on Sunday morning before engaging in a four-eyed meeting with the Crown Prince.

In conjunction with the visit, Kuala Lumpur and Abu Dhabi are expected to sign several memoranda of understanding (MoUs) and an economic pact, which will boost cooperation between the two countries in the area of tourism, higher education, Islamic affairs and businesses.

Three ministerial-level MoUs, namely on tourism, higher education and Islamic affairs, will be inked in the Mushrif Palace on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of the prime minister and the Crown Prince, Sheikh Mohamed.

On Monday, Najib will witness another business collaboration agreement between Abu Dhabi-based Lulu International Group, the biggest hypermarket chain in the Middle East, with the Federal Land Development Authority (Felda), involving an investment of US\$200 million (RM647 million) to set up the brand's hypermarkets in Malaysia.

With a population of 921,000, Abu Dhabi is the second most populous city in the UAE and also capital of the largest of the UAE's seven member emirates.

It is also one of Malaysia's important trading partners from the Middle East region.

In 2013, the UAE was Malaysia's largest trading partner in the region with a total trade of RM27.7 billion (US \$8.8billion), an increase of 11.7 percent as compared to RM24.8 billion (US \$8.0 billion) in 2012.

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