

**PM arrives in Jeddah, begins official visit**  
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was accorded an official ceremony led by Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed Naif al-Saud at the King Abdulaziz al-Saud International Airport.

Such a ceremonial welcome was an honour to a Malaysian leader as the King bestows the protocol to a select few.

Najib, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, arrived here for a three-day official visit at the invitation of King Salman Abdulaziz al-Saud.

The invitation signifies the close relationship between Saudi Arabia and Malaysia.

Najib, who has a tight schedule during his stay in Saudi Arabia, arrived at the airport on a special flight at 9.13pm (2.13am) Malaysian time.

Najib is leading a delegation of senior ministers including Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Minister at the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharum.

National anthems of Malaysia and Saudi Arabia were played at the welcome ceremony.

Najib and members of the delegation are set to attend a Royal Banquet at As-salam Palace hosted by King Salman.

Later today, Najib will visit Mashaaer al-Mugaddasah station of the Makkah project in which Prasarana Malaysia Berhad is involved.

Najib will then have an audience with King Salman at As-Salam Palace.

This will be the first official meeting of the two leaders since King Salman took the throne.

In the evening, Najib and Rosmah will head for Masjidil Haram to perform the umrah before returning home tomorrow. – Bernama, June 7, 2015.

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