

Najib Arrives In Delhi

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NEW DELHI, March 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak arrived here from Chennai on Friday to embark on the second part of his six-day official visit to India.

The aircraft carrying Najib and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor landed at the capital's Air Force Station Palam at about 6pm local time (8.30pm Malaysian time).

The Malaysian entourage was welcomed by Minister of Parliamentary Affairs SS Ahluwalia and Nor'Azam Mohd Idrus, Malaysia's Deputy High Commissioner to India.

Najib's visit to India from March 30 to Apr 4 is at the invitation of his counterpart Narendra Modi.

On Saturday, the Prime Minister will be accorded an official welcoming ceremony at the Presidential Palace.

A tight schedule awaits Najib in the Indian capital as he will be paying a courtesy call on the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee and Vice President, Mohammad Hamid Ansari.

He will then attend a restricted meeting with Modi and bilateral meeting with senior members of both delegations.

Issues on the table expected to be discussed during the bilateral meeting include trade and investment, infrastructure projects, defence cooperation, air service arrangements, tourism and cultural relations as well as issues of mutual concern on regional and international cooperation.

Apart from the bilateral meeting, Najib will also be holding dialogue sessions with leaders and captains of industry from major business sectors in India.

Najib is then scheduled to travel to Jaipur on Sunday to attend a high level discussion on the progress of Malaysian companies in infrastructure projects in the state of Rajasthan.

The prime minister is also expected to attend a business luncheon and the 7th Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council Meeting (GSIAC) in the capital on Monday, before officiating the High Commission of Malaysia's New Complex on Tuesday.

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