

King accorded state welcome in Turkey

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The Turkish President Press Office shows Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R) and Malaysian King Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah (L) pose for a photo during a welcome ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Ankara, Turkey. - EPA Pic

ANKARA (Turkey): The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah was accorded a state welcome at the Presidential Complex here in conjunction with his state visit to Turkey.

The King arrived at 5.30 pm local time for the ceremony, where he was greeted by Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

His Majesty received the royal salute from the Presidential Guard Regiment, before the Malaysian anthem 'Negaraku' and Turkey's national anthem 'Istiklal Marsi' were played concurrently with the 21-gun salute.

Al-Sultan Abdullah, who was accompanied by President Erdogan, then inspected the Guard of Honour and was introduced to members of President Erdogan's Cabinet.

Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, who is also the Minister-in-Attendance, Foreign Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Amran Mohamed Zin, Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol Aini Mohd Atan, along with Malaysia's Ambassador to Turkiye Sazali Mustafa Kamal were also present. Al-Sultan Abdullah then convened a meeting with President Erdogan at the Presidential Palace, which is also their first meeting since the installation of Al-Sultan Abdullah as the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong on July 30, 2019.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah is on a seven-day state visit to Turkey that began on Monday.

His Majesty had consented to a state visit to Turkey following a personal phone call from President Erdogan in May.--
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