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SANDAKAN: Brunei Second Defence Minister Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (R) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Halbi Haji Mohd Yussof visited the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) Region Two Headquarters on Tuesday.

The Minister, who was accompanied by senior Brunei Military officers including its Armed Forces Chief, Joint Chief of Staff and the Defence Attaché in Kuala Lumpur, was greeted by Region Two commander Rear Admiral Dato Sabri Zali and other officers on his arrival at the base.

Awang Halbi and members of his delegation attended the Region Two executive briefing conducted by Head of Operations Commander Jamhari Katimin, taken on a tour of the base facilities and also a visit onboard KD Jebat.

The visit, which is a first by a Brunei Defence Minister to MAWILLA 2 and Sandakan, was seen as opening a new chapter in international relations between



Awang Halbi is accompanied by Sabri as he inspects the guard of honour at the Region Two Headquarters.

Malaysia – Brunei in general and the RMN – Brunei Armed Forces in particular. In addition, it also served as an introduction to tourism products which

could be highlighted to attract Brunei tourists to Sandakan.

Awang Halbi was in Tawau for a working visit from Feb 2 to 4 before making a brief

stopover in Sandakan en route home. The Minister and his delegation left for Bandar Seri Begawan on Tuesday night. **—By James Leong**