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His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, returned home on October 5 after an official visit to Bahrain and Morocco.

During the visit, which started on September 24, His Majesty discussed bilateral ties between Brunei Darussalam and the two Arab states. As a result, relations with the two Islamic countries were further upgraded to ambassadorial level.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (right) being greeted by Syeikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the Emir of Bahrain, on the Sultan's arrival in the Emirate.

His Majesty, accompanied by King Hassan, waves back to the people who lined the route of his motorcade.





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Expo — the grandest of shows

An international exposition is a momentous event specially organised to show the many aspects of human endeavour, past and present, and how things would be like in the years ahead.

As such it provides a country, whether as host or ordinary participant, just about the best means to display, among other things, its technological know-how, industries, culture and handicrafts.

Through these, the participating countries will learn and understand more about each other's inhabitants, way of life, aspirations, achievements and historical background.

The millions of visitors who go to the exposition do so because it offers them information, knowledge, international cuisine, and a multitude of entertainment and amusements literally all under one roof. In short, it is the grandest of shows.

The latest one, World Expo 88 in Brisbane, Australia, which started last April and ended just over a week ago, was no exception. The people of Brisbane, especially those who made it possible, deserved to be praised and congratulated for a job well done.

Brunei Darussalam was among the sixty-two government and corporate participants in the Brisbane Expo and values that experience. Being a little state with a small population and the challenges normally associated with the countries of its size, its participation was a modest one. But it is heartening to record that 1.8 million people visited the Brunei Darussalam pavilion.

Compared with its previous participation in the Tsukuba Expo 85 and the Vancouver Expo 86 when the number of people who toured the Brunei Darussalam pavilion was just over one million and 1.5 million respectively, this is indeed an improvement and something one should feel proud of.

Resolve conflicts through UN — FM

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, said conflicts should be resolved through peaceful discussions at the United Nations and not by military force.

His Royal Highness was speaking at the 43rd United Nations General Assembly held last month.

Earlier, Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah congratulated both the United States and Soviet Union for signing the INF Treaty, which signalled the beginning of many peace initiatives in various parts of the world.

On the Kampuchean problem, His Royal Highness said: "A comprehensive political settlement

cannot be achieved as long as foreign forces still remain in Kampuchea. I therefore call for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Kampuchea so that the process of national reconciliation among all Kampuchians under the leadership of Prince Norodom Sihanouk can be promoted."

The Foreign Minister also hoped that the recent dialogue and initiative by the Koreans would bring about peace and stability in order to achieve the eventual reunification.

The Brunei Darussalam delegation included His Excellency, Mr Haji Jaya bin Abdul Latif, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Dato Paduka Awang Lim Jock Seng, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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His Royal Highness Prince Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, meets the Iranian Foreign Minister, His Excellency Mr Aliakbar Valeyati.

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Speech by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on the occasion of His Majesty's state visit to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Your Majesty,

First of all I would like to express my deep and sincere appreciation for Your Majesty's warm words of welcome, and the generous hospitality accorded to me and my delegation.

I very much hope that my visit will strengthen the already existing bond of brotherly friendship and the warm and cordial relations between our countries and peoples. The formalization of our relationship through the establishment of Diplomatic relations will contribute further to the enhancement of bilateral co-operation in all fields.

Despite the geographical distance between Brunei and the Kingdom of Morocco, I am very

happy to note that we share common interests and visions on many global issues. We are particularly mindful of Your Majesty's relentless efforts in the search for a just and lasting solution of the Palestinian issues and also to strengthen the unity of Islamic Ummah.

On the Palestinian problem, we feel that the continued denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is the main obstacle to peace and stability in the Middle East. Brunei remains convinced that a just, lasting and comprehensive solution must uphold the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination in their own state of Palestine and the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians. Brunei, along with the rest of the international community, condemns the atrocities committed by the Tel Aviv Regime as well as its repressive measures

against our Palestinian brothers in the occupied territories.

It is a great relief to us, as it must be to all other Muslims, that the parties in the Gulf conflicts have agreed to a cease fire. We sincerely hope that this will lead to a lasting peace and stability in a vital region of the world.

Your Majesty,

In conclusion, let me say again how grateful we are for your warm and generous hospitality. We will take home with us more happy memories to add to those of our visit to this beautiful country four years ago. Finally I extend to Your Majesty my best wishes for Your continued good health and happiness as well as for the prosperity and well-being of Your people.

Wabillahi Taufiq Wal-Hidayah, Wassallamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Speech by His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, at the 43rd UN General Assembly.

Mr President,

I would like to congratulate you on your election to the Presidency of the 43rd Session of the General Assembly. My delegation is confident that we will all benefit from your wisdom and that you will give our deliberations positive guidance.

I also wish to express my appreciation to the outgoing President, His Excellency Mr Peter Florin, for the able manner in which he presided over the 42nd Session of the General Assembly as well as the Fifteenth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

Mr President,

Over the past few months we have seen peace initiatives in many parts of the world, which have brought hope that there is a growing awareness that armed conflicts bring about only human suffering.

It is generally thought that peace moves now stand a greater chance of success. This can be attributed to a large extent to the

improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The signing of the INF Treaty by the United States and the Soviet Union signalled the beginning of the peace initiatives. I would like to congratulate the leaders of both the United States and the Soviet Union on the positive lead they have given and on showing that problems and conflicts can be solved through negotiation.

The improvements in Soviet-American relations fostered the accords on Afghanistan, which are a great step forward. We hope the accords will enable the Afghan people to return from the refugee camps to Afghanistan to live in peace.

There has also been noticeable progress in other regions such as Cyprus, Western Sahara and New Caledonia. In Southern Africa, progress towards ensuring the viable independence of Namibia must include the withdrawal of foreign troops.

My delegation was happy to hear the announcement by the Secretary-General of the cease-

fire between Iran and Iraq. We hope the difficulties in the peace negotiations can be overcome and the ceasefire will lead to a durable peace between the two countries ending the terrible bloodshed and destruction of the war, and will also ease international tension. We wish to congratulate the Secretary-General on his dedicated perseverance in the face of great difficulties in bringing about the ceasefire. We are happy that both Iran and Iraq realize the futility of continuing this senseless and tragic war.

Mr President,

The appearance of peace initiatives in many parts of the world has brought the United Nations once again to the centre of the stage where it rightly belongs. Through the personal dedication and untiring hard work of the Secretary-General, and the continued support of members of this organization, the United Nations flag is once again seen as a symbol of our hope for a future where we can all enjoy peace and security.

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Her Majesty to GGA: Upgrade activities



Her Majesty sharing a light moment with GGA members.

Members of the Girl Guides Association (GGA) of Brunei Darussalam were urged to upgrade their activities and be more dedicated to the association.

The call was made by Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha at the Girl Guides Day on October 7.

Her Majesty, who is the patron of the GGA, said members must maintain a high standard of discipline and serve the public well.

The GGA was formed in 1961 and accepted as an associate member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1967.

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This development pleases my delegations. The effectiveness of the United Nations depends on its members. Today we see the growing willingness of member countries to turn to the United Nations to resolve their conflicts rather than to continue with armed hostility. We believe the United Nations can carry out its tasks as required by the charter. It is of particular importance to us, as a small country, that this pattern of resolving conflicts be followed peacefully through the United Nations rather than by military force.

However, Mr President, there remain many long standing problems. The Palestinian people continue to be deprived of their right to self-determination and independence, which prevents them from returning to their homeland. Israel's policy of aggression and expansion in the occupied territories has further worsened the conflict. The ongoing uprising in the occupied territories should convince Israel that its occupation of the Palestinian lands can only bring insecurity and instability both in the region and in Israel itself.

Israel cannot for ever deny the Palestinians their inalienable right to a homeland or remain hopeful that the Palestinians will one day just accept its rule. For this reason, my delegation supports the convening of an international conference on the Middle East with the parti-

cipation of the P.L.O. as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The conference, we hope, will find a just, lasting and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In South Africa, the apartheid system of the racist regime in pretoria has yet to be dismantled, despite the many international condemnations of the inhuman racist policies involving terror and suffering for the black population of South Africa and its neighbouring countries. We therefore call upon the international community to continue to apply pressure political and economic on South Africa in order that its apartheid policies can be dismantled and justice prevail.

In our region, Mr President, there have been hopeful signs that the Kampuchean problem can be resolved. For the first time, the four Kampuchean factions and representatives of concerned countries in the region met face to face in Bogor, Indonesia. The Jakarta informal meeting was a breakthrough and we hope it will lead to further meeting in order that the question of the foreign occupation of Kampuchea can be resolved. My delegation has always maintained that a comprehensive political settlement cannot be achieved as long as foreign forces still remain in Kampuchea. I therefore call for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Kampuchea so that the process of national reconciliation among all Kampucheans under the leadership of Prince Norodom Sihanouk can be promoted.

For forty years, the Korean Peninsula has remained tense due to the conflict between the two Koreas.

Brunei Darussalam is hopeful that the recent dialogue and initiatives by the two countries will bring about peace and stability in order to achieve the eventual national reunification. We also wish to renew our support for the admission of the Republic of Korea as a member of the United Nations, if she so desires, in conformity with the principles of universality of membership of the United Nations.

Mr President,

It is tragic that this organisation should face severe financial problems at a time when it can make such a valuable contribution to peace. The financial crisis that threatens the United Nations is now having a crippling effect on its ability to perform.

None of us would like to see the United Nations slip into bankruptcy and oblivion. On the contrary we wish to see a strong United Nations capable of meeting the challenges of today. A clear demonstration by all members of their political support for the United Nations by paying their assessed contributions remains the only way of avoiding a position of weakness. In my delegation's view we owe it to this and following generations to sustain this organisation to ensure the peaceful survival of mankind.

Mr President,

Today the situation in the world is more hopeful than it was a year ago and one message is clear. It is that there must be adherence by all signatories to the United Nations charter to its basic principles. Furthermore, at a time when there are greater chances for peace, it is important that we make the UN's voice heard.

We must ensure a peaceful world for all of us to live in.

Thank you.



Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam grants Professor F.S.W. Brimblecombe an audience at the Istana Nurul Izzah.

Royal audience

Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam last month granted Professor F.S.W. Brimblecombe an audience at the Istana Nurul Izzah.

The professor, who hails from the United Kingdom, was in Brunei Darussalam to give lectures at a five-day seminar cum workshop on care of the Handicapped Children and Young, which started on October 3.

Her Royal Highness is the patron of the National Association for Handicapped Children (KACA).

SCB signs sponsorship agreement

Institute Technology Brunei's (ITB) students who are on the Higher National Diploma course in business and finance and wish to take up banking as their career, may now do so.

An agreement between ITB and the Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) for Student Sponsorship Scheme was signed on October 6 in Bandar Seri Begawan by the ITB Director, Awang Haji Mustafa bin Abu Bakar, and the SCB Country Manager, Mr Micheal G. Palin.

As part of their course, the students will spend a six-month industrial attachment programme with the bank where they will go through a structured and comprehensive management training programme.

It is designed to provide the trainees with thorough exposure to all aspects of banking through on-the-job training, training course and access to the SCB library of banking-related books.

National Foundation Day



Pehin Dato Haji Awang Hussain (centre) chatting with some of the other guests.

The Korean Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr Kang Sung Ku, hosted a reception in Bandar Seri Begawan on October 8, to commemorate the 4321th anniversary of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea.

Guest of honour at the function was Pehin Jawatan Luar Peker-

ma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain, the Culture Youth and Sports Minister.

Also present were foreign diplomats and senior government officials.

More than 200 Korean nationals are living in the Sultanate.

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His Majesty and HRH Prince Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah (left) with the Emir of Bahrain in the Qudhaibiya Palace.



His Majesty being briefed aboard a Bahrain warship. Standing behind HM is Prince Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

His Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister, and other state dignitaries, arrived in Manama, Bahrain on September 24.

Greeting His Majesty and entourage at the Bahrain International Airport were His Majesty Syeikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the Emir of Bahrain, and His Royal Highness Syeikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, the Bahrain Defence Chief-of-Staff and Acting Prime Minister.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah inspected an honour guard and was introduced to state dignitaries before going to the Qudhaibiya Palace where His Majesty stayed during the three-day visit to Bahrain.

At the Qudhaibiya Palace, the two Heads of State discussed bilateral relations in economy, trade and

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culture. The talks also included the Gulf situation, Arab states and the Islamic World.

At a ceremony held at the Palace, His Majesty bestowed the 'Darjah Kerabat Mahkota Brunei' (DKMB) on the Bahrain Emir, who conferred 'Al-Khalifia' on His Majesty.

On September 27, His Majesty and entourage left for Rabat, Morocco, where they were received at the Sal'e International Airport by His Majesty King Hassan and Prince Sidi Mohammed and Prince Moulay Rachid.

At the airport, His Majesty was accorded an honour guard and an 18-gun salute.

During a state banquet in his honour, His Majesty voiced his concern for the Palestinian problems, and said that 'the continued denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is the main obstacle to peace and stability in the Middle East.'

His Majesty added that "Brunei, along with the rest of the international community, condemns the atrocities committed by the Tel Aviv Regime as well as its repressive measures against our Palestinian brothers in the occupied territories."

On the Gulf conflicts, His Majesty expressed his relief that the parties in the conflicts have agreed to a cease fire, and hoped that this will lead to a lasting peace and stability in a vital region of the world.

At a ceremony held at the Royal Touraga Palace, King Hassan conferred the 'Quissam El Mohammdi Grand Collier' on His Majesty, who



King Hassan confers the 'Quissam El Mohammdi Grand Collier' on His Majesty at the Royal Tauraga Palace.

bestowed the 'Darjah Kerabat Mahkota Brunei' (DKMB) on the Moroccan leader, and the 'Darjah Kerabat Laila Utama Yang Amat Dihormati' (DK) on Prince Sidi Mohammed and Prince Moulay Rachid. King Hassan bestowed the 'Quissam El Mohammdi First Class' on His Royal Highness Prince Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The other members of His Majesty's entourage were Pehin

Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, the Special Adviser to His Majesty cum Home Affairs Minister, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz, the Grand Chamberlain, Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain, the Religious Affairs Minister, and Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister.



On the Brunei ruler's arrival at the Sal'e International Airport, His Majesty being escorted by King Hassan of Morocco.

Australia's new High Commissioner

His Excellency, Mr Philip Moulton Knight, is the new Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The 51-year old envoy presented his credentials at the Istana Nurul Iman in the capital on October 12.

Mr Knight is a former assistant secretary for Southeast Asia at the Australian Foreign Affairs Ministry.

A graduate of Melbourne University, he had previously served in Brussels, Saigon, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Moscow, Hanoi and Jakarta.

Mr Knight takes over as High Commissioner from Mr McCartney Starey, who ended his tour of duty last July.



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah shaking hands with Mr Knight after the latter presented his credentials.

Exhibition marks World Post Day

The Ministry of Communications through the Postal Department will popularise the use of letter boxes in an effort to ease and speed up delivery of mail in Brunei Darussalam.

This was announced on October 8 by the Minister of Communications, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji

Awang Abdul Aziz, when he declared open the Brunei Darussalam 88 Stamps Exhibition at the Brunei International Airport.

The week-long exhibition, held to celebrate World Post Day, had on display collections of Brunei Darussalam's stamps issued from 1895 to 1988, and those from ASEAN and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) member countries.

The minister said residents in the country will be required to own proper letter boxes at their homes, and architects as well as builders should provide these facilities when preparing plans and constructing new buildings.

He added that once the people are familiar with the letter boxes, a law will be enacted to ensure that they will continue to make use of these facilities.

The Acting Postmaster-General, Awang Adnan bin Haji Hanafiah, who spoke earlier, expressed the hope that the exhibition would benefit the public and that it would stimulate their interest in stamp-collecting.

The theme chosen for this year's World Post Day is 'The Post Always and Everywhere'. Brunei Darussalam became the 168th member of UPU in January 1985.



Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abdul Aziz (left) at the exhibition.



Visitors looking at the display in the Brunei Darussalam pavilion.

Dato Haji Selamat: Participation at Expo 88 important

Brunei Darussalam values its continuing close relations and cooperation with Australia in a number of important areas.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Selamat bin Haji Munap, the Deputy Minister of Development, stated this at the Brunei Darussalam National Day celebration held on October 4 at the World Expo 88 in Brisbane, Australia.

The Deputy Minister continued: "It is in that context we, therefore, attach Brunei Darussalam's participation in the World Expo 88 with great importance and significance. Not least, whatever success our participation has helped to bring about, we also hope that it would further boost the already close relations between our two countries and, through better contact, the mutual understanding and appreciation for each other between our peoples."

"At present we in Brunei Darussalam are facing the problems of and trying to come to

grips with how best to proceed with and expedite the diversification of our economy away from its reliance on oil and gas in continuing endeavour to further improve

the standard of living and enhance the quality of life of our people."

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Silverware and other handicrafts attract visitors.

Bureau introduces another library service

A new service called 'Group Borrowing System' (GBS) last month joined the list of facilities provided by the Language and Literature Bureau library in the country.

Launching the GBS at a ceremony held at the Saba Darat Primary School in Kampong Ayer on October 8, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Chuchu bin Panglima Asgar Dato Paduka Haji Awang Abdullah, the Permanent Secretary at the Culture, Youth and Sports Ministry, called on the people to make good use of the new facility, and hoped that it would enable them to become more active in developing reading habit in Brunei Darussalam.

Earlier the Director of the Language and Literature Bureau, Awang Haji Ahmad bin Kadi, said, among other things, that the GBS is one way for the Bureau to disseminate information to a large section of the community, who is in need of the system.

The GBS is specially intended for a cross-section of the community, including those in remote places, housing estates, army and detention camps, hospitals and clinics, bus stations, and shopping complexes.

With the new system, the Bureau hopes it will speed up the

Poet gets ASEAN award



Awang Haji Leman bin Ahmad receiving his award from HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn.

A Bruneian poet, Awang Haji Leman bin Ahmad, was among the six ASEAN writers who received the Southeast Asian Writers Award at a ceremony held in Bangkok, Thailand on October 12.

The awards were presented to the writers by the Thai Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Maha Vajiralongkorn.

Awang Haji Leman, who writes under the pen name of Adi Marhaen, began turning out short stories and poems in 1957. His first

poem was 'Hilang Gelap' and this followed by a short story, 'Menggembara', in 1958.

In addition, he writes stage drama scripts, folk tales, children books, novels and is skillful in khat (Islamic calligraphy).

A graduate in Literature from University Nasional Indonesia, he has penned more than 100 poems and short stories, and received a number of prizes for his efforts.

Awang Haji Leman, 50, works with the Language and Literature Bureau as a Language Officer.

lending of books in each area and give more constant service than what has been provided by its mobile library.

The GBS, which operates through a limited number of books within a fixed period of time, has among its aims the setting up of a network of outreach services and library branches.

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month we introduce readers to common Malay words as used in Brunei Darussalam. This month the words selected are **ambulung** and **ambuyat**, which are inter-related.

Ambulung is the sago extracted from the pith of the sago palm. When hot boiling water is poured into the **ambulung** and stirred well with wooden spoon, it forms into a clear starchy substance known as **ambuyat**.

Let us use the words **ambulung** and **ambuyat** in a sentence:

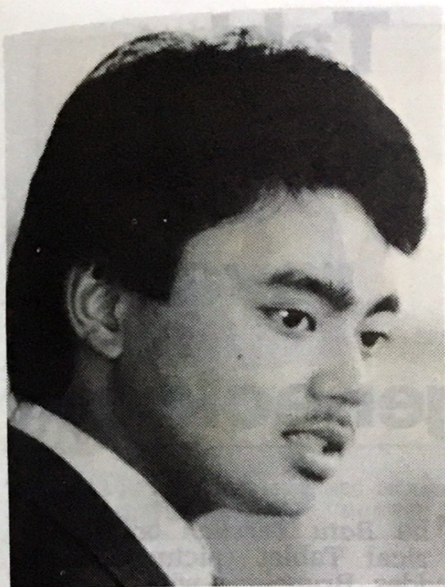
Halimah menyuruh suaminya membeli ambulung kerana mereka hendak makan ambuyat.

Halimah asks her husband to buy some ambulung because they want to eat ambuyat.



Sago or ambulung, packed in a basket-like tampin woven from the nipah palm leaves.





HRH Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah.

First National Sports Festival

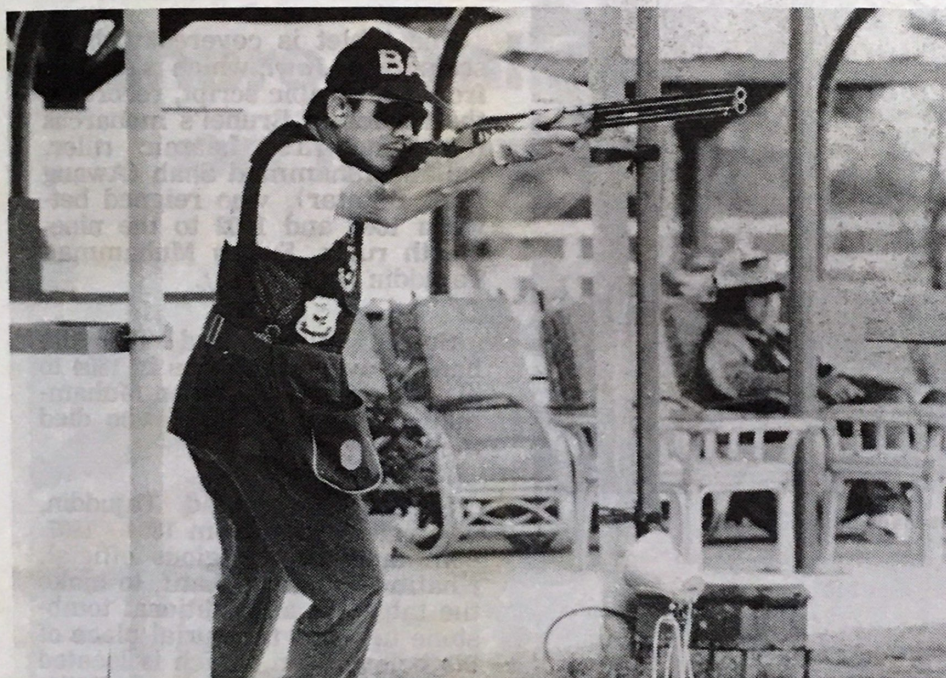
More than 3,000 athletes representing the country's four districts competed against each other last month in the first National Sports Festival organised by the Welfare, Youth and Sports Department.

The eight-day meet, which began on October 8 at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, was declared open by His Royal Highness Prince Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah, the eldest son of His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan.

Among the participants competing in the 29 events was His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisura Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, who took part in shooting, bowling, boat-racing and badminton.

At the end of the festival, the number of medals won by the Brunei-Muara District, which emerged as the clear winner, was 164 gold, 196 silver and 178 bronze; the Belait District 63 gold, 39 silver and 32 bronze; the Tutong District 26 gold, 23 silver and 24 bronze; and the Temburong District 7 gold, 16 silver and 6 bronze.

The Culture, Youth and Sports Minister, Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain, officiated at the closing ceremony.



HRH Prince Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah at the shooting event.

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Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam* newsletter will appear during the second week of December 1988. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel: 02-25941 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by November 20, 1988. All editorial rights reserved.

Dato Haji Selamat said for a small country like Brunei Darussalam, faced as it is by the numerous constraints common to small countries, the task ahead will not be an easy one even with the financial resources at the country's command.

"And like other peoples elsewhere, our people too they have their own hopes and aspirations for ever better standard of living as well as a quality of life congruent with that standard of living," he added.

The Deputy Minister went on to say that to fulfill these expectations, one task of a good responsible government is surely to foster and maintain peace and stability, which are so essential to a harmonious, peaceful and civilised existence.

He expressed the hope that the value of Brunei Darussalam's participation in the exposition, however modest it may seem, would be understood, adjudged and appreciated in the light of the challenges facing the country.

Brunei Darussalam, which had participated in similar expos in Japan and Canada, was among the sixty-two government and corporate participants in the World Expo 88, which ended on October 30.

Brunei Darussalam's pavilion, visited by more than 1.8 million people, bore the theme "Brunei Darussalam - Abode of Peace, Opportunities For All," and exhibited samples of the country's lifestyle, culture and traditional technology, and was equipped with an audio-visual display.

Tablet records royal genealogy

The *Batu Tersilah* or Historical Tablet (pictured left) provides Bruneians with a first hand knowledge of the family tree of their rulers.

The tablet is covered with inscription in *Jawi*, which is derived from the Arabic script, recording the names of Brunei's monarchs from the first Islamic ruler, Sultan Muhammad Shah (Awang Alak Betatar), who reigned between 1363 and 1402 to the nineteenth ruler, Sultan Muhammad Tajuddin (1795 - 1804).

Sultan Muhammad Tajuddin handed over the throne in 1804 to his son, known as Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam I, who died the same year.

Sultan Muhammad Tajuddin, who ruled again from 1804 - 1807, commanded a religious official, Khatib Haji Abdul Latif, to make the tablet as an additional tombstone to mark the burial place of his beloved son, which is located at the royal mausoleum near the capital.



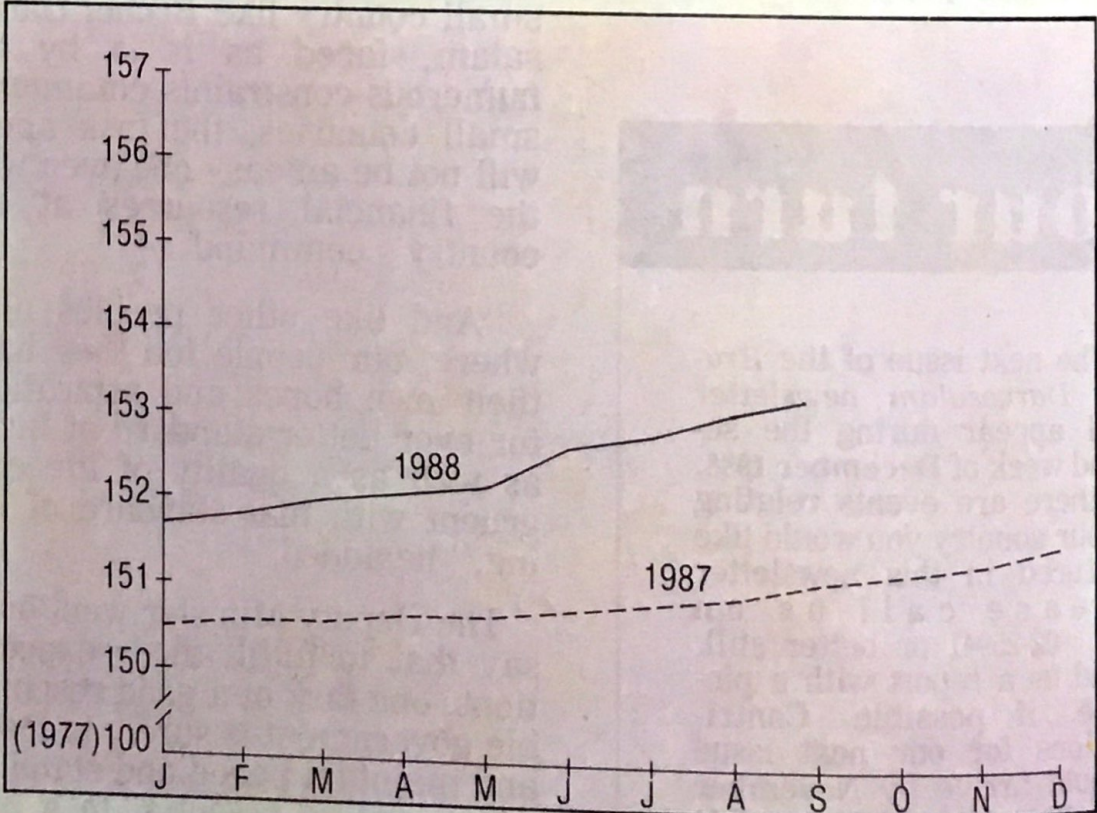
Batu Tersilah at the Royal Mausoleum.

BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	226,000 (1986)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
September 1988 rainfall :	356.4 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

PRIME LENDING RATE

November 6.25%. (quoted by Bankers' Association).



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