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His Majesty was greeted on arrival by leaders of the national delegations to the meeting. His Majesty (left) greeted by Datuk Leo Moggie of Malaysia.

## Optimise energy sources ASEAN ministers told

**H**is Majesty Sultan Haji Hassan Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam has called for ASEAN to make the most of its resources and cut down wastage by proper management of energy resources.

His Majesty was addressing the Seventh Economic Ministers' Meeting on Energy Cooperation in the capital in April 7, 1988.

"ASEAN as a whole is endowed with substantial energy sources,

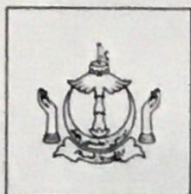
both renewable and non-renewable, but recent events, such as the sudden drop in oil prices, have given us valuable lessons, one of which is that energy sources have to be managed efficiently and effectively to optimise their use," said His Majesty.

"Therefore, your meeting in Brunei Darussalam is timely, and should provide the necessary opportunity to discuss ways and means of extending the present energy cooperation to cover not

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*Selamat Hari Raya  
Aidilfitri*

The Brunei Darussalam newsletter  
wishes all its muslim readers  
Aidilfitri greetings.



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## Regional unity in energy

**A**SEAN political unity and accelerating economic co-operation is being closely monitored by its traditional friends; perhaps even with a tinge of protective envy.

The spirit of 'All for one and one for all' has clearly become a permanent part of the matrix that binds it. Already many nations and international groupings talk of their relations with ASEAN rather than any one member country although former one-to-one do ties remain.

Energy, that lifeblood and catalyst of economic development is the latest area that has been examined for new avenues of joint action, so that any one ASEAN nation need not, for ever, be handicapped in the quest for better living standards for its people.

ASEAN, richly blessed with energy sources, both renewable and non-renewable, would do well to manage these for a sustained optimum return.

In addition, expert energy exploration and production skills and data obtained should be shared so that the environmental sins that have befallen 'advanced countries' are not repeated. Let us not be in a consuming haste to squander today's energy sources for tomorrow's profit leaving nil for our children.

All said and done we are happy to be beating the drums for the ASEAN-EC Energy Management Training and Research Centre which paves the way for rational and more regional-biased energy-related decisions to be made. Needless to say there is clear wisdom in the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement and the Energy Cooperation Agreement.

## lessons on energy

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only the short term but also the medium and long term energy demands of ASEAN as a whole," His Majesty added.

Pengiran Dato Dr Haji Ismail, Brunei Darussalam's Development Minister in his welcoming speech said that, there have been notable achievements in this forum of ASEAN Ministers On Energy Cooperation, such as the signing of two agreements — the ASEAN Energy Cooperation and the ASEAN Petroleum Security agreements — and another achievement worthy of note was the establishment of ASEAN-EC Energy Management Training and Research Centre.

"The ASEAN Energy Cooperation Agreement provided the framework for cooperation in the efficient development and use of all forms of energy in modalities that may be appropriately designed for the purpose of the economic resilience of member countries," Pengiran Dr Haji Ismail said.

"While the Petroleum Security Agreement formally established the ASEAN Emergency Petroleum Sharing Scheme which calls on member countries to accord each other priority of supply and purchase of crude oil or petroleum products in times of shortage or oversupply."

The Development Minister added that the ASEAN-EC Energy Management Centre which was due to be opened later this year in Jakarta would not only provide facilities for training skilled workers in energy-related activities, but also in research and development which would be of direct use to ASEAN.

In a joint communique the Ministers agreed that the ASEAN Expert Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (NRSE) should undertake the task of pursuing cooperation on the commercial application of NRSE technologies at regional level, including the formulation of a plan of action for its purpose.

The meeting was attended by Mr Ginandjar Kartasasmita, Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister, Datuk Leo Moggie, Minister of Energy, Telecommunication and Posts of Malaysia, Mr Wenceslao de la Paz, Philippines Undersecretary of Energy Affairs Office, Dr Lee Boon Yang, Minister of State for National Development of Singapore, Mr Banyat Bantadtan, Thailand's Science, Technology and Energy Minister and also Mr Roderick Yong, the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat. Pengiran Dato Dr Haji Ismail headed the Brunei Darussalam delegation at the meeting.

## Parents join in drug abuse war

**A** secondary school has come up with its own programme to combat the drug abuse problem among students.

Parents were, last month, invited to a series of talks on drug abuse by senior Education and Welfare Youth and Sports Ministry officials.

Muda Hashim Malay Secondary School held a daylong 'Parents action against drug abuse' event with help from the Anti-drug unit of the Education Ministry.

The formation of the parents group is seen as an effort at involving parents in government action on the problem among young people.

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**S**ir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has spent two days in Brunei Darussalam holding wide ranging talks.

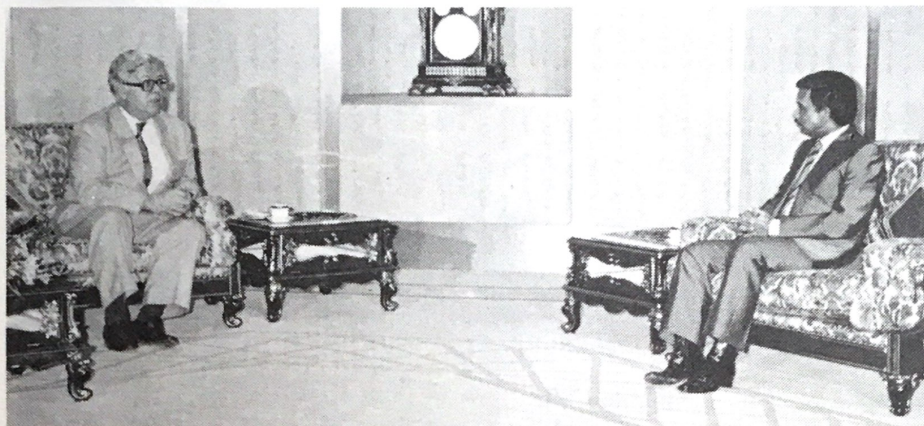
Speaking to newsmen during his April 9-10, 1988 visit Sir Geoffrey said that his discussions with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam included 'relations between Brunei and the United Kingdom, much wider question of the relation between ASEAN and the European Community and questions beyond that.'

On education the British visitor said that his country was host to many Bruneian students while many Britons were teaching in Brunei Darussalam.

"We are very interested in the expansion of the University of Brunei Darussalam," he added.

Referring to the presence of the British Gurkha Battalion in the Sultanate, Sir Geoffrey said that Britain valued the cooperation between the defence forces of the two countries. The gurkhas are 'an important continuing part of that relationship'.

"The relationships have recently been re-affirmed and confirm-



Sir Geoffrey Howe (left) was received in audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

ed for some years to come' Sir Geoffrey said.

A British High Commissioner statement issued in Bandar Seri Begawan said that the visit was part of a three-nation tour that included Malaysia and Singapore 'to enable the Secretary of State to discuss with his interlocutors a wide range of regional and international issues.

Sir Geoffrey was accompanied by Lady Howe on his visit.



## New Indon FM calls

**T**he new Foreign Affairs Minister in the Indonesian Cabinet, His Excellency Mr Ali Alatas (left) was on an official visit to the Sultanate and received audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at Nurul Iman Palace on April 7, 1988.

## Defence relations important

## Comoros FM visits

**H**is Excellency Mr Said Kafe, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Foreign Trade of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros paid a three-day visit to Brunei Darussalam from April 1, 1988.

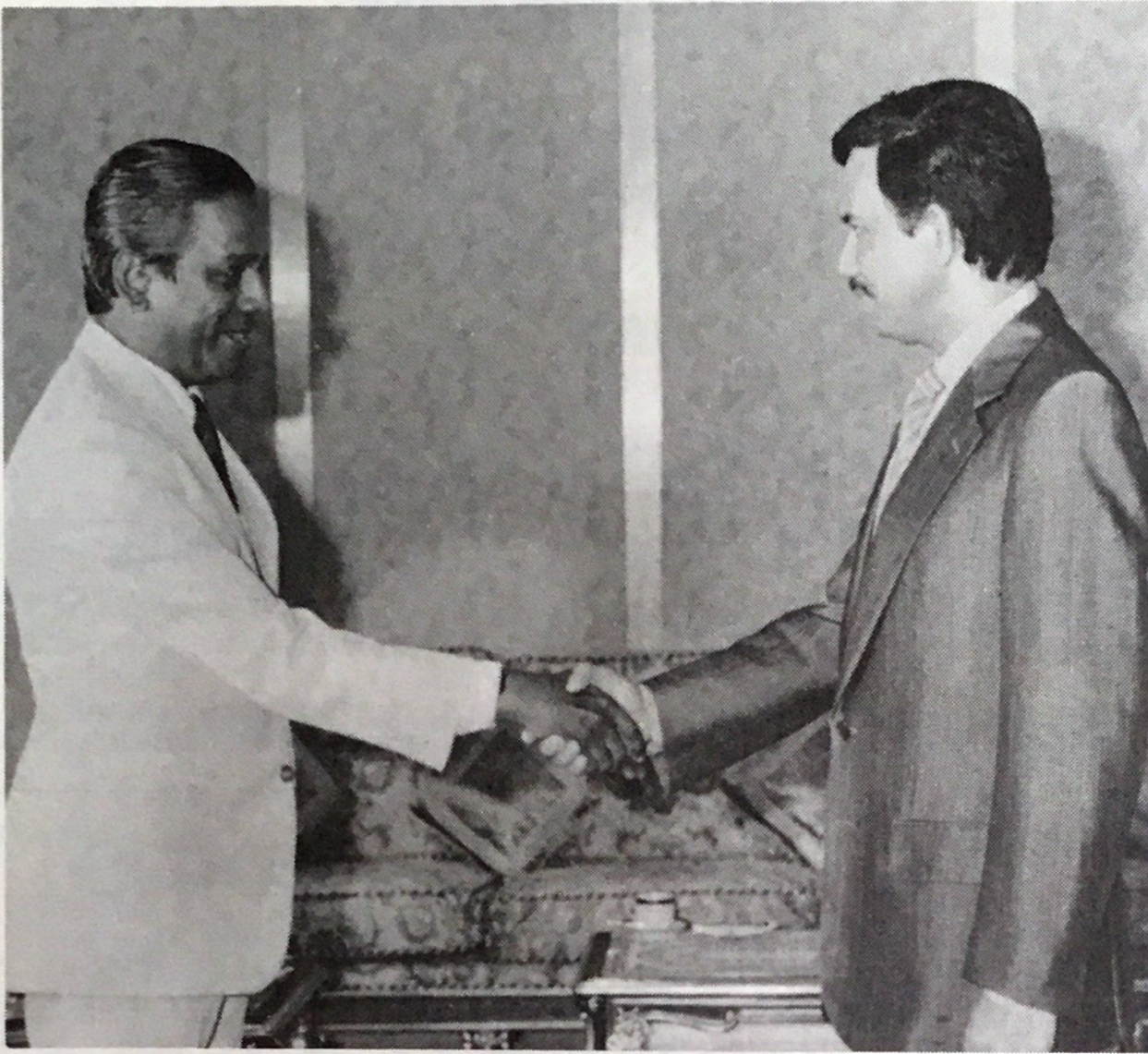
Accompanying the Comoros visitor were His Excellency Mr Amini Ali Moumini, Comoros representative to the United Nations and His Excellency Mr Said Mohamed Nkandzile, Director of the Republic's Rice Board.

The three-member delegation also paid a courtesy call on His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister.



His Excellency Mr Said Kafe.

# Goodwill visit by S'pore Minister



His Excellency Professor S. Jayakumar (left) was received audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Singapore's Home Affairs and Second Law Minister, Professor S. Jayakumar was received in audience at Nurul Iman Palace by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam during a three-day goodwill visit which began on April 11, 1988.

The Singaporean visitor met his Bruneian counterpart Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa who is also the Special Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan. Professor S. Jayakumar and delegation also call on Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin, the Law Minister and Attorney-General.

The Singapore delegation later travelled to the oil town of Seria, about 100 kilometres from the capital to visit an offshore oil production platform operated by Brunei Shell.

Before returning home Professor S. Jayakumar hosted a tea party for Singaporeans working in the country.

## Research by senior Malaysian educationist

A senior officer from the Malaysian education Ministry Curriculum Development Centre Dr Siti Hawa Ahmad is in the Sultanate for two months to assist local education authorities to examine and recommend a primary school education curriculum.

Dr Siti Hawa was invited by the Brunei Darussalam Education Ministry to study and analyse the suitability of the country's primary school curriculum.

She will also hold discussions with the country's educationists and give talks on the new curriculum.



His Excellency Dato Paduka Malai Haji Murad bin Syed Haji Mashore, the Sultanate's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia presented his credentials to His Majesty King Fahd on March 20, 1988. The ceremony took place at Al Yammah Palace.

**Inaugural address by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the opening ceremony of the seventh ASEAN Ministers' Meeting on Energy Co-operation on April 7, 1988, in Bandar Seri Begawan.**

**O**n this auspicious occasion, I wish to extend a warm welcome to your excellencies, distinguished delegates and guests to Brunei Darussalam. Brunei is pleased to host the Seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers on Energy Cooperation, which is held for the first time here. I sincerely hope that your stay in Brunei will be a memorable one and your deliberations during the next few days will be fruitful, and will produce meaningful and tangible results for ASEAN as a whole.

The ASEAN ideals of promoting, developing and maintaining peace and stability in this region have become a hallmark of ASEAN. These ideals have become a reality. Mutual trust and understanding among ASEAN member countries developed and nurtured over these years have made ASEAN into a solid regional organisation, respected and acknowledged by the international community for its strong and positive commitments.

Having achieved peace and stability in this region, ASEAN has made the right and logical commitment to step up efforts to create an effective long term economic development and co-operation among ASEAN member countries. Economic development in this region is important to ensure that the peoples of ASEAN will always enjoy an acceptable standard of living, whilst economic cooperation among ASEAN member countries will ensure equitable market access, as well as effective sharing of technology and resources.

This commitment is evidenced by the successful conclusion of the recent ASEAN Summit held in Manila in December last year. The Summit not only reinforced the strong and solid political commitments of the ASEAN leaders in ensuring peace and stability in this region, but also introduced concrete and effective framework for making economic development and cooperation including energy cooperation, possible in this region. In addition, the Summit also provided opportunities for cooperation in other areas such as the control of the environment and drug trafficking, as well as in cultural and youth exchanges. The inclusion of energy cooperation in the Manila

Declaration of 1987 testifies to the importance of energy to the ASEAN economy in particular, and that of the world as a whole.

Even though ASEAN as a whole is endowed with a substantial amount of both renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, recent events such as the sudden drop in oil prices, have given us some very valuable lessons, one of which is that energy sources have to be managed efficiently and effectively to optimise their uses. Some of the important aspects that need to be addressed in energy management include conservation, exploitation, waste reduction, training, technology improvement, as well as exchange of information.

Since the scope of energy management is wide-ranging, requiring not only financial but also technical and human inputs, ASEAN should, therefore, strive to create more co-operation in this field. Unnecessary wastage of energy source should be minimised, and equitable solutions should be found to utilise excess energy among ASEAN member countries.

We also know that the technology for the exploration and exploitation of conventional and non-conventional energy resources is changing rapidly. To realise the benefits of this rapidly changing technology, ASEAN has to keep pace with this technological development and acquire the necessary skills and expertise involved.

Training therefore, should be given top priority in ASEAN, not only to create skilled workers but also to produce sufficient number of capable scientists and technologists in energy-related activities.

If this can be achieved, then ASEAN will be in a better position to undertake more joint research and development activities within ASEAN.

Being an oil producing country, the recent oil crisis did not spare Brunei Darussalam. However with proper and efficient energy management instituted by Brunei, the effect of the energy crisis could be minimised. Despite the low oil prices in the early 1980s, our development programmes were not hindered. Basic facilities for the people such as roads, water and electrical supplies continued to be provided.

Today, more than 95 percent of our people have been given electrical supplies, and programmes have been drawn to provide for the needs of the rest of the population. In power generation, a multi-million dollar highly efficient co-generation plant was commissioned recently in Lumut. Thus with a proper energy management policy, Brunei has not only managed to provide electrical supplies to our people and industry at reasonable cost, but at the same time generate sufficient income for the country, as well as conserve adequate supply of hydrocarbons for our future generations.

In so far as energy co-operation within ASEAN is concerned, I am pleased that notable progress has been made in areas such as coal technology, power utilities as well as in New and Renewable sources of energy. The signing of the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement and ASEAN Energy Co-operation are indicative of the strong and sincere spirit of co-operation among ASEAN member countries, whilst the establishment of the ASEAN-EC Energy Management Training and Research Centre will help to produce skilled workers as well as trained scientists and technologists in the field of energy for ASEAN.

However, the prevailing unsettled energy situation in the world demands special attention and concerted and coordinated efforts among ASEAN member countries to overcome, or at least to minimise its effect on our economic development. Therefore your meeting in Brunei Darussalam is timely and should provide the necessary opportunity for your excellencies to discuss ways and means of extending the present energy co-operation to cover not only the short term but also the medium and long term energy demands of ASEAN as a whole. The tasks ahead of you are no doubt difficult, but with your dedication and foresight, I am confident that your excellencies will complete the tasks successfully. I therefore, wish all of you every success in your deliberations during the coming two days.

With the kalimat 'Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim', I declare this Seventh Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers on Energy Co-operation open.



**O**n a recent visit to London His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam took the opportunity to meet with nearly 400 of his subjects. Government and military officers and students in the United Kingdom were guests at a reception at Dorchester Hotel on January 18, 1988. Among those present at the event were Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajah Mariam, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, Special Advisor to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan cum Home Affairs Minister and Pengiran Setia Raja Pengiran Haji Jaya, Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner in London.

## Omani education mission arrives



Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain the Religious Affairs Minister (right) meets the visiting Omani Undersecretary for Education, Sayyid Saoud bin Ibrahim Al-Busaidy.

**T**he Omani Undersecretary for Education, Sayyid Saoud bin Ibrahim Al-Busaidy was in Brunei Darussalam last month as guest of the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Sayyid Saoud, who led a four-member delegation was in the country on a four-day visit beginning April 4, 1988.

While in the Sultanate, the visiting Omani officials held discussions with the Religious Affairs Ministry on the country's Islamic education.

In the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan the Omani Undersecretary for Education met Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama Dr Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain, the Religious Affairs Minister.

The Omani delegation also visited religious schools as well as the Islamic Dakwah Centre near Bandar Seri Begawan.

# Book gift from Int'l Islamic University



**T**he University of Brunei Darussalam was the recipient of some 30 volumes of books from the International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan. The gift of English language books on Pakistan's history, Islamic economics, law and literature was handed over by His Excellency Mr Mir Abad Hussain, Pakistan's Ambassador to the Sultanate (left) to Datin Hajjah Azizah binti Panglima Asghar Dato Paduka Haji Abdullah, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Brunei Darussalam University last month.

## *Boost for ASEAN fisheries*

**A**SEAN's Fish Working Group has been urged to increase efforts to upgrade the region's fisheries sector for the benefit of primary producers, processors and consumers.

Speaking at the opening of the 16th Meeting of Fish Working Group of the ASEAN Sub Committee on Food Handling, Awang Matdanan bin Haji Jaafar, the Fisheries Department's Director, said that successful implementation of various projects by the Grouping had helped develop ASEAN's fisheries sectors.

The three-day meeting that began on April 13, 1988 was held in

the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan and attended by 10 delegations from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and the host Brunei Darussalam.

The Grouping's efforts to upgrade the fishing industry in the region included the fish container projects, fish landing complexes, handling of aquaculture products and upgrading of fish products projects.

While in Brunei Darussalam, the delegation visited the country's fish landing complex in Muara some 27 kilometres out of Bandar Seri Begawan.

# National poet honoured

**T**he Language and Literature Bureau has honoured another of the Sultanate's leading writer.

Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Yahya bin Haji Ibrahim, a poet, was selected as this year's outstanding national literary figure.

Pehin Ustaz Haji Yahya who writes under the pen name of 'Yahya M.S.' is known to be prolific and has tried his hand at several literary idioms included prose and translating Arabic works into the Malay language.

The 49-year-old poet began writing while still at school in the early 1950's and has since produced some 500 poems.



Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Yahya.

At an event to honour the writer in Bandar Seri Begawan on April 9, 1988, some of his works were presented. Among those at the function was Indonesian Prof, Madya Dr Lufti bin Abas, a writer and researcher of Malay literary works who is a lecturer at Brunei Darussalam University.

Pehin Ustaz Haji Yahya, who is also the Deputy Religious Affairs Minister was also among the ASEAN nationals honoured at the 'Southeast Asian Writer's Award' in Bangkok last year.

The Language and Literature Bureau has honoured five leading writers in the country since 1982.

Full text of statement by His Royal Highness Duli Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Foreign Affairs Minister at the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, at Amman Jordan on March 21-25, 1988.

Mr Chairman,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

I would like to congratulate you Mr Chairman on your election as chairman of the 17th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, I am confident that with your experience and wisdom you will be able to guide our deliberations to a fruitful conclusion.

I would also like to express my sincere apology for not being able to accept the post of the vice-chairman of this conference as I have to leave this meeting earlier. I must also thank my Malaysian colleague for agreeing to accept the vice-chairmanship instead.

On behalf of my delegation, I would also like to convey our appreciation to the outgoing chairman, His Excellency, Dr Abdel Latif El Filadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the efficient way in which he presided over the work of the last conference.

It has been two years since we last met in Morocco. However, the problems confronted by the islamic ummah still exist. The atrocities committed by the zionist regime on our Palestinian brothers continue unabated, the war between Iran and Iraq has escalated and foreign forces are still occupying Afghanistan.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak of our concern over the problems of the Palestinians. The continued uprising of our Palestinian brothers in the occupied territories provides us with a vivid reminder of the inhuman policies implemented by the zionist regime against defenceless Palestinians. Therefore it is timely to name this session as 'The session of the Islamic solidarity with the uprising of the Palestinian people.'

Despite worldwide condemnation, the zionist regime remains intransigent, as evidenced by the number of Palestinians who have been killed and wounded. They have also violated the sanctity of the Masjidil Aqsa. These despicable acts show the hostility of the zionist regime towards the islamic ummah.

Our Palestinian brothers, in their struggle to achieve their inalienable and legitimate rights to establish their own sovereign, independent state in their homeland

face continued brutal oppression by the zionists. It is an important task of the islamic ummah, in particular this organization, to influence the international community of nations to impose measures and necessary sanctions on the Tel Aviv regime in order to end the suffering of our Palestinian brothers.

In this respect, Brunei Darussalam wishes to reaffirm her support for an international conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations. This conference should be convened immediately with the participation of the five permanent members of the security council and the parties directly involved in the dispute - including the PLO. It should aim to reach a lasting political settlement in the Middle East. Any settlement achieved without the participation of the PLO is an exercise in futility. We welcome the recent peace initiatives aimed at resolving the Palestinian problem as sincere efforts at solving the crisis.

The prospects for peace in the Middle East are also being ruined by the conflict between Iran and Iraq. This conflict is one of the longest conventional wars ever fought in modern times and has caused the loss of thousands of innocent lives and has inflicted long sufferings on our muslim brothers.

Once again, Brunei Darussalam welcomes the initiative taken by members of the United Nations Security Council in passing resolution 598 (1987) to bring an end to the conflict. We are hopeful that the conflict can be resolved by increasing efforts to secure the implementation of the said resolution. We, therefore, urge the parties in the conflict to negotiate and seek compromises to resolve the conflict immediately.

Peace and the solidarity of the islamic ummah is further undermined by the occupation of Afghanistan by foreign forces. Since the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, many Afghan people have lost their lives in defending their homeland.

In view of the latest peace initiative, Brunei Darussalam supports the United Nations endeavour to find a political settlement by peaceful means. For this reason, my country joins other

countries in commending the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his personal representative, Mr. Diego Cordovez, for their continuing efforts in the search for a comprehensive settlement. We sincerely hope that the United Nations-sponsored talks in Geneva, will produce solutions to the conflict resulting in the complete withdrawal of foreign forces, the restoration of the rights of the Afghan people to determine their own future and securing peace and stability in the region. In this regard we welcome the recent foreign power's announcement to withdrawal its forces from Aghanistan.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw to the attention of this conference to the fact that in South East Asia, a similar problems exists. Brunei Darussalam is gravely concerned with the continued occupation of Kampuchea by the Vietnamese forces for the last nine years. Despite efforts to solve the problems no concrete solutions have been found.

Brunei Darussalam appreciates the continued support given by members of this organisation for ASEAN's efforts to seek a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

The problems affecting the islamic ummah are clear tragedies with catastrophic consequences. It is timely for us to call for Islamic unity to be revived, maintained and strengthened for the achievement of our common goals. The sheer number of muslims all over the world is meaningless if there is disunity. Disunity will create further disintegration of our brotherly relations. Therefore, it is our responsibility in this organization to promote islamic unity and to reduce conflict and disagreements among ourselves. The very principle of this organisation is to seek the unity of the islamic ummah. Only through unity can we further enhance the social and economic well being of the islamic ummah.

In conclusion,

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the people and government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the generous hospitality extended to us. I would also like to thank the Secretary-General and his staff for the valuable assistance rendered to us.

# ASEAN COCI Chief: Plan for closer ties

**A**SEAN's Committee on Culture and Information (COCI) Chairman has called for a systematic effort to promote better understanding among the grouping's peoples.

Pengiran Badaruddin bin Pengiran Ghani, Chairman of COCI speaking at its 17th meeting held in the Malaysian resort of Genting Highlands said that well-planned programmes would further inculcate a better idea of the history, geography, natural environment and other aspects of the region.

The COCI Chairman, who is also Director of Broadcasting and Information in Brunei Darussalam said that such a methodology 'should be the basis of our future action' and added that 'it plays a very important role in fostering a positive relationship among our people.'

The meeting held from March 28-31, 1988 agreed to :

- develop professional competence in the field of ASEAN studies among ASEAN scholars and to undertake researches on the societies and cultures of ASEAN member countries.
- improve information flow through the linkages of national libraries and information institutions and introduce measures on reviewing/revising existing communication tariffs for news services and information exchange.
- undertake steps to make the



Pengiran Badaruddin bin Pengiran Ghani.

cultures of ASEAN member countries better known by using the latest electronic technology not only within ASEAN but also worldwide.

- further encourage the intensification and expansion of existing activities of mass-media cooperation such as exchanges, joint training, pooling of resources and expertise in the electronic media, film, print media, interpersonal media and news agencies.

- support the development of 'sun-rise' industries through special training arrangements and preparation of appropriate human resources development in ASEAN countries.

## New Zealand Deputy CDS visits

**T**he New Zealand Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Major General Kenneth Montrose Gordon was on a three-day visit to Brunei Darussalam which ended on April 2, 1988.

While in the Sultanate, the visiting Major General met Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohamed, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief of Staff at the Berakas Garrison near Bandar Seri Begawan.

Major General Gordon was accompanied by Colonel Maurice Francis Dogson, the Deputy Commander of New Zealand Force Headquarters for South-East Asia.

The visiting military officials were also briefed on the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

## Champions three times

**T**he boys and girls of Dato Godam Primary School in the Brunei Muara district (picture) emerged as third time champions in a national-level primary school "hadrah" (hand drum) competition. Hadrah, which is usually played at events like weddings and ceremonial welcomes, is judged on the rhythms, singing and the performer's costumes. Twenty-one schools took part in the event held on April 3, 1988.



# National carrier aims for top slot

**R**oyal Brunei Airline's top executive aims to keep the carrier at the top and competitive regionally.

Speaking at the opening of a company marketing conference last month, Pengiran Tengah bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Metassim, RBA's Managing Director said 'Our goal is that we shall be nothing less than the best airline in this region'.

The MD added, 'with continued improvement in the product and the support of our new advertising agency, we must look to the Commercial Department for more feedback on market opportunities, creative salemanship, meticulous service to the customer and determined drive for revenue'.

Current training programmes for Brunei aircadets, engineers,

mechanics and cabin crew will lead the airlines towards self-sufficiency, higher service standards to the customer and improved local career opportunities.

Pengiran Tengah called on all delegates to dedicate themselves to self-improvement, to make the most of training opportunities, to participate actively in the airlines task groups, sports, social and community activities and to care deeply for high standards of professionalism in their work.

The two-day conference was attended by 75 delegates who discussed marketing plans for Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Hong kong, Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak, Philippines, Thailand, Australia, Indonesia, Taiwan and the two off-line territories United Kingdom and Japan.

## Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month in the Brunei Darussalam newsletter we introduce readers to common Malay words as used in this country. This month the word selected is **balingkawat**.

The word **balingkawat** simply means rainbow and would be termed 'pelangi' in standard Malay.

Let us use the word **balingkawat** in a sentence:

Masa sekarang kanak-kanak tidak lagi takut menunjuk **balingkawat** dengan jari mereka malahan ramai yang tertarik dengan keindahan warnanya.

Nowadays children are no longer afraid of pointing at the rainbow instead many are attracted to the beauty of its colours.



**B**runei Darussalam has established ties to share responsibility with ASEAN countries on customs matters and to facilitate the intra-ASEAN trade.

The Sultanate's Customs and Excise Department last month signed the 'Notification of Adherence to the ASEAN Customs Code of Conduct' at the end of the 12th meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Matters in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Signing for the government on April 15, 1988 was Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz, the Customs and Excise Department's Controller.

Included in the terms of the Code of Conduct were the basic principles of customs evaluation, classification and prevention.

The three-day meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Matters aims to promote cooperation and to consider ways of prevention, investigation and repression of customs offences.

At the end of the meeting, Brunei Darussalam was elected coordinator for ASEAN Customs training programmes for two years.

## Customs officials check for more intra-ASEAN trade



Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz, the Customs and Excise Department's Controller (left) signs the ASEAN Customs Code of Conduct in Bandar Seri Begawan last month.

# FIFA Academy held in Sultanate

**B**runei Darussalam football coaches had the opportunity of learning the latest coaching techniques from a world-class FIFA instructor, last month.

The FIFA/Coca-Cola World Football Youth Academy held in the Sultanate was attended by 25 local coaches. The academy was jointly organised by the Brunei Amateur Football Association and the Asian Football Confederation starting March 24, 1988.

The eight-day academy was conducted by Mr Ivan Toplak of Yugoslavia, a FIFA instructor. The Yugoslav has 30 year experience as a professional player and coach and has been a FIFA instructor since 1977.

At the academy the participants went through seminars and practical sessions on an extensive range of topics including the organisation and methodology of youth football, equipment for players, anatomy and physiology of youth, psychology of youth and sports medicine.

Over 30 similar academies will be held worldwide, including 10 in Asia, this year.



Mr Ivan Toplak



Goalmouth tension during a Japan — Brunei Darussalam match.

## Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam newsletter* will appear during the first week of June 1988. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel : 02-40400 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by May 15, 1988. All editorial rights reserved.

## Japan, Korea qualify for Asia under 16 tournament

**J**apan and Korea will represent Group Five in the qualifying tournament for Asia to the FIFA Under-16 World Tournament held in Scotland next year.

The Japanese led the Korean contender at the Third Asian Youth Under-16 Championship 1988 held in Bandar Seri Begawan from April 1-5, 1988.

In the same group were teams from Hong Kong and Brunei Darussalam.



**T**he above monument marks an important event in the history of Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital. It was erected on October 4, 1970 to mark the changing of the city's name from Brunei. Bandar Seri Begawan was named in honour of the country's 28th ruler, Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddien who abdicated the throne in favour of his son, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, Brunei Darussalam's present ruler. The former Sultan had made major contributions towards the development of the Sultanate during his 17-year reign and earned the epitaph 'Architect of Modern Brunei'. Early records show that the capital city grew from a settlement in Kampong Ayer, the water village, and at the turn of the century the town moved to a site now considered the city's business district. Lower left: the commemorative plaque at the monument.

## BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	226,000 (1986)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
March 1988 rainfall :	220 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

## PRIME LENDING RATE

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

