



Religious figures urged to deliver truthful, sincere guidance



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 6th June – In conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1446 Hijrah/2025 Masihi, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered a *titah* (royal speech) emphasising the importance of sincere and responsible religious counsel, grounded in the teachings of Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah and free from slander or provocation.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1446 Hijrah/2025 Masihi.

Call to preserve Fatwa Institution

BERAKAS, 3rd June – *Fatwa* and *Irsyad* are vital in preserving religious harmony in accordance with the teachings of Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah of Mazhab Syafii. The Fatwa Institution in Brunei Darussalam was established in 1962, initiated by Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, who prioritised Islamic affairs. A dedicated division for *fatwa* was created under the Department of Religious Affairs to formalise its role in national religious administration.

At the Opening Ceremony of the Mazhab Syafii International Conference, held to mark the 60th anniversary of the Fatwa Institution, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Deputy Sultan, highlighted the institution's importance.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Deputy Sultan delivering a *sabda* (royal speech) at the Opening Ceremony of the Mazhab Syafii International Conference, held in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Fatwa Institution in Brunei Darussalam at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre.

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His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency Lee Jae-myung on the occasion of his appointment as President of the Republic of Korea, following his recent victory in the presidential election, on 5th June;
- His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines; as well as the government and people of the Philippines on the occasion of its 127th Independence Day on 12th June;
- His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation; as well as the government and people of Russia on the occasion of Russia Day on 12th June; and
- His Majesty King Charles III, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK); The Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer, KCB KC MP, Prime Minister of the UK; as well as members of the royal family, the government and people of the UK on the occasion of the 76th birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Charles III on 15th June.

His Majesty sends message of condolences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send a message of condolences to Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India; His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India; as well as the government and people of India following the recent plane crash of Air India flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad, India on 14th June.

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Drawing from the obedience of Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) and Prophet Ismail (PBUH), His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam reminded Muslims to obey Allah's

commands and avoid prohibitions, citing Surah Al-Baqarah and Surah Muhammad.

His Majesty urged religious leaders to preserve Islam by delivering advice and guidance truthfully and sincerely, without hesitation or fear. His Majesty also prayed

for the well-being of Brunei Darussalam's pilgrims, expressed gratitude to Allah the Almighty, and conveyed heartfelt appreciation to the people of Brunei, fellow leaders, and the National Heart Institute of Malaysia for their support and care during His Majesty's recent recovery.

Upholding Islam as our guiding principle

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 26th June – In facing the uncertainties of today's world, it is important to remain vigilant in order to guard against harmful influences, including the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam highlighted the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) delivered at Istana Nurul Iman in conjunction with the 1447 Hijrah.

Despite its positive aspects, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam cautioned that the misuse of AI could spread harmful ideas, distort thinking, and even weaken faith.

The Monarch expressed confidence in Brunei Darussalam's strength, stability and smooth development, qualities that have been consistently demonstrated and are hoped to continue into the future. His Majesty believes that good fortune continues to favour the country, as Brunei has steadfastly upheld Islam as its guiding principle.

Quoting Surah Al-A'raaf, verse 96, His Majesty reminded that blessings come in many forms: a peaceful nation, a prosperous country, and obedience to *Ulil Amri* (those in authority) are among them. Therefore, preserving these blessings must be prioritised by nurturing our beloved country with faith and righteous deeds.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at Istana Nurul Iman in conjunction with the 1447 Hijrah.

"However, challenges remain," said the Monarch, "among them is the rapid advancement of AI technology in the digital world, which has become increasingly sophisticated and widely applied in many aspects of life. This makes it harder to distinguish truth from falsehood."

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His Majesty also expressed concern over the growing tendency among some individuals to exploit AI as a tool for slander and misinformation on social

media. As these could gradually erode our Islamic beliefs and practices, we must, safeguard ourselves from these dangers by strengthening our faith and deepening our religious knowledge.

In conjunction with the 1447, His Majesty urged *dai* and religious speakers to continue with their mission, so that all of us – without exception – may lead lives that are blessings.

Confirmation and appointment of officials

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 14th June – By the command of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, it is hereby announced that His Majesty the

Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented for DCP Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Sulaiman bin Alidin, Acting Commissioner of Police, to be confirmed and appointed in his post as Commissioner of Police; and Yang Amat Mulia SAC Pengiran Anak Haji Mohammed Saifullah bin Pengiran Indera

Setia Diraja Sahibul Karib Pengiran Anak Haji Idris, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, to be confirmed and appointed in his post as Deputy Commissioner of Police.

The confirmation and appointment of the said officers took effect on 12th June.

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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince emphasised its role not only as the highest religious authority but also as a

key influence on national policies, societal well-being, and stability. The Fatwa Institution is also instrumental in nurturing scholars who uphold and disseminate Islamic knowledge.

Addressing the theme of the conference, '*Mazhab Syafi'i dalam Era Digital: Relevan dan Cabaran*', His Royal Highness acknowledged the urgent need for the *mazhab* to adapt to technological advancements.

His Royal Highness stressed the importance of developing a credible and accessible digital *fatwa* platform to counter misleading views and preserve religious authenticity in the digital age.

His Royal Highness expressed gratitude for the institution's contributions to the community and launched the event, which included a book launch.

A keynote address was delivered by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

His Royal Highness also toured an exhibition featuring new publications by the State Mufti's Office and Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA).

The two-day conference, part of the Brunei Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition 2025, is jointly organised by UNISSA and the State Mufti's Office with support from regional and international partners.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office at the Opening Ceremony of the Mazhab Syafi'i International Conference, held in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Fatwa Institution in Brunei Darussalam (above and below).



Yang Berhormat State Mufti presenting a keynote address on the theme of the conference.

Over 15,000 receive sacrificial meat



KIARONG, 7th June – A total of 206 livestock, comprising 192 cows and 14 goats, were slaughtered during the Sunat Sacrificial Rites held in honour of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, as well as members of the royal family in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1446 Hijrah/2025 Masihi.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office performing the sacrificial rites (left).



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik at the Sunat Sacrificial Rites for His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, as well as members of the royal family, in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1446 Hijrah/2025 Masihi.

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It includes a keynote speech, 12 plenary sessions, 108 parallel presentations, and participation from 203 delegates across Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Singapore, the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia.

His Royal Highness touring an exhibition showcasing the newly published books by the State Mufti's Office and Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (left).



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince in a group photo at the event.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik performing the sacrificial rites.



Their Royal Highnesses joining the mass Sunat Aidiladha prayer.

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The sacrificial meat will be distributed to 15,054 underprivileged individuals across the country. The ceremony took place at the courtyard of Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah and was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

Their Royal Highnesses personally slaughtered two goats as part of the rites, with the rest carried out by Syarikat Norfaizal bin Haji Zainuddin dan Anak-Anak and PDS Abattoir Sdn. Bhd. Before the ceremony, Their Royal Highnesses joined the mass Sunat Aidiladha prayer led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka



Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syarie Judge with a sermon delivered by Yang Arif Awang Haji Hassan bin Haji Metali, High Court Syariah Judge.

Yang Arif High Court Syariah Judge delivering a sermon.



Royal guests at ISB Year 5 Art Exhibition



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman gracing the launching of International School Brunei's (ISB) Year 5 Art Exhibition. Also present were the children of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 12th June – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty

Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office,

and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman graced the launching of International School Brunei's (ISB) Year 5 Art Exhibition at Hart Living, Kiulap.

Also in attendance were the children of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince: Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.

The exhibition, themed 'Tribes of the World', showcases sarong prints by ISB's Year 5 students, including artworks by Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman. The display celebrates the students' creativity, cultural exploration and artistic growth.

Scouts' movement as a platform for human capital development

BERIBI, 17th June – The 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouts in Brunei Darussalam reaffirmed the Brunei Darussalam Scouts Association's (PPNBD) dedication to nurturing disciplined, patriotic youth in alignment with Brunei Vision 2035.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Chief Scout of PPNBD, delivered a *sabda* (royal speech) during the celebration and the Official Opening of the PPNBD Scouts Camp and Training Centre (PLPP), emphasising the importance of scouting in shaping responsible citizens.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince highlighted the PLPP as a vital platform for developing scouts' knowledge, skills, and identity, expressing confidence in PPNBD's aspiration to establish it as a centre of excellence for training, leadership, and national unity.

His Royal Highness underscored the importance of the scouts' motto, '*Selalu Bersedia*' (Always Ready), stating that scouting values prepare individuals for success in life and instil a strong sense of duty and foresight.

His Royal Highness also conveyed deep appreciation to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, and the Ministry of Education for their ongoing support of scouting and other uniformed youth movements, noting the vital role of teachers, many of whom serve as scout leaders. Their involvement is key to sustaining the scouting movement at both national and global levels.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Chief Scout of the Brunei Darussalam Scouts Association's (PPNBD) delivering a *sabda* (royal speech) at the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouts in Brunei Darussalam and the Opening of the PPNBD Scouts Camp and Training Centre (PLPP).

In concluding the *sabda*, His Royal Highness expressed strong belief in the PLPP as a landmark for scouting excellence and a hub for developing individuals who embody the association's core values. The celebration continued with His Royal Highness officially opening the PLPP, signing a commemorative plaque and parchment, and presenting scout commissioner warrants to 27 newly-appointed individuals for the 2025–2029 term.

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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince officiating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouts in Brunei Darussalam and the Opening of the PLPP.



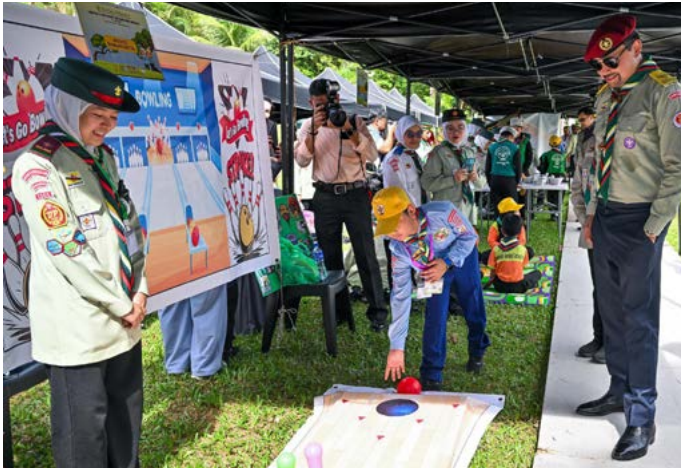
Also present at the event was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.



His Royal Highness presenting warrants and certificates of appreciation at the event.



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His Royal Highness touring the exhibition and games booth at the event.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince's and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik joining a group photo session (above); and a Luncheon held for the event (right).

His Royal Highness also presented certificates of appreciation to principals, headmasters, and village heads with scout teams. His Royal Highness received a *pesambah* (souvenir) and toured an exhibition featuring traditional games and mental challenges. His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik was also in attendance.



The 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouts in Brunei Darussalam and the Opening of the PLPP taking place.

Royal presence at Ilal Hijrah 1447 Celebration



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office at the Ilal Hijrah 1447 Celebration. Also in attendance was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

KIARONG, 26th June – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office graced the Ilal Hijrah 1447 Celebration

held at the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

Also in attendance was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.



Their Royal Highnesses receiving *junjung ziarah* at the ceremony.

The Doa Akhir Tahun Hijrah was recited three times by Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs as the Chairman of the Ilal Hijrah 1447 Celebration Executive Committee. This was followed by a 21-cannon shot.

A mass Maghrib prayer was then held. The event continued with the three times recitation of the Doa Awal Tahun Hijrah by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syar'ie Judge; and the mass Sunat Hajat prayer. Yang Berhormat Chief Syar'ie Judge also recited the *doa selamat*.

This year's ceremony carried the theme '*Semarak Hijrah Mencapai Kecemerlangan Yang Mampan*' (The Glory of Hijrah Achieves Sustainable Excellence). The event was jointly organised by the Minister of Religious Affairs; Minister of Home Affairs; and the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

Royal support for World Blood Donor Day

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 13th June – Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman attended the World Blood Donor Day 2025 campaign and donated blood during the event.

Hosted by Imagine Sdn. Bhd. in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) at Al-Afiah Hall, with the theme 'Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives', the campaign collected 194 pints of blood on the first day.

The event was attended by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health, along with senior officials from MoH.

Also present were Dayang Noorsurainah binti Haji Tengah, Chairwoman of Imagine



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman attending the World Blood Donor Day 2025 campaign.

Sdn. Bhd.; and Allen On Hsien Yung, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Imagine Sdn. Bhd.

Imagine aims to collect 1,500 pints of blood by the end of 2025, having already gathered 564 pints from previous drives.

Royals take part in coral planting milestone



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman in a group photo with the participants of the second edition of 'Big Blue Hope – Planting Corals, Building Reefs'.

MUARA, 21st June – Ocean Week Brunei marked a significant achievement in marine conservation with the second edition of 'Big Blue Hope – Planting Corals, Building Reefs', setting a new national record by planting 310 corals in a single day, surpassing last year's 210.

The event was graced by Her Royal

Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah binti His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, who are both certified divers. Supported by nine boats and 67 participants (including 32 divers and 18 snorkelers), the large-scale coral planting took place at Pelong Rocks,

using 54 reef balls as planting substrates.

The initiative, part of Ocean Week Brunei 2025, was organised by Poni Divers and the Poni Foundation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. It also welcomed international speakers and guests from Canada and the United Kingdom, highlighting global cooperation in marine conservation.

Royal birth celebrated at Istiadat Bersiram



A Doa Selamat and Kesyukuran Ceremony for the Istiadat Bersiram of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah, on the occasion of the birth of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Nabeelah Najmul Bolqiah binti His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik taking place in the presence of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 23rd June – A Doa Selamat and Kesyukuran Ceremony for the Istiadat Bersiram of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah, on the occasion of the birth of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Nabeelah Najmul Bolqiah binti His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik took place at the surau of Istana Nurul Iman.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

The recitation of Surah Al-Faatihah was led by Yang Dimuliakan Begawan Pehin Khatib Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamidon bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Hamid. This was followed by the Dikir Syarafil Anam, Rawi recitation and the Dikir Marhaban.



At the verse of 'Ya Habibi', 17 cannon shots were fired at the compound of Istana Nurul Iman.

The *doa selamat* was read by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar to bless the ceremony.



Firing of 17 cannon shots at the compound of Istana Nurul Iman.

Strengthening relations in welfare, *ummah* development



Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs receiving a courtesy call from the Secretary-General of the Islamic Research Institute; and Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



The scholars paying a courtesy call on Yang Berhormat State Mufti, together with other presenters of the Mazhab Syafi'i International Conference, held in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Fatwa Institution in Brunei Darussalam.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 5th June – Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs received a courtesy call from two prominent international Islamic scholars: Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdel Daim Ali Al-Jundi, Secretary-General of the Islamic Research Institute, Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Arab Republic of Egypt; and Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Jeddah.

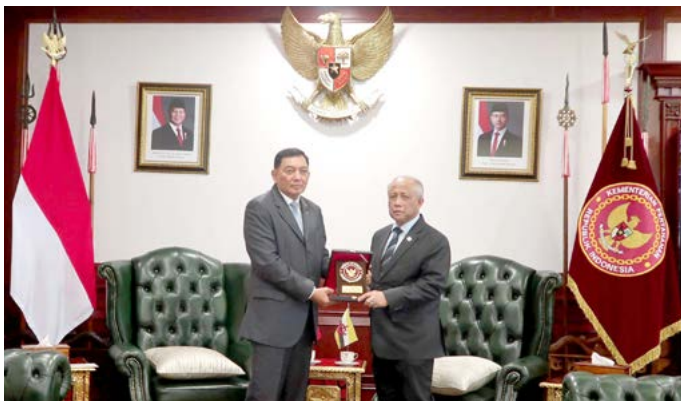
The meeting, which took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), aimed to strengthen bilateral relations, in addition to exchanging knowledge, views and experiences in religious affairs – particularly in areas concerning the welfare and development of the *ummah* and comprehensive Islamic education.

Also in attendance were Awang Haji Mohammad Rosli bin Haji Ibrahim, Permanent Secretary at MoRA; Awang Haji Shamshol bin Haji Omar, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Religion) at MoRA; and Awang Misle bin Haji Abdul Karim, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Administration and Finance) at MoRA.

The scholars are in the country on invitation to the Mazhab Syafi'i International Conference, held in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Fatwa Institution in Brunei Darussalam.

The scholars also paid another courtesy call on Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, together with other presenters of the conference. The visit took place at Darulifta Brunei Darussalam, State Mufti's Office.

Minister attends Indo Defence 2025 Expo and Forum



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Minister of Defence of Indonesia.

JAKARTA, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, 12th June – Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence, attended the Indo Defence 2025 Expo and Forum from 11th to 14th June.

The Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Defence was accompanied by senior defence officials including Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces; and His Excellency Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Haji Abdul Razak bin Haji Abdul Kadir, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Indonesia.

The biennial event showcases advanced military technologies



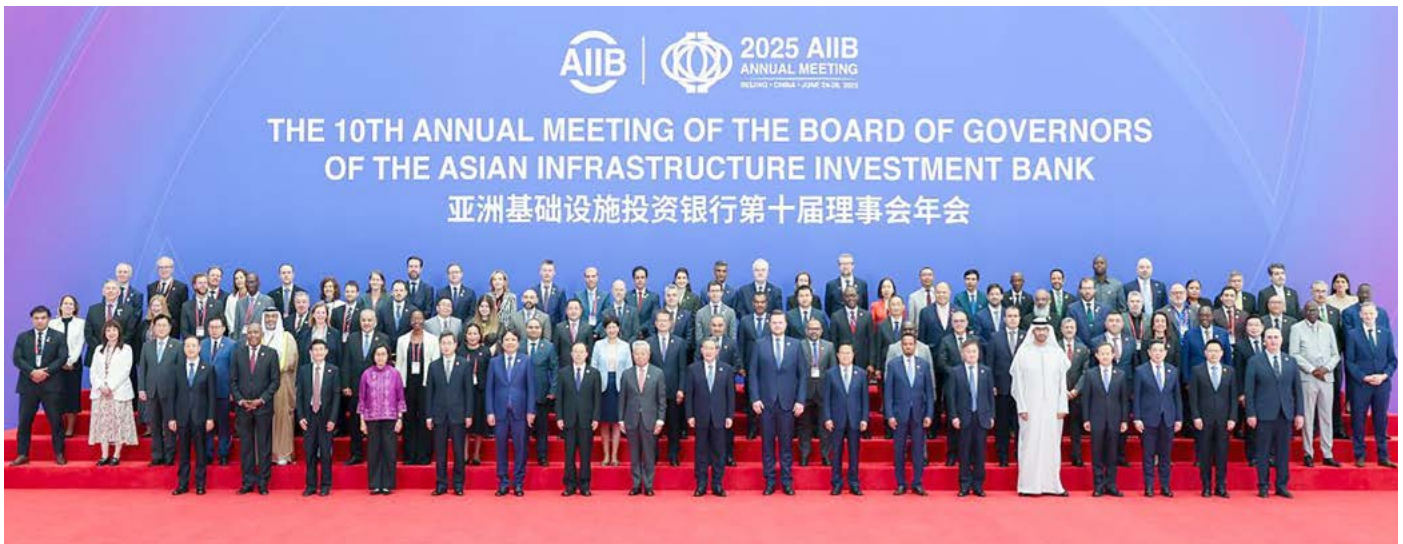
Yang Berhormat Minister touring the exhibition at the Indo Defence 2025 Expo and Forum.

across land, air, sea, and security sectors, and is held alongside the Indo Aerospace and Indo Marina 2025 expos. This year, it hosted 1,180 defence companies from 42 countries, 32 national pavilions, and 37,000 delegates.

Themed 'Defence Partnership for Global Peace and Stability', the event promotes defence diplomacy and cooperation. The Minister engaged with ASEAN and international counterparts and held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Lieutenant General (Rtd) Dr. Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, Minister of Defence of Indonesia.

The opening ceremony was officiated by His Excellency General (Rtd) Prabowo Subianto, President of Indonesia, and the event featured seminars, product demos, and networking sessions.

Minister calls for enhanced access through partnerships



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, as the Governor representing Brunei Darussalam to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), attending the 10th Annual Meeting of the AIIB Board of Governors.

BEIJING, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 28th June

– Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, attended the 10th Annual Meeting of the AIIB Board of Governors from 24th to 26th June. Representing Brunei Darussalam as Governor to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy joined discussions under the theme 'Connecting for Development, Collaborating for Prosperity'.

The meeting, marking AIIB's 10th anniversary, included speeches by His Excellency Li Qiang, Premier of China; and Jin Liqun,

President of AIIB, and featured a Roundtable Session where governors shared guidance on AIIB's future.

Brunei advocated for greater regional cooperation on climate change; integration of disaster risk reduction in infrastructure; support for early warning systems, nature-based solutions, and innovative financing; and improved access for smaller countries through partnerships.

On the sidelines, the Minister met with the AIIB President to discuss deeper collaboration, and held bilateral meetings with senior officials from Republic of Singapore and the People's Republic of China to strengthen cooperation.

Brunei hosts regional karate championship



Yang Berhormat Minister of Development, as Acting Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, officiating the launch of the 12th South East Asian Karate Federation Championship.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Development presenting a medal to a recipient at the event.

BERAKAS, 19th June – Brunei Darussalam's karate team clinched one gold, one silver, and seven bronze medals while hosting the 12th South East Asian Karate Federation Championship for the first time.

Held at the Indoor Stadium, Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex, the three-day event was launched earlier on 17th June, featuring over 400 athletes from 10 ASEAN Member

States. The event was officiated by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development, as Acting Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

The competitions included Kata and Kumite events across various ages and divisions: Cadet 14-15 Years Old; Junior 16-17 Years Old; Under-21; and Senior categories.

Brunei shows commitment in marine conservation, ocean sustainability



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism delivering a speech during the Third United Nations Ocean Conference.

NICE, THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, 13th June – The Third United Nations Ocean Conference took place from 9th to 13th June, co-hosted by France and Costa Rica under the theme 'Accelerating Action and Mobilizing All Actors to Conserve and Sustainably Use the Ocean'. The

event aimed to advance Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water and gathered global leaders to promote marine conservation.

Brunei Darussalam was represented by a delegation led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

In his national statement, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism reaffirmed Brunei's commitment to ocean sustainability, highlighting efforts such as designating over 20 per cent of the country's fisheries management area as Marine Protected Areas and adopting a data-driven approach to marine governance. This includes fish stock assessments, the development of a fisheries stock database, and the use of Artificial Intelligence in coral reef monitoring. These initiatives support the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and Brunei's National Biodiversity Strategic Plan of

Action 2024–2030.

The Minister also announced two major events: the International Forest to Reef Expedition and Conference set for later this month, and the International Conference on Oceans to be hosted by Brunei in June 2026 to foster regional cooperation in marine governance.

In addition to participating in the main conference, the Minister held bilateral meetings with international partners such as Australia's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; the Australian Institute of Marine Science; the Reef Aquaculture Conservancy; the United Nations Development Programme; the United Nations Environment Programme; and the Marine Conservation Institute. These discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in areas like coral reef monitoring, blue carbon ecosystems, and the sustainable management of marine resources, reflecting Brunei's active role in global ocean conservation efforts.

Bridging research, policy and practice - two MoUs signed



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism as the Guest of Honour delivering his address at the Brunei Darussalam Conference on Forest to Reef (left); and Yang Berhormat Minister during the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (right).



BERAKAS, 17th June – The Brunei Darussalam Conference on Forest to Reef has officially begun at the International Convention Centre, organised by the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism through its Forestry and Fisheries Departments, in collaboration with Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and Poni Group Sdn. Bhd.

Running for three days until 19th June as part of the Brunei Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition 2025, the event was inaugurated by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism. In his speech, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism highlighted the importance of both terrestrial and marine biodiversity,

referencing the National Biodiversity Policy and Strategic Plan of Action, which focuses on conservation, sustainable use, and building capacity. The Minister stressed the need for a Whole of Nation Approach involving all sectors to effectively implement this policy and promote sustainable development.

The conference serves as a platform to bridge research, policy, and practice, with themes covering blue carbon, restoration, and biodiversity economics, in line with Brunei Vision 2035.

Two Memoranda of Understanding were signed during the event: one between UBD and Poni Divers for Ocean Week Brunei 2025, and another tripartite agreement between UBD, Poni Group,

and Indonesian firm Jejakin to enhance academic and environmental cooperation.

Keynote speeches were delivered by experts from Malaysia and Indonesia, addressing mangrove conservation and digital monitoring of blue carbon ecosystems.

The event includes discussions on six key themes, such as the role of blue carbon ecosystems and linking forests with reefs for biodiversity conservation. It brings together policymakers, academics, and environmental experts to exchange ideas and promote green and blue economic growth. The conference also includes field visits to the Damuan River mangroves and UBD's Botanical Research Centre.

Smart green classrooms to support sustainable education



Yang Berhormat Minister of Education during the launch of the project.



SUNGAI AKAR, 24th June – As part of the efforts to enhance pedagogical experiences through the use of modern technology, Sekolah Menengah Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna and Sekolah Menengah Lambak Kiri are now equipped with smart green classrooms.

The project is the result of a Public-Private Partnership initiative between the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Huawei Technologies (B) Sdn. Bhd., under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, as part of its efforts to support technology-driven and sustainable educational transformation in the country.

The launch of the project was officiated by Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh, Minister of Education at Sekolah Menengah Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna.

The ceremony also saw the attendance of His Excellency Xiao Jianguo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam; and Frank Guo Hanxin, Managing Director of Huawei International Pte. Ltd., as representative of Huawei Technologies (B) Sdn. Bhd.

The project provided a smart green classroom equipped with an interactive panel system and 40 solar panels in each of the selected schools. The initiative aligns with the Brunei Darussalam National Climate Change Policy, and is part of MoE's efforts to support the implementation of green practices and sustainability.

The event also featured a demonstration on the use of educational technology, including the 'Solar Panel Dashboard' and 'Remote Teaching and Learning'.

APT 2025: Strengthening regional, international digital cooperation



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications representing Brunei Darussalam at the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Ministerial Meeting 2025.

TOKYO, JAPAN, 2nd June – Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, represented Brunei Darussalam at the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Ministerial Meeting 2025 in held from 30th to 31st May.

The meeting, convened every five years, brought together Asia-Pacific ministers to address digital policy challenges,

share visions for the region's future, and strengthen cooperation. Opening remarks were delivered by Kondo Masanori, Secretary General of APT, and His Excellency Murakami Seiichiro, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan as the Chairman.

The meeting reviewed progress on the 2019 Singapore Statement and concluded with the adoption of the Tokyo Statement, which sets strategic

priorities for the next five years, focusing on digital connectivity, innovation, trust and safety, inclusion, sustainability, and regional cooperation. The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications highlighted national efforts to improve digital inclusion, including expanding fixed and mobile coverage to rural areas through Unified National Networks (UNN), the use of solar-powered communication systems for off-grid locations, and the launch of the 'UNNity for the Community' initiative to promote local participation and sustainable infrastructure development.

The Minister also underscored the need for stronger cybersecurity practices and international collaboration. On the sidelines, the Minister held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Adachi Masashi, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan. Ahead of the main event, Brunei participated in the Senior Officials Meeting on 29th May, led by Awang Haji Hairul Mohd. Daud bin Haji Abdul Karim, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Infocommunications), alongside senior officials from the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications and Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry (AITI).

RBC launches Singapore Food Festival



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications at the Singapore Food Festival 2025.

BERAKAS, 11th June – Royal Brunei Culinary (RBC), with the support of the Singapore High Commission in Brunei Darussalam and the Singapore Tourism Board, is hosting the Singapore Food Festival 2025 at Anjung Saujana Restaurant, Brunei International Airport, from 12th to 29th June.

The festival was launched earlier today by Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, as the Guest of Honour; alongside His Excellency Laurence Bay Siow Hon, High Commissioner of the Republic of

Singapore to Brunei Darussalam.

Also present to witness the launching were Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Khairuddin bin Haji Abdul Hamid, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy); Awang Haji Sofian bin Mohammad Jani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of RBC, alongside other members; Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries from the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications; representatives from the Singapore High Commission, Singapore Tourism Board, Baiduri Bank, and RBC management; as well as other guests.

This year's buffet features over 70 dishes, highlighting the multicultural roots of Singaporean cuisine. Anjung Saujana is also collaborating with Ya Kun Kaya Toast, a popular kopitiam franchise from Singapore, for the festival.

Strengthening collaboration in STI



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications attending the 21st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation, the 87th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation, and related meetings.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 21st June – Brunei Darussalam reaffirmed its dedication to regional cooperation in science, technology, and innovation by actively participating in the 21st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation (AMMSTI-21), the 87th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI-87), and related gatherings held from June 16th to 20th in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia.

The Brunei delegation at AMMSTI-21 on 20th June was led

by Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications.

The meeting, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Laksana Tri Handoko, Chairman of the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), the Republic of Indonesia, included ministers and senior representatives from all ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste, and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

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During the meeting, the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2026-2035 was adopted, and the COSTI-87 report outlining progress on the 2025 Annual Priorities and Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs) was endorsed. Two new PEDs were approved for 2026: a Regional Science, Technology and Innovation initiative focused on AI for Health and the ASEAN Declaration on Sustainable Outer Space.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications emphasised Brunei's leadership in managing the ASEAN Journal on Science and Technology for Development through Universiti Brunei

Darussalam, noting ongoing efforts to boost the journal's visibility and analytical capacity via AI integration.

The Minister also expressed Brunei's readiness to operationalise the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change, hosted in Brunei, highlighting its expected role in advancing climate science and fostering regional collaboration to tackle climate challenges.

Prior to AMMSTI-21, COSTI-87 and related meetings took place from 16th to 19th June, with Brunei represented by Awang Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary, who also chairs COSTI. These sessions were led by His Excellency Dr. Boedistoeti Ontowirjo, Deputy for Research and Innovation Policy at BRIN.

International meeting highlights ASEAN-Russia relations



Yang Mulia Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as the Deputy Chair of the National Security Committee attending at the 13th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters.

MOSCOW, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 9th June – Representatives from the National Security Committee of Brunei Darussalam joined delegations from 100 other countries at the 13th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters from 27th to 29th May at the National Centre Russia.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Sufian bin Haji Sabtu, Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as the Deputy Chair of the National Security Committee.

The meeting commenced with an opening ceremony held on 27th May, presided by His Excellency Sergei Shoigu, Secretary to the Security Council of Russia and officiated by an opening address delivered by His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of Russia. Brunei's delegation also participated in a plenary session held on the same day.

The Deputy Minister at PMO had the opportunity to deliver his remarks at the ASEAN-Russia Consultations of the High-Ranking Representatives for Security Issues, which was co-chaired by His Excellency Sergei Shoigu as representative of Russia; and His Excellency Admiral Moe Aung as representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

On the following day, the Deputy Minister joined a roundtable discussion on Information Security – moderated by His Excellency S.V. Verishnin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia; and His Excellency D.G. Gribkov, Deputy Secretary of the Security Council of Russia.

The delegation also held a bilateral meeting with His



The Deputy Minister at PMO delivering his remarks.

Excellency Igor Zubov, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Russia. At the meeting, both countries discussed opportunities for strengthening cooperation in combatting illicit drugs, a priority area highlighted in the memorandum of understanding between the National Security Committee of Brunei Darussalam and the Security Council of Russia.

Also present at the meetings were His Excellency Pengiran Muhammad Husaini bin PPLBI Pengiran Haji Alauddin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Russia; Awang Zulhusam bin Haji Abdul Samad, Acting Permanent Secretary (Security and Law) at PMO; and Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd Zalani bin Haji Ismail, Director of the Narcotics Control Bureau.

Brunei-Pakistan relations: Fostering interest, love for books

GADONG, 12th June – The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Brunei Darussalam donated a total of 68 academic and cultural books to the Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) Library, in conjunction with the launch of the

Pakistan Book Corner at the library, UNISSA Campus.

The ceremony was graced by His Excellency Janbaz Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam. Also present was Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of UNISSA.

The book corner is a collaborative initiative between the High Commission of Pakistan and UNISSA, aimed at strengthening cultural and educational ties, while providing access to quality reading materials.

Previously, on 11th June, the High Commission also donated 64 books to the Language and Literature Bureau (DBP) in a ceremony held at the DBP Library, Muara.

The High Commission presented the donation to Dr. Haji Muhammad Hadi bin Muhammad Melayong, Principal of the Brunei History Centre as the Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Culture) at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

The event also saw the launch of The Indus Valley Civilization Corner a DBP initiative aimed at fostering interest and love for books among the community.



His Excellency High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam presenting the donations to the Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali.



His Excellency High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam presenting the donations to the Principal of the Brunei History Centre as the Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Culture) at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

MoU paves way for circular ocean economy



Her Excellency High Commissioner of Canada to Brunei Darussalam witnessing the signing.

TUNGKU LINK, 16th June – Over 250 participants attended the Ocean Sustainability Conference at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) during Ocean Week Brunei 2025, focusing on ocean health, coastal protection, and marine innovation.

The event, organised by Poni Divers and the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), featured a keynote by Dr. Sol Milne, Co-founder of the Aerial Recon and Recovery Initiative on the use of AI and drones in marine monitoring.

Key topics included blue innovation, climate resilience, biodiversity, and blue carbon markets.

A highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Poni Divers and Canadian company, Clean Valley CIC to launch Southeast Asia's first bio-algae filter and promote a circular ocean economy.

The MoU signing was witnessed by Her Excellency Ambra Dickie, High Commissioner of Canada to Brunei Darussalam.

Dignitaries from Canada, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Türkiye, and Timor-Leste were present. More than 150 organisations, spanning government, private, academic, and environmental sectors, participated in the conference.

LoC broadens academic, professional, cultural perspectives

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 10th June – The Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) from the Republic of Singapore have formalised a significant collaboration in Technical and Vocational Education by signing a Letter of Collaboration (LoC).

The ceremony, held at the Radisson Hotel in Brunei's capital, was attended by Dr. Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education, as Guest of Honour. The agreement was signed by Munirah' Athirah binti Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Deputy CEO (Corporate) of IBTE, and Dr. Ang Kiam Wee, Deputy CEO of ITE.

The partnership aims to enhance cooperation in areas such as research,



Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education as the Guest of Honour during the Letter of Collaboration Signing Ceremony which took place at Radisson Hotel in the capital.

education, and training, with a strong focus on student and staff exchanges, as well as joint events and research initiatives. Before the ceremony, the ITE

delegation visited the IBTE School of Aviation at Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus, engaging in presentations and a tour of the facilities.

RBAF Commander receives Royal Decoration



The Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) during the Official Visit.

KINGDOM OF THAILAND, 6th June – Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed

Forces (RBAF), made an official visit to Kingdom of Thailand from 4th to 6th June to receive the Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the

Crown of Thailand.

The award was presented by His Excellency General Songwit Noonpackdee, Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTAF), on behalf of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua during an Investiture Ceremony at Naresuan Hall, RTAF Headquarters.

The decoration recognised Commander of RBAF's distinguished service and his significant contributions to strengthening defence relations between Brunei Darussalam and Kingdom of Thailand. During the visit, the Commander also paid a courtesy call to the Chief of Defence Forces of RTAF, in return for the latter's visit to Brunei in June of the previous year.

Brunei receives recognition for excellence in hajj management

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 11th June – For the first time ever, the Brunei Darussalam Hajj Pilgrims Affairs Office

has been recognised as a recipient of the Silver Award of the Highest Labaytum Award from the Ministry of Hajj and

Umrah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the recently held official Closing Ceremony of the 1446 Hijrah/2025 Masihi Hajj Season.



Acting Assistant Director of Hajj Affairs as the Head of the Brunei Darussalam Hajj Pilgrim Affairs Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia receiving the award.

The award, presented at four levels – Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze – acknowledges excellence in the comprehensive management of hajj, covering various aspects such as planning, healthcare for pilgrims, hajj guidance, successful execution and compliance with the set requirements.

Present to receive the award was Pengiran Haji Haslin bin Pengiran Haji Ali, Acting Assistant Director of Hajj Affairs as the Head of the Brunei Darussalam Hajj Pilgrim Affairs Office in Saudi Arabia.

Total trade in April 2025: \$1,938.3 million

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 25th June
– The total trade for April was \$1,938.3 million, comprising exports valued at \$1,167.1 million and imports amounting to \$771.2 million.

The major contributors to the export value were mineral fuels accounting for 74.6 per cent; followed by chemicals at 23.2 per cent; and machinery and transport equipment at 0.7 per cent.

The main export markets were Australia, accounting for 26.8 per cent, followed by the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Republic of China at 16.1 per cent and

14.4 per cent, respectively.

The largest export commodities to these countries were mineral fuels and chemicals.

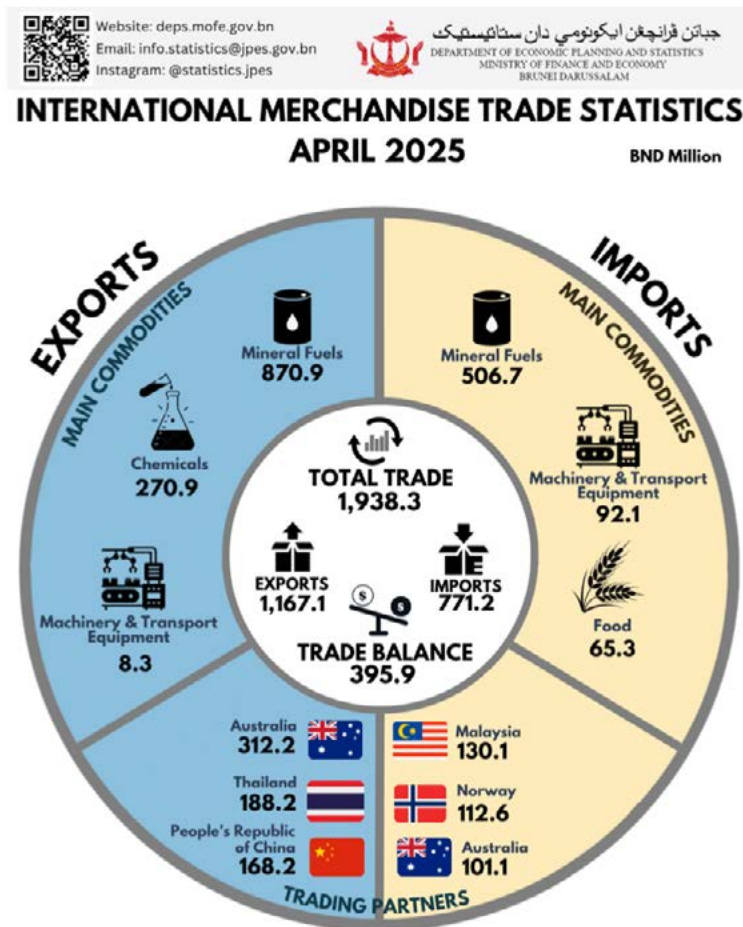
Meanwhile, imports in April were valued at \$771.2 million. The three main import commodities were mineral fuels, accounting for 65.7 per cent, followed by machinery and transport equipment at 11.9 per cent, and food at 8.5 per cent.

The largest import partners were Malaysia, accounting for 16.9 per cent; followed by the Kingdom of Norway at 14.6 per cent;

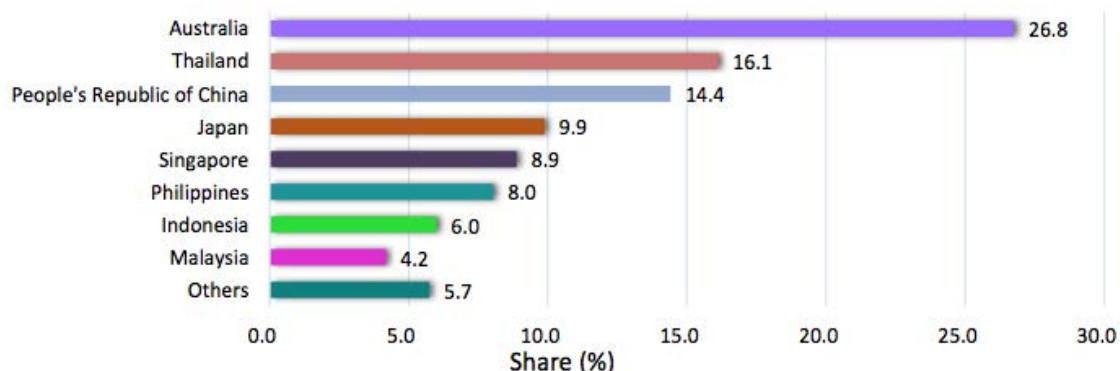
and Australia at 13.1 per cent. The main import commodities from these trading partners were mineral fuels, food, as well as chemicals.

Compared to March, the total trade declined by 3.8 per cent in April due to a 7.0 per cent decrease in exports.

The imports for end use categories were mainly used as intermediate goods processing accounting for 58.1 per cent; followed by capital goods for business operations at 38.3 per cent; and consumption goods for household use at 3.6 per cent.



Share of Exports by Trading Partners



Total exports value sees 15.3% decline in Q1 2025

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 25th June – The total exports value in the first quarter (Q1) of 2025 decreased by 15.3 per cent, driven by decreases in the export volume index (-17.7 per cent); and export unit value index (-18.3 per cent).

The decline in the export volume index was mainly due to mineral fuels, particularly petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; as well as chemicals and machinery and transport equipment.

The export unit value index recorded a decrease, primarily driven by lower prices in mineral fuels (-17.2 per cent); chemicals (-12.9 per cent); and machinery and transport equipment (-9.3 per cent).

The total imports value in Q1 2025 also decreased by 16.8 per

cent to \$2,136.8 million; compared to \$2,569.5 million in Q1 2024.

This decline was contributed to by a reduction in both the imports volume index and the unit value index by 2.5 per cent and 10.7 per cent, respectively.

The imports volume index recorded a decrease of 2.5 per cent. The decrease was mainly due to the fall in the index of mineral fuels (-10.1 per cent); chemicals (-8.4 per cent); and beverages (-6.4 per cent).

Meanwhile, the import unit value index fell in Q1 2025, mainly attributed to lower prices of manufactured goods (-23.4 per cent); chemicals (-14.2 per cent); and mineral fuels (-12.4 per cent).



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