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Ilal Hijrah in Brunei Darussalam**

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GET TO KNOW THE BRUNEI LANGUAGE

Mangumbun:

Piled up with goods or clothing.

Example sentence: "ngalihku, mangumbun naindah ku sasah ari ani."

Uncit/muncit:

Finishing last or performing poorly in an exam, race, or competition.

Example sentence: "sipun ia uncit balusir atu, kana bagi jua adiah."

Maundan:

1. To take someone or something from place to place.

Example sentence: "ka sana ka mari ia maundan anaknya, dada ia pandai maninggalkan."

2. To drag or carry something by pulling it.

Example Sentence: "ia maundan bik barat atu ke matukanya."

Source: Language and Literacy Bureau,
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.



Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah

The Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah is Brunei Darussalam's largest mosque!
Its shiny golden domes and tall towers are easy to spot.



Location:
Kampung Kiarong.



Built:
1992 (officially opened on 14th July 1994).



In Honour Of:

1. The 25th year 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's reign; and
2. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 48th birthday.



Named After: The 29th Sultan of Brunei Darussalam.



Cool Facts:



Central Dome - The mosque has 29 domes, which symbolises the 29th monarch of Brunei Darussalam.



Central Dome - The giant dome in the middle of the mosque is surrounded by 48 windows which represents His Majesty's age when the mosque was opened.



29 Steps Staircase - The staircase has 29 steps which represents Brunei's 29 monarchs.



5 Fountains in a Pond - Reflecting the Five Pillars of Islam and five daily Islamic prayers.



4 Towers - The mosque has 4 towers decorated with beautiful blue and white tiles, 189 feet tall, with 297 steps each.





Find the hidden kitties

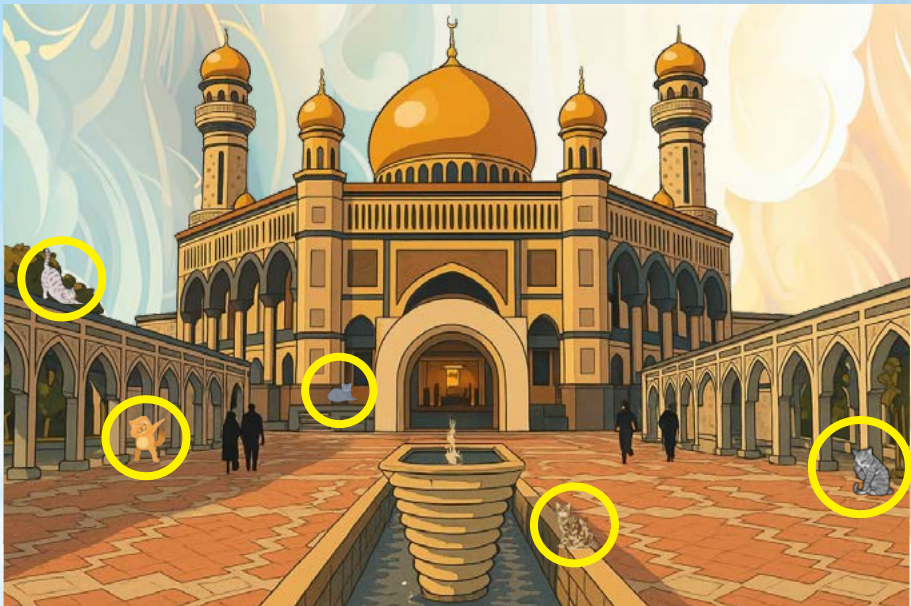
Next time you see a \$10 bill,
try spotting these hidden details!



By Syakirah Matusin



Answers for 'Find the hidden kitties'



Celebrating Hari Raya Aidiladha & Ilal Hijrah in Brunei Darussalam

Hari Raya Aidiladha

Date: 10th Zulhijah

Significance:

- Hari Raya Aidiladha, also known as Hari Raya Haji, marks the end of the Hajj pilgrimage.
- Remembers Prophet Ibrahim's (PBUH) willingness to sacrifice his son, Prophet Ismail (PBUH), in obedience to Allah.

Celebrations:

- Mass Sunat Aidiladha Prayers at mosques nationwide, followed by the royal family performing the sunat sacrificial rites at Jame' Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.
- Sunat Sacrificial Rites (Ibadah Korban): Slaughtering animals (goats, cows) and distribution at Istana Nurul Iman and nationwide.
- Celebrations at homes, mosques, and abbatoirs.

Ilal Hijrah

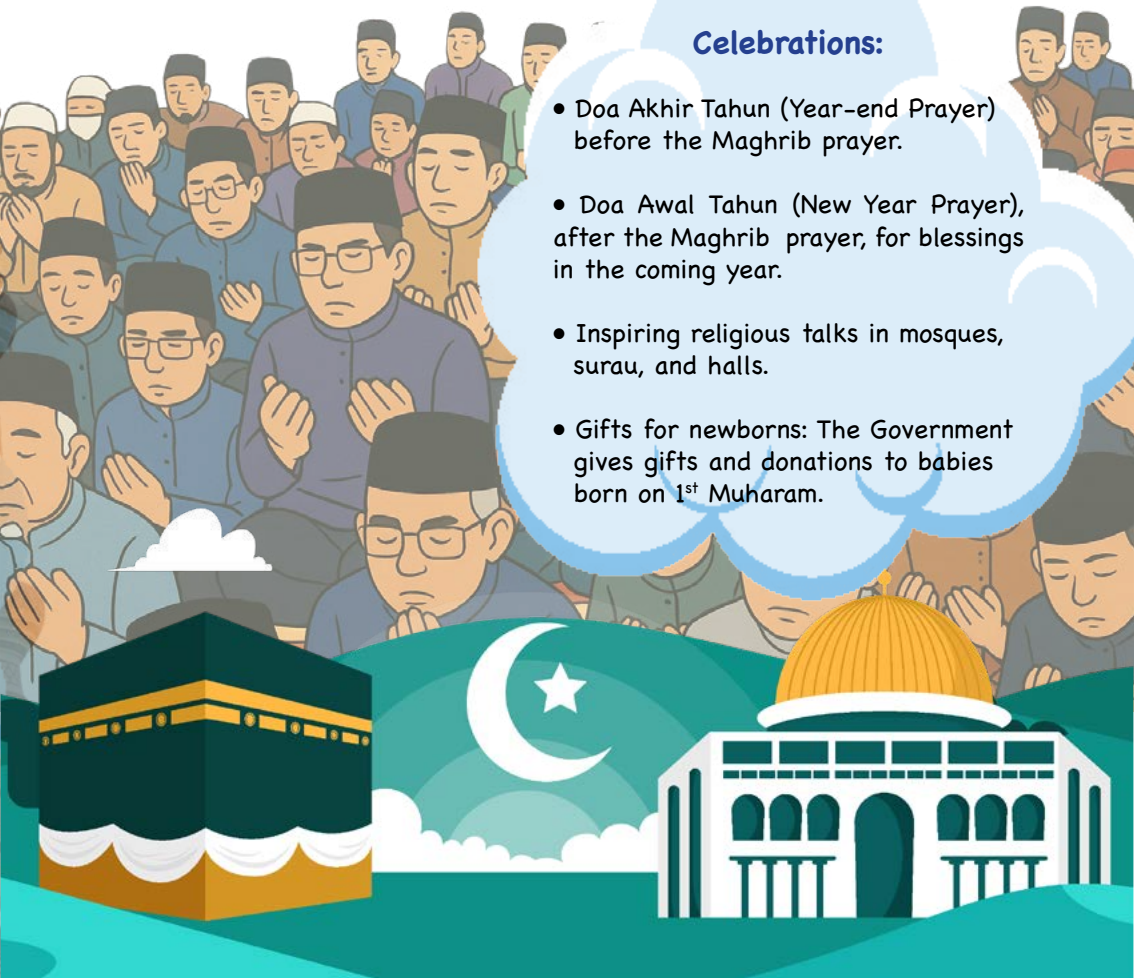
Date: 1st Muharam (Islamic New Year)

Significance:

- Commemorates Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) migration from Mecca to Medina.
- A time for reflection on the past year and prayers for the future.

Celebrations:

- Doa Akhir Tahun (Year-end Prayer) before the Maghrib prayer.
- Doa Awal Tahun (New Year Prayer), after the Maghrib prayer, for blessings in the coming year.
- Inspiring religious talks in mosques, surau, and halls.
- Gifts for newborns: The Government gives gifts and donations to babies born on 1st Muharam.



How do you celebrate?

1. Gather with family and community.
2. Reflect, pray, and help those in need.



Sunat Sacrificial Rites: slaughtering animals (such as goats or cows) to share with those in need.

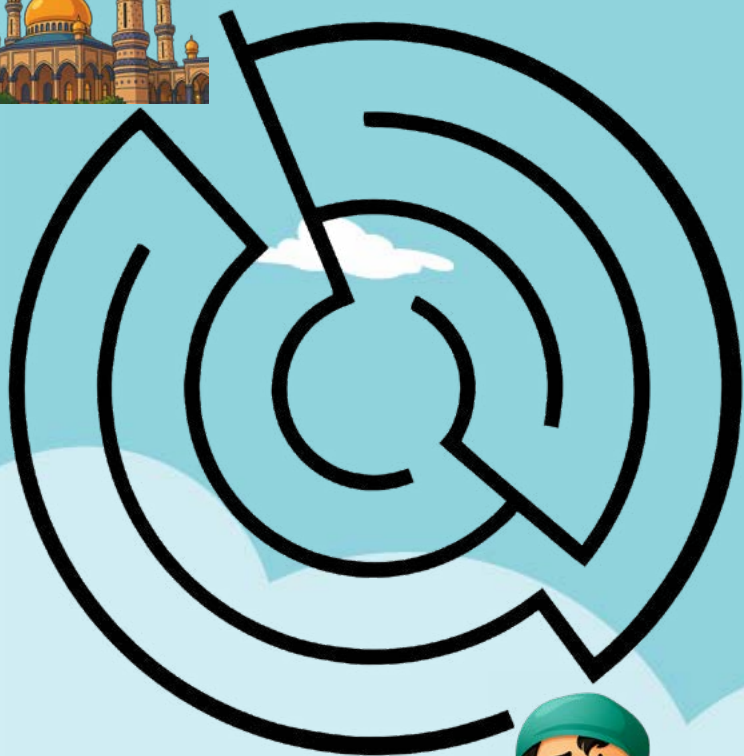


Religious talks



The Government also gives gifts to babies born on 1st Muharam to celebrate this moment with their families.

Oh no, Ali is late for his Sunat Aidiladha prayer! Can you help him find his way to the mosque?



Festive Crossword Fun!

Across

1. The Doa Awal Tahun (New Year Prayer) is recited after the _____ prayer.
2. Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) migration is also called _____.
3. In the beginning of which Islamic month is Ilal Hijrah celebrated?

Down

1. Prophet Ismail's (PBUH) father is Prophet _____ (PBUH).
2. In which Islamic month is Hari Raya Aidiladha celebrated?
3. Hari Raya Aidiladha is also known as Hari Raya _____.
4. Ilal Hijrah is held to celebrate Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) journey from Mecca to _____.

Across: 1. Maghrib, 2. Hijrah, 3. Muharam
Down: 1. Ibrahim, 2. Zulhijah, 3. Hajj, 4. Medina

The Cannons of Brunei Darussalam

A timeless symbol of royal grandeur and tradition.

When Are They Used?

Cannons are fired during royal salutes and ceremonies, including:

- Istiadat Berpuspa (Coronation Ceremony)
- Opening of Gendang Jaga-jaga
- Proclamation of the Crown Prince & Wazir
- Royal Weddings
- His Majesty's Birthday
- Istiadat Meluaran (Royal Birth)
- Islamic New Year & Maulidur Rasul
- Other royal and national events



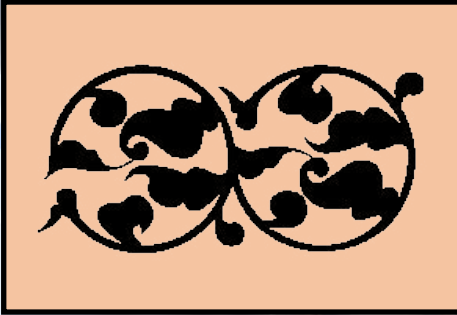
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NO. OF CANNON SHOTS

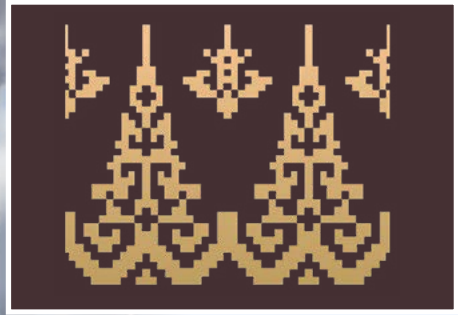
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| • Their Majesties | 21 |
| • Begawan Sultan, Suri Seri Begawan Raja | 19 |
| • The Crown Prince & wife | 19 |
| • Duli Pengiran Perdana Wazir & wife;
Duli Wazir & wife | 17 |
| • Royal-born Princes & Princesses | 17 |
| • Other Wazirs (of non-royal birth) | 12 |

Cannon Designs

Bruneian cannons are beautifully carved with traditional motifs:



Bunga Air Mulih (Floral motif)



Pucuk Rebung (Bamboo shoot pattern)

Legacy

These ceremonial cannons are a proud national treasure, preserving Brunei Darussalam's rich royal heritage.



Quiz!

How well do you understand the **article**?

1. How many cannon shots are fired during His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's birthday?

- A. 20 cannon shots
- B. 21 cannon shots
- C. 22 cannon shots
- D. 12 cannon shots



2. Choose a ceremony where a cannon is fired.

- A. Our Birthday
- B. Teachers' Day
- C. Istiadat Meluaran
- D. Adat Basuh Batis



3. How many cannon shots are fired in honour of the Crown Prince?

- A. 21 cannon shots
- B. 12 cannon shots
- C. 17 cannon shots
- D. 19 cannon shots



4. Which one of the following are distinctive design features of Brunei Darussalam's cannon?

- A. Bunga Air Mulih and Pucuk Rebung
- B. Pucuk Rebung and Pucuk Ubi
- C. Bunga Cempaka and bamboo
- D. Bunga Air Mulih and Pucuk Ubi



5. How many cannon shots are fired during the Maulidur Rasul celebration?

- A. 12 cannon shots
- B. 16 cannon shots
- C. 19 cannon shots
- D. 21 cannon shots

