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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and on his left British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher listening to speeches of other leaders at the closing ceremony of 27th CHOGM in Kuala Lumpur. Behind His Majesty is his youngest brother, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister.

## HM Sultan states Brunei Darussalam's views on world issues at CHOGM



### Dismantle apartheid, clearer perspective of the Kampuchean problem

**B**runei Darussalam has made clear its stand on various international issues at the Twenty-Seventh Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held for a week in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, from October 18.

Stating the Brunei Darussalam

position was His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Starting the executive session of CHOGM the day after it was officially opened, His Majesty among other issues, spoke out against the apartheid system in South Africa.

The Brunei ruler, saying that "the apartheid system of the racist regime in Pretoria has yet to be dismantled, called on the international community to continue to apply political and economic pressures on South Africa to dismantle apartheid once and for all."

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan welcomed the decision made by South Africa to end its illegal occupation of Namibia and he urged all parties concerned to continue working together for the full independence of Namibia as outlined in the United Nations' independence plan for that country.

On Kampuchea, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan said that although the recent conference in Paris did not achieve a comprehensive political settlement to the Kampuchean problem, it brought about a clearer perspective of the issues pertaining to the conflict.

"However, ASEAN will continue its endeavour to help find a solution and when the time is conducive, I am confident that a compromise, acceptable to all

parties concerned, can be found," HM the Sultan told the meeting.

His Majesty expressed ASEAN's appreciation to members of the Commonwealth for their continued support in the long search for peace in Kampuchea.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan noted that concrete efforts are being made to resolve other regional conflicts such as Afghanistan, between Iran and Iraq saying political dialogue, instead of confrontation, has now become widespread among adversaries.

In Afghanistan, the Soviets have withdrawn their troops, although a political and durable peace remains to be achieved; said the Brunei ruler.

His Majesty went on to say that the process of reconciliation continues between Iran and Iraq

following the cessation of hostility between the two countries.

But on the Middle-east question, His Majesty warned that the "inadequate measures to solve the Palestinian problem will only perpetuate violence and fighting in the occupied territories."

"We must urge the parties concerned to come together and resolve the problem through peaceful negotiations."

The Brunei ruler had earlier welcomed the improvements in the international situation resulting from the easing of tension between the superpowers.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan joined other Commonwealth leaders in welcoming Pakistan's return to the Commonwealth.

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## Brunei Darussalam boosts military with huge arms purchase from Britain

Fighter aircraft in RBAF in 1992



**T**he defence capability of Brunei Darussalam will be further strengthened come 1992.

That is the date when a squadron of fighter aircraft will be making its appearance in the country's armed forces for the first time.

Under a multi-million dollar defence purchase package with Britain, the Sultanate is to purchase 16 Hawk-100 light-attack jet fighters, announced in a statement recently.

A protocol for the purchase was signed days earlier in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Signing for the Brunei Darussalam government was the Deputy Defence Minister, Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu while the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Ex-

cellency Mr. Roger Westbrook signed for Britain.

Made by British Aerospace Industries, the Hawk jet-fighters will be operational in early 1992.

Under the same arms purchase package, Brunei Darussalam will also acquire three missile-equipped patrol boats from another British firm, Vosper Thornycraft.

The Brunei Darussalam Deputy Defence Minister said that the purchase of the arms, apart from strengthening the Sultanate's defence capability, would also partly contribute to regional security.

The Deputy Defence Minister also announced the purchases of a fleet of four training aircraft from Italy, and as many maritime patrol aircraft from Indonesia.

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## 75,000 Muslims join Maulud rallies

# HM Sultan speaks out against religious disobedience and tells Brunei Muslims to keep a distance from such action.

**I**n a massive show of faith and their firm belief in Islam, about 75,000 Muslims took part in rallies and processions marking Maulud Nabi Muhammad S.A.W. (anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad) held simultaneously in four major towns in Brunei Darussalam on October 12.

The largest gathering at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin in the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, heard His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam speak out against religious disobedience.

His Majesty said that disavowal such as drug abuse, taking alcoholic drinks and other anti-social behaviours stem from life styles that disregard religious values.

"A large part of such disobedience does not originate from the traditions of our cultures or race, but some are incoming influences and they contaminate our society," the Brunei ruler said.

His Majesty urged all Muslims to be on guard always and keep away from all forms of disobedience.

The Sultan said in this era and age, all kinds of negative elements exist but by the Grace of Allah the Almighty, Brunei Darussalam for its part has managed to keep at bay and overcome them due to our firm belief in Islam and also by holding firmly to such values as mutual

respect, unity and understanding.

The theme of this year's celebration that "to avoid disobedience is the source of wellbeing" is most appropriate for it strengthens our will to eliminate all the evils of society that are prohibited by Islam regardless of whether "they are committed openly or committed discreetly such as drug abuse, consuming intoxicating drinks and other anti-social behaviours," said His Majesty.

His Majesty emphasised that behaviours and actions which have negative elements are a poison that can threaten the stability of the country and jeopardise the wellbeing of the people.

The Sultan pointed out that the government will continue untiringly to give understanding to the people about the dangers of these scourges.

His Majesty reiterated the importance of giving proper guidance to young people so they will understand the adverse consequences of disobedience.

"I hope all efforts and activities will be concentrated towards achieving a balance between physical development and spiritual development."

His Majesty had earlier expressed hope that the rallies and processions will help to guide young people towards inculcating a spirit of love for the Prophet Muhammad and the religion the Prophet represented.

Before leading the procession on the six-kilometre route around the capital, the Brunei monarch spent about 30 minutes meeting and talking to the leaders of the 158 teams taking part.

His Majesty was accompanied by his three brothers, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisura Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

In line with its religious and solemn nature, the celebration began with a Koran reading presentation and this was followed by a welcoming speech from the Minister of Religious Affairs, Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain bin Haji Serudin.

A special talk on the significance of the celebration's theme was given by the Deputy State Mufti, Pehin Tuan Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned.

The celebration marking the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muhammad is one of the biggest annual events in Brunei Darussalam, reflecting the strength of Islam in the Sultanate.

Islam was declared the official religion in Brunei Darussalam in the 1959 Brunei Constitution.

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The celebrations in the other towns - namely Kuala Belait, Tutong and Bangar were just as colourful as in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The chief guests - the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Chuchu in Kuala Belait, the Permanent Secretary at the Health Ministry, Pengiran Dato Paduka Mohd. Yassin in Tutong and the Permanent Secretary at the Home Affairs Ministry, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Omar all spoke on matters pertaining to the theme of the celebration.

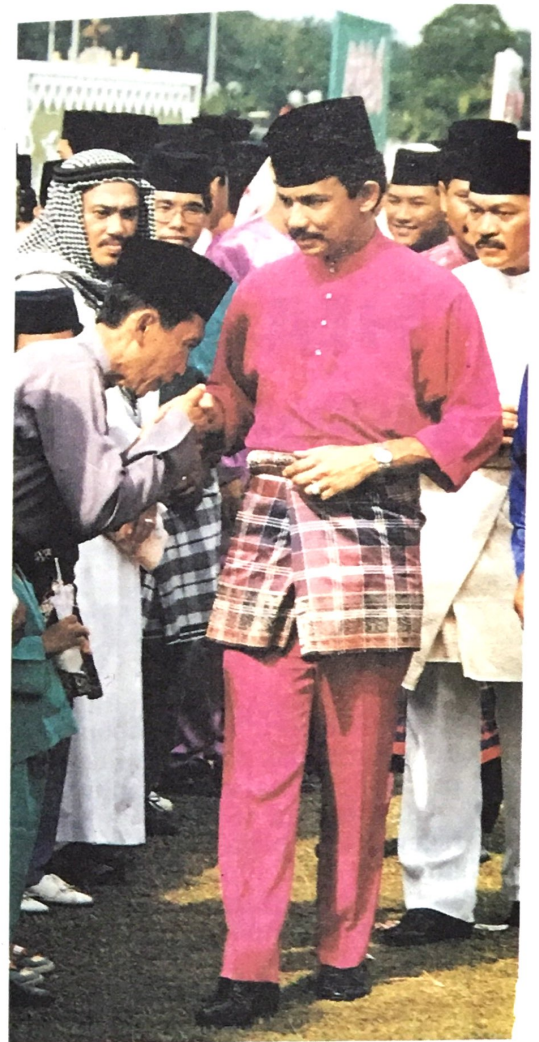
In Kuala Belait, the gathering of more than 11,000 Muslims heard the chief guest issue a reminder for them not to be influenced and misled by

negative elements which are always seeping in as the country progresses with its modernisation.

In Tutong, the chief guest among other things reminded the more than 8,000 Muslims attending the rally that a large number of accidents on Brunei Darussalam roads were caused by drunkenness.

In Bangar, the more than 3,000 Muslims taking part in the gathering heard the chief guest speak of the government's efforts in providing various facilities, especially for youths, to enable them contribute to the nation and religion.

He also reminded youths not to be involved in activities that are damaging to themselves and to the country.



Above: His Majesty meets team leaders taking part in the Maulud gathering. Above left: His Majesty the Sultan leads the Maulud procession around the Brunei Darussalam capital.



School children made up a large part of Muslims who converged at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin for the Maulud rally.



# Coveted UN honour goes to Brunei Darussalam

**I**t was history in the making at the United Nations for Brunei Darussalam this year.

Proving itself to be a highly respected member, the Sultanate was elected to the high office of the Vice-Presidency - one of twenty one nations to be extended the honour at the forty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly, UNGA, which opened in New York in September.

Twenty-one countries are elected as Vice-Presidents of UNGA each year, out of which five seats are allocated to the Asian Group, five seats to the African Group, one seat to the East European Group, three seats to the Latin American Group and

2 seats to the Western European group and other states.

The election is proof of the Sultanate's capability in shouldering its responsibility as one of the members of the United Nations.

It is also testimony of the trust and recognition the international community has on Brunei Darussalam, which only joined the world body as its 159th member in 1984 - making it one of the youngest members.

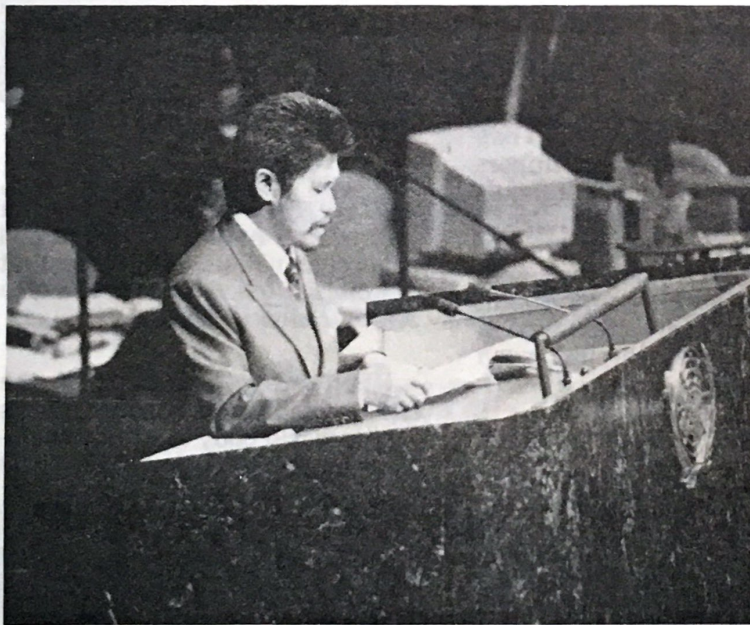
Brunei Darussalam was elected Vice-President for the Asian Group alongside Kuwait, Papua New Guinea, Iran and Iraq.

Other elected Vice-Presidents

are The Congo, Gambia, Morocco, Sudan and Zimbabwe from the African Group, while Poland filled the only seat allocated for the East European Group.

Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia and Costa Rica were made Vice-Presidents from Latin America with Luxembourg and Norway getting the honour from the Western European Group.

Brunei Darussalam made its voice heard strongly at the latest session of UNGA on current international issues through its Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah delivers his address at UNGA's forty-fourth session.

**B**runei Darussalam has again strongly condemn Israel's continued aggressive policy and its refusal to recognise the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, PLO.

Making the Sultanate's voice heard at the forty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, His Royal

Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, said that the negative attitude of the Israelis, especially towards the convening of an international conference, will only lead to an escalation of violence in the occupied ter-

ritories.

"The cries for justice and freedom in the occupied Palestinian territories continue to fall on deaf ears," said HRH, reminding that the Palestinian problem remained a matter of great concern to the international community.

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"My delegation feels that the proposed international conference would be useful in bringing all parties to the negotiating table," he stressed.

Israel has up till now refused to sit in the same negotiating table with the PLO despite repeated international calls for it do so.

The Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Foreign Minister also reaffirmed the Sultanate's view that the PLO should be included as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian problem was just one of the many conflicts of the world over which His Royal Highness expressed concern, saying "despite increasing international efforts, peace and stability had not been achieved in such areas as the Middle-East, South Africa and Kampuchea".

On the 14 year-old crisis in Lebanon, His Royal Highness said Brunei Darussalam welcomed efforts by the Arab League to appoint a tripartite commission made up of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria to mediate in the dispute.

"The intensity of the conflict in Lebanon saddens us. The International Community watches in horror as the population endures daily carnage," Prince Haji Mohamed told the UN General Assembly.

He urged those that have influence on the warring parties to find a way to end the Lebanese conflict.

In Afghanistan, he said, the Soviets have withdrawn their troops, although a political settlement and durable peace remain to be achieved.

He also referred to the Iran-Iraq war, saying although it has stopped, the process of reconciliation has been very slow.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah expressed regret that the recent international conference in Paris did not bring about a comprehensive settlement to the Kampuchean problem.

"The lack of success should be attributed as much to the absence of political will and unwillingness to compromise, as to failure to subordinate sectional interests to greater national interests", he said.

Among the reasons for the failure of the Paris Talks was because the parties concerned in the conflict could not agree on the elements and terms of a lasting peace.

"At the Paris Conference the parties concerned did not speak the language of reconciliation; rather suspicion and rivalry predominated," remarked the minister.

His Royal Highness who has repeatedly stressed on the importance of peaceful means in settling conflicts said that although the conference failed in achieving solution, the fact that it was convened, reflected the commitment of the international community in resolving disputes through such peaceful means.

This commitment should not be abandoned, he urged.

Turning his attention to Africa, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah described "the apartheid system of the racist regime in South Africa" as another depressing problem and one which continued to challenge the UN.

"The regime not only arrogantly and stubbornly refuses the international calls to dismantle its evil system but also uses a policy of aggression to oppress the black population."

He reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam's support for the international community in calling on South Africa to stop its racist policy of apartheid and to grant the majority black South Africans their basic rights to equal opportunities and equal participation in the political process.

"We would also like to reaffirm our support for the imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions on South Africa," HRH said.

On a brighter note, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister observed that the easing of tension between the superpowers had gained momentum as demonstrated by the summits between the US and the USSR, and between the USSR and China.

Brunei Darussalam, he said, looked forward to Namibia becoming a fully independent and sovereign nation. He hoped that Namibia will be able to hold a free and fair election.

HRH urged members of the United Nations to support efforts by the world body to achieve solutions to the various conflicts.

# Universities agree on exchanges

The University of Brunei Darussalam, UBD, and the Centre of Islamic Studies of Britain's Oxford University have signed an agreement which provides, among other matters, for both universities to exchange teaching and research staff, the consultation of academic services and the exchange of students.

Signing for the UBD was its Vice-Chancellor, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, who is also the Minister of Education, while Dr. Farhan Ahmad Nizam,

Director for the Centre of Islamic Studies, represented Oxford University.

The University of Brunei Darussalam has also exchanged similar agreements with the National University of Singapore and the National University of Malaysia.

The UBD hopes that such agreements could also be established with other higher institutions of learning to boost its image in the academic world as well as to foster academic cooperation.



## Nearly 100 graduate from technology institute



Awaiting their turn patiently to receive their diplomas are pioneer graduates of the Brunei Institute of Technology.

# Brunei Institute of Technology strives to meet Sultanate's technical manpower needs

**T**he Brunei Darussalam Ministry of Education is making arrangement to make Science a subject on its own at primary level and to make it a separate examination subject in the Primary Certificate of Education examination, PCE.

Presently, Science is only a part of the General Paper in the PCE.

The move was announced by the Education Minister, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz in his address at the first convocation ceremony of the Brunei Institute of Technology, ITB, held at the International Convention Centre at Berakas at the end of September.

In his address before he presented diplomas to ninety-eight ITB graduates, the minister said the teaching of science as a single subject will start next year and it will become a separate examination subject from 1992.

He said this would help the country move towards 'High Technology'.

Said Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, "As a small country with a small population, we have no other options except, among other steps, to move towards high technology which would enable human resources to be used economically, taking into account the maximum capability of every manpower."

"We must obtain maximum benefit out of every available manpower through appropriate technology. Hence, it is vital for our children to be given more suitable study subjects as an early preparation for our going towards high technology," added the minister.

Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abdul Aziz congratulated the graduates and advised them to give their service to both to the public sector and the private sector.

He also urged the private sector to continue to be accommodating towards the graduates and he thanked those in the private sector which had taken them in for

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their industrial attachment which made up part of their courses.

Ninety-eight graduates from the first and second intakes received their Higher National Diplomas after completing 30-month courses at ITB.

Forty three of these received their Diplomas in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, 32 in Computer Studies and 23 in Business and Financial Studies.

The Brunei Institute of Technology was established in 1986, offering technical and business management courses with a view to meeting some of the country's needs in these areas.

The pioneer intake began courses in January, 1986, and the second intake in October the same year.

To date, ITB has had four intakes of students and will shortly begin recruitment for the fifth intake.

Apart from the long-term courses, the institute through its Department of Business Management also offers short courses which are carefully designed to meet the needs of the local and national business community.

A comprehensive consultancy service is also made available by the institute for industrial, commercial and service organisations in the private and public sectors.

Already about 80 percent of the graduates have found employment, and 30 percent of these have taken up employment with the private sector.

The Higher National Diplomas for the Brunei Institute of Technology are issued by the Business and Technical Education Council in London, BTEC. These diplomas are of the same standard as diplomas of similar institutions in the United Kingdom.



One of the Brunei Institute of Technology's men graduates receiving his HND during its first convocation ceremony.



The Education Minister, Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Aziz presents the HND to one of the ITB women graduates.

## Traditional songs workshop

Efforts are on-going in Brunei Darussalam to maintain and uphold its wealth of culture and traditional heritage.

In the latest efforts to this end, a one-day workshop on Brunei traditional songs was held in Bandar Seri Begawan on September 28, which was attended by 18 government officials.

The workshop was designed to inculcate awareness and a greater sense of appreciation of Brunei traditional songs among the younger generation.

The workshop was organised jointly by the Establishment Department and the Ministry of Culture, Youths and Sports.



**H**er Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha has attended a function marking the 1989 Girl Guides Day, which fell on October 8. At the function, held at the banquet hall of the Lapau in Bandar Seri Begawan, Her Majesty called on the Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Association, of which she is patron, to renew their determination in cooperating with the public especially in welfare activities. Her Majesty said this will help instil caring attitudes among members of the association as well as inculcate their interest in charitable community works. The Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Association was founded in 1951 and presently has more than 2,500 members throughout the country.



## HM Sultan receives credentials of envoys from Egypt and Bangladesh

**T**wo new envoys have presented their credentials to His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

In separate ceremonies at Istana Nurul Iman, the Brunei ruler received the credentials of the Arab Republic of Egypt's ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Nazmi Moustafa Kamel and Bangladesh's High Commissioner, His Excellency Major General Mohammad Anwar Hussain, both of whom are based in Kuala Lumpur.

The presentation took place on October 7. His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Nazmi Moustafa Kamel, 55, has served in Egypt's diplomatic missions in Bonn, New Delhi and Athens. He has also been his country's ambassador to Libreville Gabon from 1984 to



HE Major General Mohammad Anwar Hussain is Bangladesh's new High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

1987.

His previous appointment was that of Director of the Legal Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo.

His Excellency Major General Mohammad Anwar Hussain is 51.



The Arab Republic of Egypt's ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, HE Mr. Ahmed Nazmi Moustafa Kamel.

A graduate of the University of Dhaka, His Excellency has held a number of top military posts. Before his appointment as High Commissioner, His Excellency Major General Mohammad Anwar Hussain was Chief of Staff of the Bangladesh Armed Forces



# His Majesty the Sultan holds bilateral talks with several Commonwealth leaders in Kuala Lumpur

The further promotion of bilateral cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and Britain was a topic of discussion between His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher when the two leaders met in Kuala Lumpur recently while attending the Twenty-Seventh Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

During the 30 minute meeting, the two leaders also exchanged views on regional and international issues including the continuing tension in the Middle-east, in particular the still unresolved Palestinian problem.

The British Prime Minister was just one of a number of leaders attending CHOGM to whom His Majesty granted audiences.

Within the Asian context, the two leaders discussed the future

of Hongkong, which is to return to the People Republic of China's rule in 1997. They also touched on the problem of Vietnamese refugees, whose number is ever-increasing.

Other Commonwealth leaders who had an audience with the Brunei leader included President Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh, during which issues of common interest were high on the agenda.

Brunei Darussalam and Bangladesh have established diplomatic relations since 1984. Currently, a sizeable number of Bangladesh citizens are working in the Sultanate.

The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sir Anerood Jugnauth also had an audience with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan.

According to officials, the two countries are looking into the possibility of establishing diplomatic relations.

The Brunei ruler also granted an audience to the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Mr. Rabbie Namaliu.

The two countries have already established diplomatic relations, and the Brunei Darussalam ambassador to Indonesia is also currently accredited to Port Moresby.

Other leaders who saw His Majesty for bilateral meetings also included the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr. Robert Mugabe.

As with Mr. Rabbie Namaliu, His Majesty discussed matters of common interest with Mr. Mugabe.

Although Brunei Darussalam and Zimbabwe have not established diplomatic ties yet, they have forged relations through the Commonwealth and the United Nations. Also having an audience with the Brunei ruler during CHOGM was the Indian Foreign Minister, Mr. Narashima Rao.

## CHOGM's communique covers a spectrum of events and issues, but stance on South Africa and environment most prominent.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government met in Kuala Lumpur from 18 October to 24 October, 1989 for the Twenty-Seventh Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, CHOGM.

A total of 46 countries attended the biennial summit - no less than 35 of these were represented by Heads of Government or Prime Ministers.

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, accompanied by



The Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad officially opens the 27th CHOGM at the PWTC in Kuala Lumpur.

Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam, was at the head of the Brunei Darussalam delegation to make the country's third appearance at CHOGM since it became a member of the Commonwealth in 1985.

The meeting was officially opened amid much pomp and ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad with calls for continued pressures against South Africa's racist regime, saving the environ-



ment and an end to trade protectionism, among other issues.

Brunei Darussalam, for its part, shares similar views with other Commonwealth members on these subjects.

## Apartheid

His Majesty the Sultan has repeatedly condemned and called for an end to the apartheid system in South Africa at various regional and international fora, including the recent CHOGM.

Along with His Majesty, the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Mugabe, President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Brian Mulroney to name a few, were among some of the most vocal against apartheid.

The Heads of Government issued a separate document on the stance they adopted on South Africa, calling it 'The Kuala Lumpur Statement' which was included as part of the communique proper issued at the end of CHOGM.

The communique said the Heads of Government continued to view the system of apartheid in South Africa as a serious challenge to the values and principles of the Commonwealth and reaffirmed that the total eradication of apartheid remained their shared responsibility and common goal.

Dr. Kenneth Kaunda told delegates at CHOGM that up to 1.5 million citizens of countries bordering South Africa have been killed in apartheid-related violence during the past eight years.

These countries which make up a grouping known as Front-Line States of which the Zambian leader is Chairman, are Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Botswana and Tanzania.

The communique said the Heads of Government, in considering the way forward, reiterated their preference for a negotiated and peaceful settlement.

In considering what further steps they might take to advance the prospects for negotiations, the commonwealth leaders agreed



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and other Commonwealth leaders make their way to the Merdeka Hall of the PWTC for the opening of CHOGM.

that this was not the time to consider any relaxation of existing sanctions and pressures.

They agreed that all existing sanctions and measures should be maintained and they called upon the wider international community to do likewise.

They also agreed, with the exception of Britain, that such measures should be tightened by means of forms of new financial pressure on the Pretoria regime and the strengthening of the arms embargo.

## Environment

The Commonwealth leaders felt strongly about the need to preserve the environment that at the end of their meeting, a separate document was also issued on the environment known as 'The Langkawi Declaration On Environment' which provides for a wide programme of action.

Brunei Darussalam has supported the views and efforts of Commonwealth members to save the environment, said a senior Brunei official in Kuala Lumpur as the environment question was being debated.

The official added that the Sultanate has always given unanimous support towards inter-

national efforts to help bring an end to the destruction caused by environmental changes and their adverse effects on the lives of future generations.

The Langkawi Declaration, so named after the resort island where the leaders went for their traditional retreat midway of the meeting, was also included in the communique proper.

The communique said the Heads of Government discussed the subject of climate change on the basis of the Commonwealth Expert Group's Report.

Hence, the Secretary General is to form a panel of experts on the environment to monitor and evaluate climatic changes and other environmental issues.

The Commonwealth leaders also asked the Secretariat to strengthen its ability to assist governments in the environmental field to give effect to the Langkawi Declaration.

They noted with appreciation an offer from Guyana - a member of the Commonwealth - to set aside part of its Amazonian tropical forest for a pilot project to study utilisation of the forest and the conservation of species.

The communique further said that the leaders welcomed Australian offer of technical assistance to provide training for assessing the effects of climate change on rural land and productivity.

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Leaders of the Commonwealth attending the recent CHOGM in Kuala Lumpur pose for a group picture on board the HMV Britannia during a banquet hosted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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Canada's offer of 40 scholarships annually for five years on environmental studies was also appreciated by the leaders.

In his opening address, the Malaysian Prime Minister said

the environment is now a matter of grave concern to everyone including the developing countries.

"The degradation of the environment can no longer be ignored and urgent solutions must be found", he pointed out.

open trade, no protectionism

The Heads of Government emphasised the importance of an

open and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system for maintaining non-inflationary growth.

"Brunei Darussalam supports the concept of free market and trade", was how a senior Brunei

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His Majesty (second from left) along with other leaders listen to a speech from the outgoing Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Sir Shridath Ramphal.



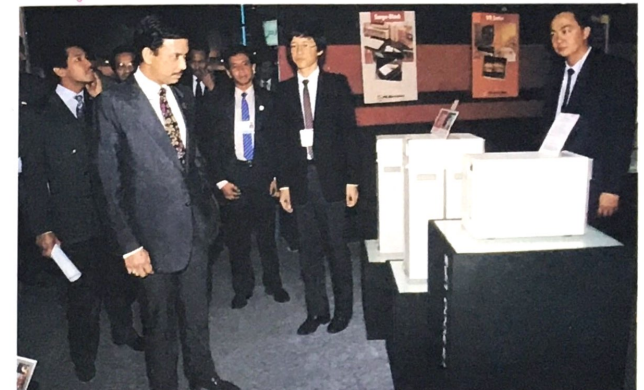
His Majesty the Sultan in serious discussion with other Commonwealth leaders including President Ershad of Bangladesh, seen on His Majesty's left.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and some of the other leaders of the Commonwealth performing the Friday mass prayer while attending CHOGM. On His Majesty's left is the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.



His Majesty the Sultan and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam arrive for the official opening of CHOGM at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Greeting them are the Malaysian Prime Minister (partly hidden) and his wife, Datin Paduka Dr. Siti Hasmah.



His Majesty joined other leaders on a tour of an exhibition put up during CHOGM in Kuala Lumpur. Behind His Majesty is his youngest brother, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister.



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**B**runei Darussalam and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan are expected to embark on a cooperation in Islamic matters following the signing of a draft agreement in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The agreement was signed early last month at the end of a three-day visit to the Sultanate by Jordan's Minister of Waqaf (Religious Endowment), His Excellency Dr. Abdel Aziz El-Khayat, who was accompanied by his wife and two daughters as well as the Jordanian ambassador to Indonesia, His Excellency Mr. Nayeb Malwa.

According to a senior Brunei Darussalam Religious Affairs Ministry Official, the draft agreement contains ways and means by which cooperation between the two countries, especially in Islamic matters, could be enhanced.

During the visit, the Jordanian Minister had an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at Istana Nurul Iman and met with Brunei Darussalam's Religious Affairs Minister, Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain bin Haji Serudin. He also visited various institutions including the

## Cooperation in Islamic matters



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam exchanges greetings with the visiting Jordanian Minister for Waqaf (Religious Endowment), Dr. Abdel Aziz El-Khayat.

Brunei Museum of Malay Technology and one of the Sultanate's major housing schemes.

In an interview shortly before he left for home, His Excellency Dr. Abdel Aziz El-Khayat said he

was impressed with the various developments which are taking place in Brunei Darussalam, including matters pertaining to religious affairs and developments of schools and other educational institutions.

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Darussalam official summed up the Sultanate's position on this issue.

The Commonwealth leaders deplored trade protectionism which is particularly damaging to some exports of developing countries.

The official said Brunei Darussalam's position is in line with that of ASEAN, which is against protectionism and trade discrimination.

He said the Sultanate believes in the free trade movement of goods, consistent to that of the Uruguay Round - a system which keeps the international trade open.

The communique went on to say that the Heads of Government noted the progress of a Single Market in the European Community, EC, in 1992 and

strengthened free trade between Canada and the United States.

The leaders welcomed the assurance of Canada that the pact with the United States will not restrict trade access for Commonwealth developing countries and Britain's assurance that it will endeavour to maintain access into the EC for exports from the Commonwealth countries.

Brunei Darussalam expressed concern over the Single Market issue of the European Community. Such as Single Market would result in the EC becoming a trading block.

Disclosing the Brunei Darussalam view, a senior official said he hoped discussions would be held between ASEAN and the EC to look into the matter further.

Brunei Darussalam's reaction came after a speech by the British

Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher at the first closed-door executive session of CHOGM.

### Drugs

Expressing their deep concern at the serious threats posed by drug abuse and illicit trafficking, and the special problems caused to states which have become transit points for illicit trafficking, the Heads of Government directed the Secretariat in collaboration with the appropriate United Nations agencies, to continue to organise training in such areas as customs and law enforcement, investigative methods, the collection of educational information on

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## Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister meets his Canadian opposite number



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, in discussion with the Canadian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Joe Clark.

Cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and Canada is expected to reach a new height following the visit to Ottawa last month of the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

The two-day visit came at the invitation of the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Joe Clark with whom His Royal Highness had discussions.

Canada is one of ASEAN's dialogue partners together with the United States, the European Community, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

ASEAN and Canada have an ongoing cooperation in various areas, notably since 1981 when they signed the ASEAN-Canada Economic Cooperation Agreement.

The agreement was renewed for a further period of two years from 1 June, 1989.

In a joint communique issued in Bandar Seri Begawan at the end of the annual ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Post-Ministerial Conference involving ASEAN's dialogue partners (AMM-PMC) in July, ASEAN Foreign Ministers expressed appreciation at

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His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah (second from left) and his wife, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Zariah together with other foreign ministers of ASEAN hosted a dinner during the United Nations General Assembly in New York recently.



Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam has been touring the Women Company of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces at the Bolkiah Camp. The occasion was the eighth anniversary of the formation of the RBAF's Women Company of which Her Royal Highness is the Colonel Commandant. Her Royal Highness toured various sections of the company and was briefed on various aspects of the company by senior officials. Women were first absorbed into the Royal Brunei Armed Forces in 1981 and today the women company has a total strength of 308 women.



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Canada's continuing development assistance to ASEAN projects and its decision to increase its financial commitment to the ASEAN-Canada Regional Training Programme.

'Much has been achieved since the ASEAN-Canada Agreement was signed in September 1981,' said Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah when he addressed the ASEAN-Canada Dialogue during the AMM-PMC.

He said both Canada and ASEAN share a common interest in developing human resources.

'We currently have a number of projects on human resources development which are expected to be implemented soon,' he disclosed.

His Royal Highness described the development cooperation as one of the most successful areas of ASEAN-Canada cooperation.

Bilateral trade between ASEAN and Canada has been on the steady increase yearly with 1988 seeing an increase of 33 percent with a total value of \$2.6 billion.

According to the Canadian Secretary of State For External

Affairs, Mr. Joe Clark, in his address at the dialogue, this could reach \$3 billion this year.

The bilateral trade between ASEAN and Canada in 1988 was heavily in ASEAN's favour, which enjoyed a surplus of \$300 million.

He called for continued efforts to fully exploit the industrial and economic relationship that existed between ASEAN and his country.

Mr. Clark said that the establishment of the Canada-ASEAN Centre in Singapore would provide understanding between the peoples of ASEAN and Canada and improve commercial activities.

'I see the centre and its activities as serving both your and our objectives,' Mr. Clark said.

According to Mr. Clark, education and training would form a large part of the centre's future work bringing together ASEAN and Canadian professionals as well as young people of both sides.

The Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah said that with the setting up of the centre, he expected that programme planning

and delivery will be greatly improved.

'In addition, with the presence of Canadian officials in the region, closer contacts between Canadian officials and ASEAN officials will be forged,' His Royal Highness pointed out.

Canada has also invited ASEAN to work more closely together in building a cleaner and safer environment for 'tomorrow and the tomorrows of our children.'

Mr. Clark said, 'We face severe and complex challenges on a number of environmental fronts, including global climate change, pollution of land and water, depletion of the world's tropical forests, and more generally, the test of how to achieve economic development without destroying our natural environment.'

Mr. Clark said he was heartened by the creation of a Committee of ASEAN Senior Officials on the environment and has directed his officials to look for ways to support this important initiative.

Before visiting Canada, His Royal Highness had attended the forty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York at which he spoke on a number of current world issues.



# Cooperate more with the government

**W**ith the fifth Five-Year National Development Plan coming to a close, a senior government official has called for greater cooperation from various bodies and individuals with the government in its efforts to build up a more diversified economy.

Speaking to some 150 Division 3 government officials attending a civic course recently, the Director of the Economic Planning Unit, Datin Paduka Hajjah Jusnani binti Haji Lawie echoed a call made by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan concerning the Sultanate's industrialisation plans.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan has pointed out that the responsibility to ensure success of the country's industrialisation plans was not the sole responsibility of the Industry and Primary Resources Ministry, but also of every citizen of the country, in particular government officials.

The official said that the government is now working towards the sixth Five-year National Development Plan for 1991-1995 as the current fifth Five-

Year Plan ends towards the end of next year.

She urged civil servants to give support to the forthcoming National Development Plan.

Previous Development Plans have been concerned with improving the infrastructure.

The current Five-Year Plan aims to develop export-oriented industries, maximise the use of natural resources, accelerate human resources development to meet the country's demand for an increasingly sophisticated economy, maintain full employment and increase the level of productivity.

The plan also aims to maintain a moderate rate of inflation, foster a dynamic, disciplined and responsible society with its citizens as agents for progress and development, encourage and nurture the development of Malays as leaders of industry and commerce and improve the quality of life of the people.

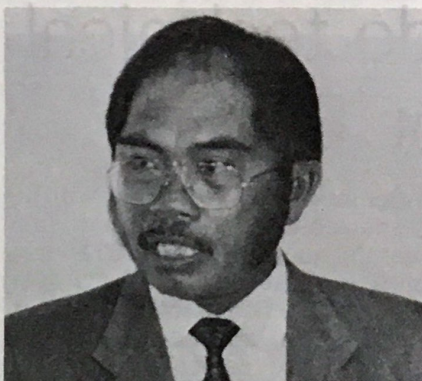
During the two-day course, the participants heard talks by senior government officials on such topics as the role of the govern-



Datin Paduka Hajjah Jusnani binti Haji Lawie, Brunei Darussalam's Director of Planning Unit urged Bruneians to rally behind the country's sixth Five-Year National Development Plan.

ment in maintaining peace and security of the country, the role of Islamic values in nation building and the responsibilities of government officials in curbing corruption and drug abuse.

It was organised by the Department of Broadcasting and Information with the aim of instilling among the participants a sense of responsibility towards peace and contributing to the progress of the country. It was also hoped that such course could instil a sense of responsibility towards the upholding of and a greater understanding of Malay Islamic Monarchy concept.



Deputy Education Minister, Dato Haji Ahmad Haji Jumat, speaking at the Fourth International ASEAN Youth Model Conference.

**T**he inclusion in schools in ASEAN countries of a curriculum which incorporates values that could instil awareness and loyalty towards regional groupings such as ASEAN itself, has been proposed by a senior Brunei official.

Voicing the matter, Brunei Darussalam's Deputy Minister of

## ASEAN Studies in universities proposed

Education, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Ahmad bin Haji Jumat said such an effort could be started in schools and his ministry could also assist in the promotion of such values in schools.

The Deputy Education Minister was speaking when he launched a week-long International ASEAN Youth Model Conference at the University of Brunei Darussalam, which was attended by 12 participants from universities in ASEAN as well as two observers each from Brunei Darussalam and Papua New Guinea.

The conference is an annual project sponsored by the Asian Foundation and the latest was the fourth to be held.

It aims to give opportunities to undergraduates from universities

in ASEAN to meet and discuss issues relating to ASEAN, and to strengthen relations among youths of ASEAN member countries. The conference also provides opportunities for youths to bring to the fore their leadership skills.

At the end of the conference, the participants signed a joint declaration which proposes, among other things, the establishment of a department for ASEAN Studies at all universities in the ASEAN countries, offering courses in the subject to undergraduates of the universities concerned.

In the statement, the participants also suggested exchanges of undergraduates among the universities.



# Intellectuals urged to play a major role in promotion of Malay Language

**I**ntellectuals play an important role in promoting the wide use of the Malay language not only in the South-East Asian region but also in the international scene.

The Deputy State Mufti, Pehin Tuan Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned made this statement when he delivered a talk on "The Role of Intellectuals in The Promotion of the Malay Language" organised by the Language and Literature Bureau recently.

The Deputy State Mufti highlighted that the Malay language could progress worldwide with the existing cooperation among Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam, as members of MABBIM - Council of the Malay Language of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia.

He urged intellectuals to take on a more progressive and systematic approach and measures to ensure the wide use of the Malay language. Their role in assuring that the Malay language become one of the significant languages in the world was also brought to light.

The talk was one of a series of activities organised by the Language and Literature Bureau to mark the 30th anniversary of the Malay language in the Brunei Constitution.

In another speech, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Chuchu called on the Malay community to take on the role of promoting the Malay language. He said the Malay language should be enhanced so that it could be used as a language for the intellect and in the field of knowledge.

Dato Paduka Haji Awang Chuchu was speaking at the launching of a four-day series of lectures on terminology.

In a television forum, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Abdul Razak bin Muhammad assured that the bilingual policy of the government does not intend to weaken the use of the Malay language. Rather, it aims to strengthen the use of it. Its principle objective, taken as a tem-

porary measure, is to speed up the transfer of high technology, a factor that is vital for the smooth success of the country's developments. The Permanent Secretary was referring to the use of the English language which received prominence in the bilingual policy.

The forum also spoke of the various roles and functions of the Education Ministry and the Language and Literature Bureau in the promotion of the Malay language. The part played by the Malay language as a pertinent and unifying factor among the non-Malays for joining the mainstream of society, was also highlighted.

More than 70 percent of the people in the country are using the Malay language. As stipulated in the Constitution, the Malay language is the official language of Brunei Darussalam. The use of the Malay language as the official language of administration and government also received the royal sanction from His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin



The Deputy State Mufti, Pehin Tuan Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned.

Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Dipertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Last year, His Majesty reminded his citizens of their responsibility towards using the Malay language in all official functions.

Apart from Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Indonesia, more than 150 million people around in the world are also using the Malay language.

## RBA to provide technical service for RNA

**R**oyal Brunei Airlines, RBA, has signed an agreement to provide technical support and heavy maintenance for Royal Nepal Airlines, RNA.

The agreement was signed in Bandar Seri Begawan on 15th September by Royal Brunei's Managing Director, Pg. Haji Tengah bin Pg. Dato Paduka Haji Metassim and Royal Nepal Airline's Managing Director, Mr. B.R. Singh. The RNA team also included Mr. M.B. Mathema, (Tech Director), Mr. K.L. Joshi (Technical Advisor) and Mr. D.B. S. Thapa (Legal Adviser).

Royal Brunei's Engineering Department was represented by Acting Engineering Manager, Mr. Tony Griffiths and Technical Adviser, Mr. Dick Webster.

Under the terms of the new

agreement, Royal Brunei will be responsible for providing line maintenance, including 300 hourly checks at Katmandhu for Royal Nepal's two B757 aircraft and for liaison with, and certification of maintenance contractors around Royal Nepal's network of 11 foreign destinations.

The aircraft's 3,000 hourly checks will be undertaken at Bandar Seri Begawan.

Royal Brunei's support function will also include responsibility for all Royal Nepal's technical records, technical services, maintenance planning, documentation control, quality assurance, supplies, stores and component overhaul and for technical training. Royal Nepal's own technical capability will be progressively upgraded.



**I**n a concerted effort to strengthen relations with their counterparts in Brunei Darussalam, a group of 20 youths from Japan's Kanagawa district made a goodwill visit to Bandar Seri Begawan recently.

Led by Mr. Yoshii Susumu, the Japanese youths were in Brunei Darussalam for four days as guests of Bersatu the association of ex-participants of the Ship for Southeast Asian Youths Programme (SSEAY).

While in the Sultanate, the visitors held friendly sports matches against teams from Bersatu and the Brunei Youth Council, and visited several places of interest.

They also paid courtesy call on the Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Selamat bin Haji Munap and were entertained to a reception at the Youth Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan by the President of the Brunei Youth Council, Pengiran Badaruddin bin Pengiran Ghani.

The Director of Welfare, Youth and Sports Department, Pengiran Asmalee bin Pengiran Ahmad also hosted a reception for the visiting Japanese youths.

A large contingent of Brunei youths takes part in SSEAY an-

## Japanese-Brunei youths strive to strengthen relations



Some of the Japanese youths paying a courtesy call on the Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Selamat bin Haji Munap.

nually on an educational voyage that brings them together with Japanese youths as well as youths from the ASEAN region.

Also each year, another group of Brunei youths go to Japan to take part in the Youth In The Twenty First Century Programme.

## More landing rights sought for smaller airlines

**D**eveloped nations which are practising protectionist policies have been urged to be more liberal towards the developing countries.

These developed nations, in particular the giant international airlines, have also been persuaded to give more traffic rights to developing countries and their small airlines.

The call was made by the Minister of Communications of Negara Brunei Darussalam, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Zakaria bin Datu Mahawangsa Haji Sulaiman, at the 27th conference of the International Civil Aviation in Montreal, Canada recently.



The Visiting Japanese youths taking a close look at the Sinaut Agriculture Training Centre.



# US naval and police personnel visit Brunei Darussalam

**A**n American naval ship, the USS Robert E Peary arrived Monday morning 11 September, 1989 for a four-day goodwill visit to Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Shahri bin Haji Mohammad Ali and several senior officials of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces' Navy, welcomed the Ship's Commanding Officer, Commander David Brown and his crew of more than 200, at the Flotilla base in Muara. Also present was the Charge d'Afaires of the American Embassy, Mr James Wojtasiewicz.

Commander Brown also paid a courtesy call on the Deputy Commander of the Task Force, Yang Di-Muliakan Pehin Dato Harimau Padang Colonel Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Hussein bin Haji Ahmad.

During their stay, the Americans held several games with their hosts. The ship was also opened to the public for two days.

As the RBAF's navy played host to the crew of the USS Robert E. Peary, the Royal Brunei Police also played host to a group of visiting police personnel, also from the United States.

The group, comprising 16 serving and retired police official was from the California Police Association and was led by Professor Richard Grace.

It was on an unofficial tour of Southeast Asia and while in Brunei Darussalam, members of the delegation were able to watch weaponry and riot drills put up by their Brunei counterparts and visit the Police Training Centre at Gadong.

They also heard briefings on the history of the formation of the Royal Brunei Police and on its role and organisation.



The US Navy Ship, the USS Robert E. Peary prepares to berth at RBAF'S naval base at Muara. A contingent of RBAF'S naval personnel forms an honour guard to greet her.



Members of the California Police Association being briefed on various aspects of the Royal Brunei Police by acting head of public relations, Senior Superintendent Lim Pang Kit (extreme left).



# Voyage gives youths opportunities to learn each other's way of life

**N**IPPON MARU - the Japanese ship carrying some 250 ASEAN and Japanese youths on an educational and goodwill cruise is now about half-way of its seven-week voyage to all the ASEAN capitals and Tokyo.

The youths, thirty-five of them from Brunei Darussalam, are taking part in the annual Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme, SSEAY. This year's is the 16th programme.

With Brunei Darussalam being the assembly point this year, participants from the other five ASEAN member countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and from Thailand as well as those from Japan converged on Bandar Seri Begawan to join their Brunei counterparts.

Before Nippon Maru set sail from Muara port on October 8, the visiting youths spent several days staying with foster families in Brunei Darussalam, an opportunity designed to give them a glimpse of the various aspects of the Brunei ways of life, cultures, customs and traditions.

The Brunei youths and their counterparts are being extended the same opportunities in each of the other capital cities they visit during the voyage.

On board the ship itself, the youths are given various educational programmes and discussions as well as sporting activities.

In Brunei Darussalam, the youths had an audience with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's eldest son, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda



During an audience with His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah at Istana Nurul Iman, the national youth leaders of countries taking part in SSEAY presented HRH with souvenirs.



Happy faces as participants prepare to hit the high seas.

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Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Ali bin Haji Mohd. Daud.

## Poetry recital night can help promote understanding

**F**riendly relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan could be further fostered and efforts towards peace and Islamic unity could be achieved through such functions as the recitation of Islamic Poetry, jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Writers' Association, Asterawani.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Ali bin Haji Awang Mohd. Daud expressed this hope when he spoke at the recitation of Islamic poetry in Bandar Seri Begawan recently.

The Deputy Minister also said that the decision in declaring the



Participants from the seven countries taking part in SSEAY attending a gathering in Bandar Seri Begawan.

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Al-Muhtadee Billah at Istana Nurul Iman.

They also visited places of interest in the Sultanate.

During a gathering with the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussein, the youths were reminded that they should be able to share similar aspirations and objectives with their leaders in ASEAN.

The minister told them that it was important that youths understand these aspirations and aims so that any ASEAN project, which carries with it certain

predetermined objectives, could be achieved successfully and effectively.

Speaking before the ship sailed off from Muara, the Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Selamat bin Haji Munap told the youths that the programme is neither a circus nor a holiday on the cheap, but a way to help the young people learn more about the world and develop their leadership skills.

The SSEAY is sponsored by the Japanese government with the aim to promote and strengthen friendship and mutual understanding among youths of ASEAN and Japan.

Malay Language as the official language of Brunei Darussalam has secured not only the sovereignty of the Malay Language but also assured the preservation of Malay culture and tradition.

The High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Sardar Ahmad said he was greatly pleased with the first ever "intellectual and literary meeting" between Pakistan and Brunei Darussalam.

The gathering heard the recitation of several poems from both countries.

Pakistan presented poems by the well-renowned Dr. Allama Mohammad Iqbal, the Poet Laurette of Pakistan, whose

reputed works have been translated into English, German, Persian, Arabic and other languages. According to His Excellency Mr. Sardar Ahmad, the separate homeland for Pakistan was conceived by the poet who was also a great philosopher and visionary.

The gathering also heard, among others from Brunei Darussalam the Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin, reciting a poem.

The guest-of-honour, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and his wife were later shown to an exhibition of some Pakistani handicrafts.



# Lawn bowling makes its appearance in Brunei Darussalam

**T**he popularity of Lawn bowling in Brunei is being put to the test.

The sports was introduced in the Sultanate for the first time last month with the opening of a lawn at the Welfare, Youth and Sports Complex in Jalan Berakas.

The Welfare, Youth and Sports Department's acting Chief Sports officer, Awang Jefri Haji Mohamad launched the sports, during which nine matches were held-organised jointly by the Berakas Lawn Bowling Club and the Royal Brunei Airlines Bowling Club.

Played in doubles and in teams of three players formats, the winners of the competition received return air tickets to Indonesia.

As part of the moves to coax participation from people in the newly-introduced game in Brunei Darussalam, the lawn is open to members of the public on Mondays and Tuesdays during which they can receive coaching from instructors.

## Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam* newsletter will appear during the second week of December 1989. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel: 02-25941 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by November 20, 1989. All editorial rights reserved.

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drugs, the rehabilitation of addicts and the implementation of the relevant international conventions.

They supported laws to attack drug traffickers and money-laundering, including confiscation of illicit assets of convicted drug traffickers.

The Heads of Government expressed strong support for the Government of Colombia in its fight against the drug problem, and stood ready to provide what assistance they could.

This year's CHOGM saw the election of Chief Emeka Anyaoku of Nigeria as the new Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. He takes over from Sir Shridath Ramphal, who has been in the chair for the past 15 years.

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, 56, has been with the Commonwealth Secretariat for 24 years, during half of which he has served as Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

## Other issues

The meeting also dealt with a host of other issues and in the

## Brunei Malay in a minute

*Each month we introduce readers to common Brunei Malay words as used in the State. This month the word selected is cakah.*

**Cakah** means hard-working or love to do work. Cakah also means recovery from illness or being active and fit, for women, not long after giving birth. Cakah means **rajin** in its common usage in standard Malay.

*Let us use the word in a sentence :*

*Aminah sudah kelihatan cakah walaupun baru beberapa hari melahirkan anak.*

*Aminah looked active and fit in spite of giving birth quite recently.*



communiqué, Heads of Government called for a priority programme to repatriate all Vietnamese from Southeast Asian camps who are not regarded as genuine refugees.

The communiqué said the continuing exodus of boat people from Vietnam had imposed an insuperable burden on countries of the region.

Concern was expressed at the dangerous tensions arising from the unresolved problems of the Middle East, especially the Palestinian issue.

The Commonwealth leaders welcomed the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East with participation of the Palestinian and they supported the efforts of the Arab League Committee of Three to resolve the Lebanon crisis.

The leaders noted recent significant developments in Southeast Asia and the growing recognition that the only means of ensuring a just and durable peace in Cambodia and stability in the region was through a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian problem.

They reaffirmed their support for the right of the Cambodian people to determine their own destiny free from interference.

On Afghanistan, the leaders welcomed the withdrawal of Soviet troops and called for an early start of an intra-Afghanistan dialogue for the establishment of a broad-based government.

References were also made to Hongkong.

The leaders recognised the importance of Hongkong's continued success as an international financial and trading centre and acknowledged concerns of the people of Hongkong.

They agreed that those in a position to do so would assist in any way possible in promoting the continued prosperity of Hongkong.

Heads of Government of the Commonwealth will hold their next meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe in 1991 after they accepted invitation from the Government of Zimbabwe to hold the meeting there.



# Jaring - tasty to eat and has good medicinal values, too



The curled pods which strongly lobe at each reddish brown edible seed is locally known as *jaring* and sometimes is also called *gapis*.

*Jaring* is gathered from a medium-size tree with a large crown, botanically known as *Pithecelloium jiringa* and belongs to the *Leguminosae* family.

The seed which is eaten raw dipped into a sauce of shrimp paste relish is considered to be a delicacy at the dinner table amongst Bruneians despite its strong bitter flavour.

It is believed that *jaring* has a therapeutic value in the folk

medicine for combating diabetes and hypertension.

However, eater would reek a nauseous odour (similar to the effect of garlic) after consuming the reddish brown stuff, and not only that, they would also likely end up with *jaring-jaringan* (difficulty to pass urine) if *jaring* is consumed excessively at one time.

As a precaution to remedy the situation, a decoction made from *jaring* root would do to ease one from *jaring-jaringan* or if it is hard for one to look for *jaring* root then soda water taken in large quantities as an antidote will be good enough.

Beside the seed of *Pithecelloium jiringa*, its astringent bark made into a decoction is also a remedy for resisting both disease being mentioned above earlier.

The astringent bark is also a remedy for dental caries. How? It is simple. A strip of the bark about four finger wide and a short length boiled with burnt coconut shell made into a warm gargle is the answer.

*Jaring* is sometimes cultivated but more commonly the pods are gathered from the forest.

In season the pods are readily available in open air markets or from fruit vendors.

## BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	241,400 (1988)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
September 1989 rain fall :	345.30 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

## PRIME LENDING RATE

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

