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Laws to be brought in line with Islam

The laws in Brunei Darussalam are to be streamlined to bring them in line with the Islamic faith. Moves to achieve this goal are now underway. This was announced by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his address to the nation in conjunction with Hijrah 1411, the new Islamic year, which corresponded with 23 July, 1990. Among other things, the Brunei ruler said, "A committee has been formed and is now functioning with the assistance of an expert in that field." "The objective is to review existing laws to determine their consistency with Islamic teachings and to ensure their suitability with local conditions and requirements." Islam, His Majesty reaffirmed, assures the security for all, regardless of colour or race. Islam has also been successful in providing a firm and strong foundation for Brunei Darussalam. The faith has also brought peace and prosperity to the country. Islam, His Majesty went on, as a faith, has proven to be excellent and just in providing a com-



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam speaks of Brunei's Law to being streamlined to conform more closely with Islam.

plete way of life. It is therefore for this reason and consistent with the position of Islam as the official religion of this country, that the Committee has been set up.

His Majesty expressed confidence that the efforts towards the streamlining would not yield any problem or difficulty. The main intention, said His Majesty, is to gain the blessings of Allah. His Majesty then urged everyone concerned to cooperate in order to achieve the aim of the Committee.

Earlier in the address, His Majesty spoke at length about the historical significance of Hijrah. His Majesty hoped whatever development programmes designed towards achieving further progress for the country, would be continued. This would be compatible with the concept of Hijrah, that is higher attainment for the betterment of life.

His Majesty also explained how Hijrah provides a worthy example in showing the beginning in the survival of the Islamic community, that is under the leadership of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). (The Prophet Muhammad is the last in the line of prophets who perfected and completed the message of Islam).

In line with the relevant lesson to be gained from Hijrah, His Majesty said we would like to encourage the celebration in a more coordinated manner with the aim of inculcating love for Allah and the Prophet, love for religion and king, among all levels of the people.

"I believe a strong faith is an important factor in the resilience of a community. A community with an unflinching faith will be blessed by Allah. A com-

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munity with faith will receive help from Allah." His Majesty went on to explain that such a community would remain strong though it may lack sophisticated weapons.

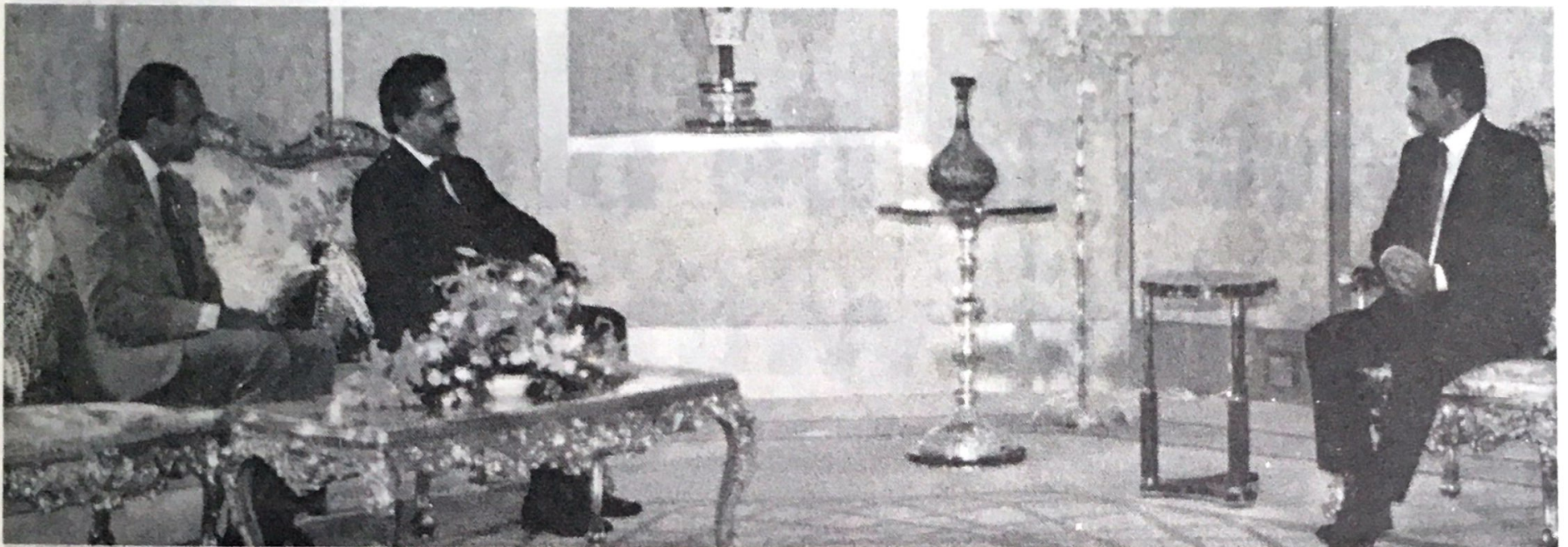
"I hope all Muslims will continue to hold fast to their faith by abiding Islamic teachings and withholding from anti-social and anti-religious activities such as slandering among Muslims, un-

restrained form of entertainment, alcoholism and the likes which could weaken the defence and resilience of the community and the country."

Hijrah is also beneficial in the field of dakwah, that is the propagation of Islamic teachings. Particularly so with the newly converts, His Majesty said. It is our responsibility to guide them in whatever way, so that they too understand the significance of

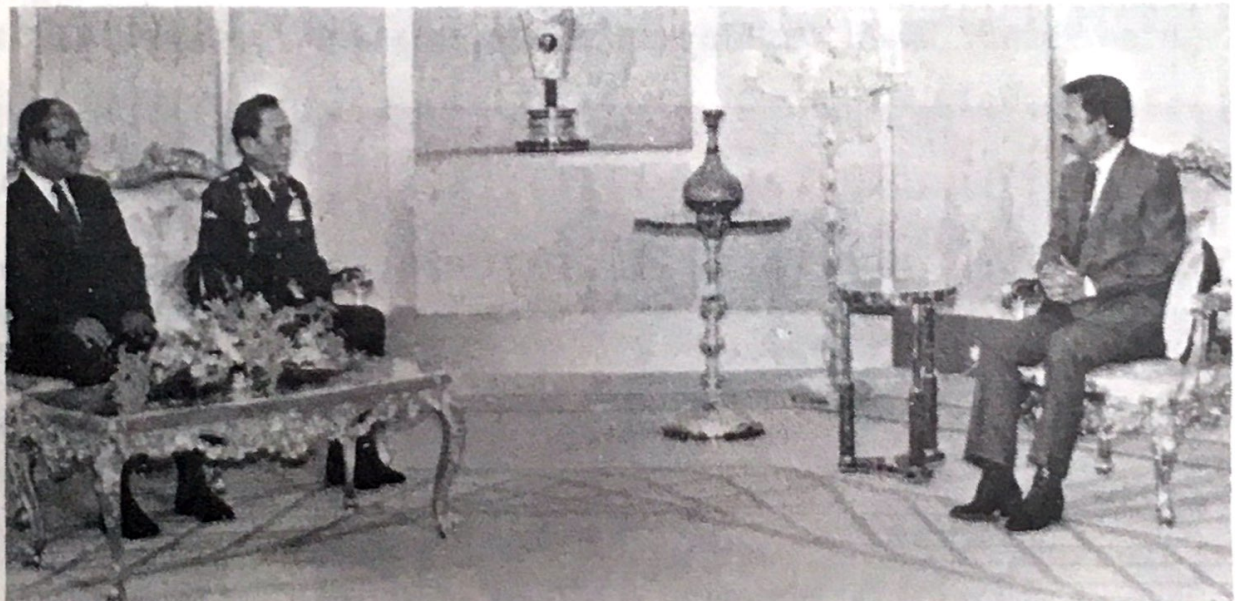
Hijrah and Islam better.

In this respect, a Basic Guidance Scheme for the Converts has been started and is now actively promoted. The Scheme comes under the Islamic Da'wah Centre. Perhaps too for the future, His Majesty added, it is necessary to have a suitable Special Promotion Scheme to ensure a harmonious and brotherly relationship.



His Excellency Mr. Makhdum Mohammad Amin Fahem in conversation with His Majesty the Sultan at the audience. Extreme left of the picture is Pakistan's High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Saquib Mawaz Khan.

Thailand's military chief and Pakistan's special emissary see HM the Sultan



Thailand's Armed Forces Supreme Commander, General Sundhara Kongsompong at the audience with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of Thailand, General Sundhara

Kongsompong began a two-day visit to Bandar Seri Begawan on 25 July, accompanied by a 16-member delegation made up

of senior Thai military officials. The Thai military chief had an audience with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at Istana Nurul Iman apart from holding meetings with his counterparts in Brunei Darussalam.

Also having an audience at Istana Nurul Iman with the Brunei ruler - this time on 21 July, was Pakistan's Minister of Communications, His Excellency Mr. Makhdum Mohammad Amin Fahem, who was in Bandar Seri Begawan for three days.

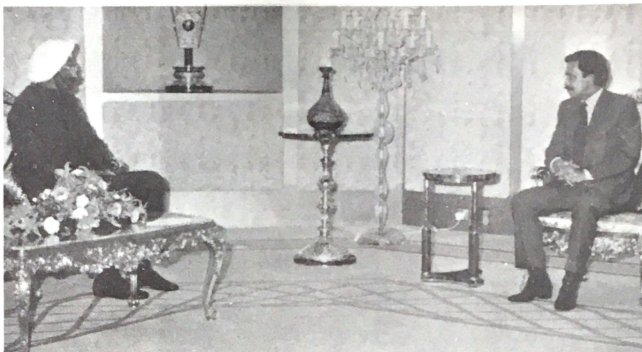
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India's outgoing High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. Preet Mohan Singh Malik has had an audience on 12 July with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam (picture right). He has been his country's envoy to Brunei Darussalam since December, 1986.

His Excellency also paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

Meanwhile, the envoy's wife, Mrs. Aruna Malik had separate audiences with Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha, at Istana Nurul Iman (picture bottom left) and with Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam, at Istana Nurul Izzah (picture bottom right).

Indian envoy bids farewell



Bilateral issues between Brunei Darussalam and Britain as well as regional matters came under discussions recently between Brunei ministers and visiting British Minister of State for Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs, The Hon. Lord Brabazon of Tara, Mr. Ivon Anthony Moore.

The Minister of State was in Bandar Seri Begawan for part of a familiarization tour to this region. He arrived on 18 June. His itinerary included an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

During a courtesy call on His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the

British Minister in Brunei Darussalam for discussions

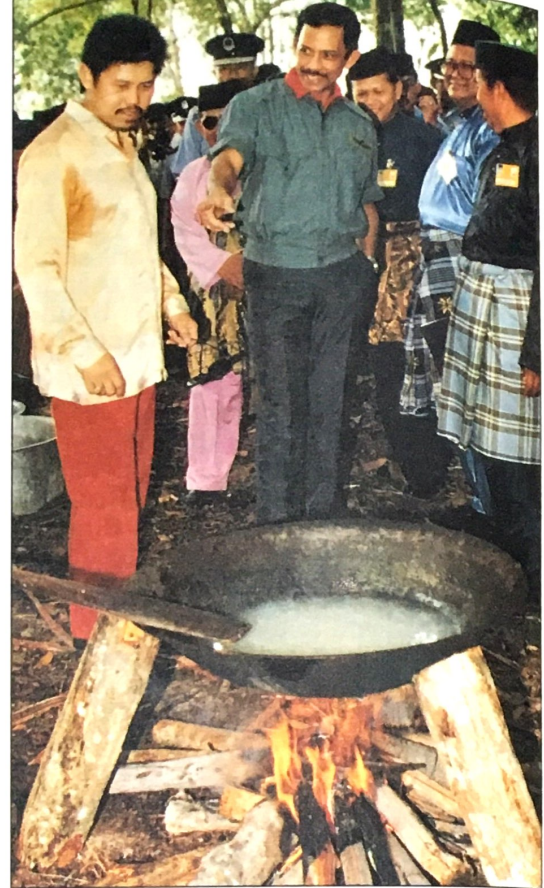
Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara discussed issues of interest to both countries, including Cambodia, the Indo-Chinese refugees and other regional and bilateral issues. They also stressed the existing warm relations between the two countries. The Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara had also paid a call on the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Ali.

He also met the Communications Minister, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Zakaria. During the meeting, they

exchanged views on bilateral matters on communication as well as current issues. Also present at this meeting were the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Ahmad, the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Roger Westbrooke, senior Ministry officials and officials in the Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara's delegation.

With the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia

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Above: In good humour — His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam shares a joke with his brothers HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah (left) and HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah during an informal "meet the people session" at the Kampung Parit Mini Recreation Park organised as part of His Majesty's birthday celebrations by the Brunei Muara District Office and residents in the district.

Above: His Majesty the Sultan and Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah take a close look at the making of 'dadih', a traditional Brunei sweet cake made of rice, coconut milk and palm sugar as the main ingredients.



Above: A demonstration by residents of the art of 'menyalai ikan' or cooking fish by smoking. Left: Wherever His Majesty goes, he is thronged by his subjects eager to exchange greetings with their beloved ruler.



Above centre and right and pictures at bottom left and below show some of the traditional cultural performances put up by village residents especially for His Majesty's visit to the Kampung Parit Mini Recreation Park.



'Strengthen the national defence against challenges of the twenty first century' - HM the Sultan

Malay Muslim Monarchy good system of government, establishment of academy on Brunei studies, council on recognition of awards spelled out in HM's titah in three districts

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has made a strong call on his subjects and people of Brunei Darussalam to strengthen the national defence in the face of social, economic and political challenges of the twenty-first century.

Amid these challenges, Bruneians ought to have their own philosophy to hold on to, something that is uniquely Bruneian, and not something which is imported or borrowed. Malay Muslim Monarchy, a concept which has been in existence for centuries, provides a just and excellent system of governance for everyone in the country, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, the Brunei ruler said.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was speaking at the start of his 44th birthday celebration in the Belait District on 21 July. In his "titah", His Majesty also announced the formation of a national body for the Malay Muslim Monarchy concept.

Everyone from every level of society, including the youths and students and the younger generation should be inculcated with the positive values found in the Malay Muslim Monarchy system of governance, His Majesty emphasised. This is vital in order to strengthen the national defence of the country.

Take the word Malay in terms of the Malay language, His Majesty explained. "No one could deny

that the Malay language is an effective means of unification. Without this language, we will not be known as a race which is sovereign or a race with an identity."

Similarly Islam has assured the well-being of citizens and the people of Brunei Darussalam, regardless of race or religion. Islam in short, His Majesty went on, "assures the security and well-being for all. For this reason no one should fear or be doubtful about it."

And the word 'Beraja (Monarchy) implies a monarchical system of government which we have inherited through centuries. "I sincerely hope that these values will be absorbed by every level of the community, especially the youths and the young generation," said His Majesty.

Brunei Darussalam has experienced a golden era under this system of governance. In fact, the country has enjoyed progress and stability, and has become renowned and respected by the international community. All these have been due to the people's unity and their undivided loyalty under the monarchical system of governance, His Majesty said.

His Majesty further stressed the importance in meeting the needs of everyone in the country, and not merely satisfy the self-interests of a group only.

During his visit to the Tutong and Temburong on 17 July and 19 July respectively, at the start of His Majesty's 44th birthday celebrations in the two districts, the

ruling monarch made two important announcements:

1) The setting up of an Academy of Bruneian studies: His Majesty said this academy, at the University Brunei Darussalam, will conduct research and study on every aspect of the Bruneian way of life. To achieve the objective of this academy, the History Centre, the Islamic Dak'wah Centre, the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (the Language and Literature Bureau), the Adat Istiadat Negara and other agencies will have to cooperate with UBD. The formation of this Academy is consistent with efforts towards nation-building in the country.

2) The formation of a Council within the Ministry of Education giving approval/recognition to degrees, diplomas etc: This Council is entrusted with the task of reviewing and approving degrees and diplomas obtained overseas or from local institutions in all fields of study to determine consistency in standard. To ensure its effective implementation, His Majesty urged the relevant authorities to review the clauses of the 1961 General Order, the criteria and guidance, and changes in regulation, pertaining to the tasks of Council in approving degrees, diplomas etc.

In all the districts, His Majesty had also underlined the importance of close cooperation and mutual respect among the people, in particular with the District Officer, Government officials and village heads. These, His Majesty said are crucial in meeting the

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development needs of the country and to ensure continued peace and harmony.

In the Tutong District, His Majesty officiated at the opening of an Islamic Religious College, the Ma'had Islam. The monarch said he hoped the school would further upgrade religious education in the country.

In Kuala Belait, His Majesty opened a week-long exhibition

organised by the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, with participation from the Ministry of Education, Brunei Shell and the private sector. Towards a better quality of life by the year 2000 (through the industrialisation programme) was the theme of the exhibition. The exhibition aimed to provide information on investment opportunities to investors; create public awareness on the industrialisation programme con-

ducted by the Ministry of Industry and primary Resources, provide the linkage between local and foreign investors, the manufacturers and the distributors; and introduce the resources, facilities and the technology for industrialisation.

In each district, His Majesty was also briefed by the respective District Officer on development projects in Tutong, Temburong and Kuala Belait.



The Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara, Mr. Ivon Anthony - the British Minister of State for Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs exchange greetings with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on his arrival at Istana Nurul Iman for an audience with the Brunei ruler.

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Haji Awang Abdul Rahman, the Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara was briefed on the potentials of investment which Brunei Darussalam could offer to foreign investors. During the half an hour meeting, they also spoke about the recent trade mission to London headed by Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Rahman to court foreign investment and, the scheduled trip to Brunei Darussalam in November this year by a trade delegation of the London Chamber of Commerce.

The Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara had also met the Deputy Defence Minister, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major-General Pengiran Haji Ibnu.



The Honourable Lord Brabazon of Tara in discussion with Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister, HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

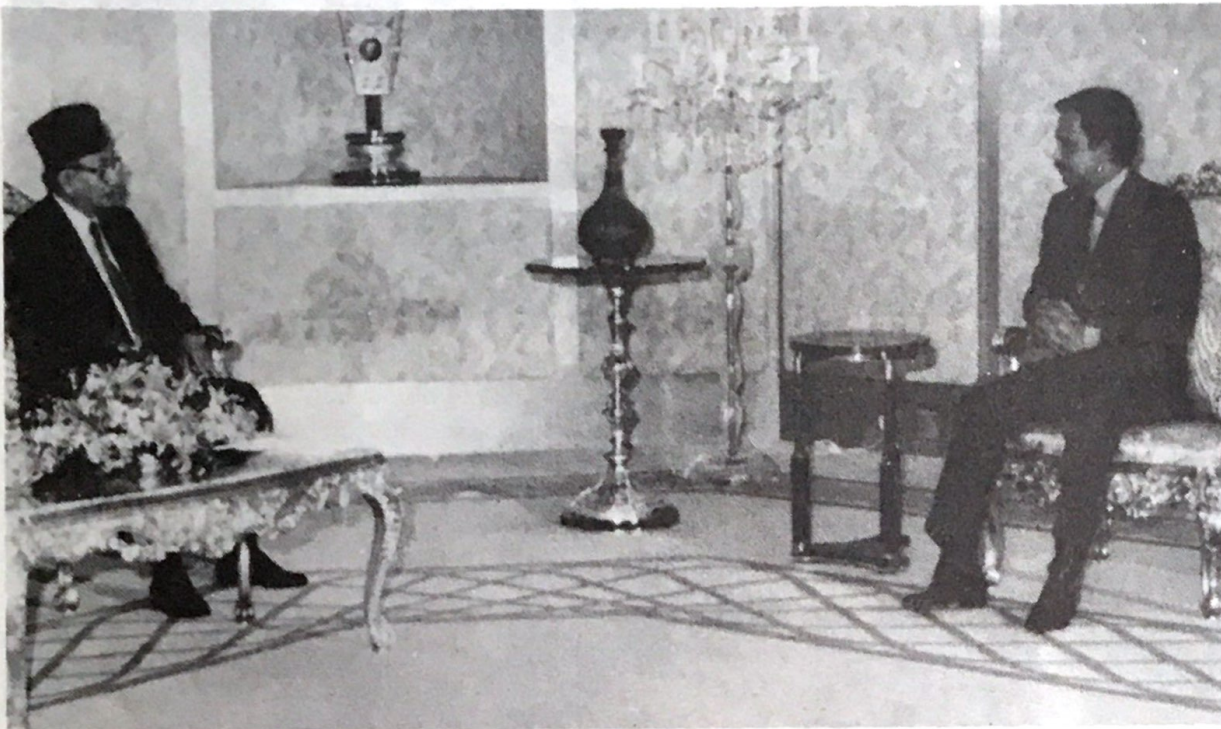


Above: His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam accompanied by Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam attended a banquet organised by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces in conjunction with His Majesty's birthday. Left: His Majesty signs the visitors' book and right, His Majesty cuts the birthday cake during his birthday celebration organised by the RBAF.



The Royal Brunei Police also organised a banquet in conjunction with His Majesty's birthday. It was at the Police Officer's mess on 1 August. Picture on right show His Majesty being introduced to police officers and personnel by the Commissioner of Police, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Putera Negara Pengiran Haji Omar (behind HM) during the banquet. In picture second from bottom on right, His Majesty the Sultan, Her Majesty the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam rise to the national anthem on arrival at the Police Officers' mess in Gadong.

Indonesian envoy completes tour of duty in Brunei



Indonesia's Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Haji Ferdy Salim has had a farewell audience with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. His Excellency Haji Ferdy Salim, who became his country's second ambassador to Brunei Darussalam in April 1987, completed his tour of duty in Bandar Seri Begawan at the end of July. The audience with His Majesty took place at Istana Nurul Iman on 26 July. Picture shows the Indonesian diplomat with His Majesty during the audience.

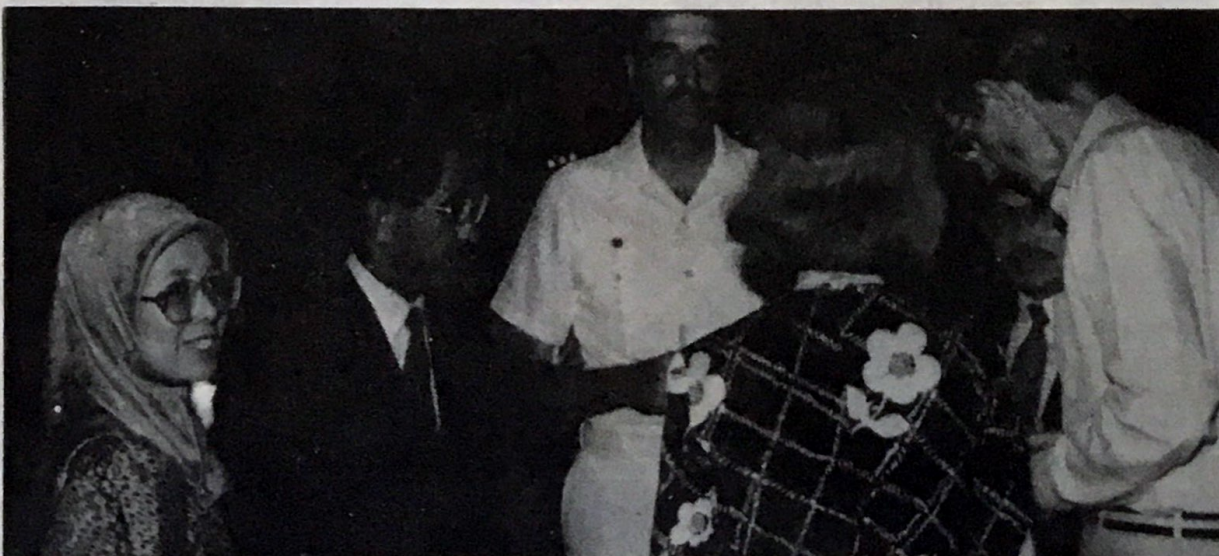
United States Independence day

The United States naval frigate - the U.S.S. Knox, anchored at Muara, was the venue of a reception on 4 July hosted by the American Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Halowell Phillips. It was to mark the United States Independence Day which fell on the same day. Attending the function on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was the Development Minister, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka (Dr.) Haji Ismail. Seen in the picture is the American Ambassador (extreme right) in conversation with a group of guests including the Brunei Darussalam Minister of Development (second from left).



HM Queen Elizabeth's birthday observed

The British community in Brunei Darussalam have been celebrating the 64th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, on 14 June. To mark the occasion, the British High Commissioner in Bandar Seri Begawan, His Excellency Mr. Roger Westbrooke hosted a lunch reception at his residence at Jalan Kota Batu, just outside the Brunei capital. Representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the function was the Special Adviser to His Majesty in the Prime Minister's Office and Home Affairs Minister, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Isa. Picture shows the British High Commissioner in discussion with Pehin Dato Haji Awang Isa at the reception.



France's Bastille Day celebration



France's Bastille Day anniversary was observed in Bandar Seri Begawan on 14 July with the French Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Patrick Amiot hosting a reception. Among the large number of guests present was the Brunei Darussalam Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, who represented the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan. Picture shows the French diplomat addressing guests at the function. In the centre is the Minister of Education and at extreme left is Brunei Darussalam's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Ali bin Haji Mohd. Daud.

Germans celebrate anniversary of Promulgation of the Constitution

The Minister of Culture Youths and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain has represented the Government of His Majesty the Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at a dinner reception. It was hosted by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, His Excellency Mr. Gregor Koebel to mark the 41st anniversary on 23 May of the country's Promulgation of the Constitution. Other guests present at the function, held at the diplomat's residence near Bandar Seri Begawan, included the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Ali. The Minister of Culture, Youths and Sports (extreme left of picture) in conversation with the German envoy while the Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister looks on.



Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month we introduce readers to a common Brunei Malay word as used in the country.

This month the word selected is **sambarana**.

The word **sambarana** is an adjective which indicates careless attitude or negligence of a person in carrying out his work or in taking care of a thing whether of his

own or others.

In standard Malay **Sambarana** is **cuai**.

Let us use the word in a sentence.

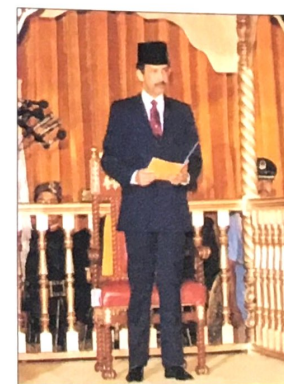
Kita janganlah **sambarana** ketika melakukan sesuatu pekerjaan.

We should not be careless in carrying out our work.



Glimpses of His Majesty's birthday celebrations in Temburong, Tutong and Belait districts

More pictures of birthday events on pages 4 and 7.



Left His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers his speech in Tutong as celebrations in the district marking his birthday get underway.

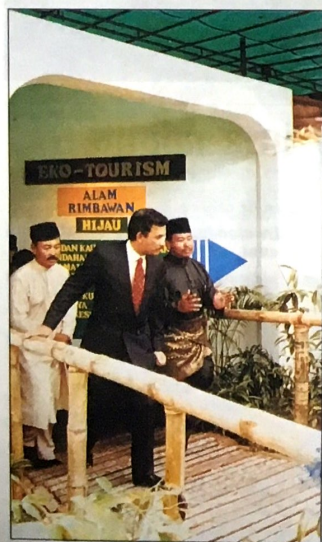
Below The 100-men of the RBAF on parade in Tutong being inspected by His Majesty the Sultan. As part of his birthday celebrations in Tutong, His Majesty officially opened the Brunei Islamic College, where His Majesty was given a warm welcome by teachers and students, with some of whom His Majesty chatted informally, as shown by pictures at bottom-right and second from bottom of page.



Above His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam meeting village and community leaders as well as other government officials at the start of his birthday celebrations in Temburong district. Below and bottom-centre pictures show His Majesty touring various exhibitions put up as part of his birthday celebrations in Temburong. Second from right in picture below is His Majesty's brother, HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wai-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolikiah.



One of the highlights of celebrations marking His Majesty's birthday in Belait district was an industrial exhibition, and pictures on this page show the Brunei ruler touring various parts of the exhibitions and being briefed by exhibition officials. These exhibitions included the Government's efforts to promote eco-tourism in Brunei Darussalam.



Maths key to qualifications in Technology and Science

The Brunei Darussalam Education System will be placing greater emphasis on Science and Mathematics in the School curriculum in future.

As a subject, mathematics has been widely recognised for having a salient role in technological achievement. The students' competency in the subject could, therefore, contribute towards the development of the country.

As a subject, mathematics could be the "passport" to those wishing to pursue higher studies, in particular in science and technology, accountancy, technical and business studies, geography and economics, among others.

Higher institutions of learning in Brunei Darussalam such as the Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB — Institute of Technology Brunei), the Engineering College, the Technical College and certain courses in Universiti Brunei Darussalam, UBD also require a good pass in mathematics.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, who was addressing the official opening of an exhibition on Mathematics in Schools at UBD, made these points on 10 June 1990.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Razak further urged the Education Ministry's officials and staff to look positively into the recent call made by the Education Minister, Yang Berhormat Pehin

Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz said those who attain 'A' level standard of education in Mathematics and Science, would stand a chance of pursuing it at a higher level, either abroad or in Brunei Darussalam.

The Permanent Secretary further said obtaining a Grade A was not an impossible feat. That is provided one is diligent and changes one's attitude, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Razak stressed.

The year 1990 has been declared as "The Year Of The Enchantment of Mathematics." Numerous activities have been organised with two main objectives. Firstly, to create the interest on the subject among students as well as teachers. And secondly, to upgrade the performance and knowledge of mathematics in the country.

The exhibitions at UBD, one of the activities organised for the Year of the Enchantment of Mathematics this year, saw 44 schools taking part. Altogether, the students from the primary to college level displayed more than 500 submissions at the exhibition. These submissions, the Permanent Secretary said, demonstrated that mathematics is more than a routine subject. More so, it is a subject of great interest which takes shape in our daily lives.



Dato Paduka Haji Awang Abdul Razak, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education.

Other activities will include a newsletter to enhance awareness on the activities organised in conjunction with the Year of the Enchantment of Mathematics, the setting up of a Mathematics Society of Brunei Darussalam, several school-based activities, a four-day international conference on the education of mathematics (SEACME 5) involving 400 participants, an exhibition on the beauty of fractals, the participation of 200 students from the upper secondary level and two colleges in the international mathematics competition, the formation of six mathematics resource centres to be sponsored by Brunei Shell and possibly a mathematics quiz, to be telecast by RTB.

Roads,
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A policeman inspects the driver's licence of a motorist stopped at one of the road blocks during the latest road safety campaign.

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Iraq and Kuwait urged to settle dispute peacefully

Brunei Darussalam has called on Iraq and Kuwait to settle their problem peacefully.

The call was made through the country's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah at the 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Cairo from 31 July to 4 August.

In his address, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister said, "It is saddening to learn that the misunderstanding between Iraq and Kuwait had escalated into a serious conflict," and he urged them to settle it peacefully through discussions.

The call was one of several main issues which dominated the Minister's speech. Others included the Palestinian question, the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and the Afghanistan problem.

The grave situation in Palestine today is viewed with deep concern by Brunei Darussalam.

His Royal Highness said Brunei Darussalam condemns Israel's policies of repression and disregard for international law in its persistence in pursuing its goal



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah at yet another session of the general debate during the recent 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

of a greater Israel.

The Minister also reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam's support for the convening of an international conference for peace in the Middle East involving the permanent members of the Security Council and all concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation on an equal footing, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The Islamic ummah, said His Royal Highness, welcomed with great relief the continuing

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Egyptian President, His Excellency Mr. Hosni Mubarak officially opens the 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers at the Cairo International Convention Centre.

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The authorities, such as the Royal Brunei Police and the Land Transport Department want to drive dangerous drivers off the road.

In the most recent, hard-hitting road safety campaign held for three days starting 1 July, the police nabbed more than 700 motorists for various offences.

Throughout the three days, they set up road blocks and speed traps using sophisticated radars in all parts of the country, checking and inspecting every car.

Their targets: cars which have been modified with such accessories as spoilers, sports rims and wide tyres, tinted wind-screens, cut springs in the suspensions without prior approval from



Caught speeding - a group of police officers take down the offender's name.

the Land Transport Department and motorists speeding in restricted areas as well as those motorists who violate other road traffic regulations.

The campaign, held on regular basis, among other things, is aim-

ed at making the public aware of the regulations governing the usage of public roads in order to make them safe for all road users.

Appropriate action were taken on the spot against offenders during the campaign.



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah being greeted by Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Essmat Abdul Meguid at a dinner reception given by His Excellency.

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ceasefire between Iran and Iraq. However, the progress of negotiations which started under the auspices of the United Nations has been slow.

"Consequently, we feel that we should be supporting urgent moves aimed at establishing a permanent peace. With this achieved, the peoples of Iran and Iraq can concentrate upon furthering their social and economic progress."

The Afghanistan problem is another matter of concern to Brunei Darussalam. Said His Royal Highness, "The withdrawal of the Soviet military forces from Afghanistan has not brought peace and stability. Therefore, we feel that it is the duty of our organisation to encourage the Afghan people to settle their disputes and start rebuilding their country."

During the last decade, the Minister pointed out, ".....we



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah at a session of the 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers. On his right are the Brunei Darussalam Ambassador to Egypt, His Excellency Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Mohd. Kassim and the Chief Kadhi, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Dato Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.

faced many international crises. However, by the time they had ended, we had begun to see a number of positive developments. Notably, there was less tension between the superpowers. Also, nations seemed to be more willing to settle regional conflicts by negotiation. If these hopeful signs remain, our work may be easier than in the past."

The encouraging signs in many parts of the world which show that nations are seeking negotiation rather than confrontation, can point the way to a new era of peace, stability and prosperity. This, His Royal Highness said, removes the threat of war and halts the arms race.

Though the signs are real, the Minister warned, we must not take them for granted. "If a prosperous and stable world is to

emerge from the Islamic perspective, our Islamic unity and solidarity must be enhanced. We thus believe," the Minister concluded, "that it is most important for this conference to affirm internationally that our world view is still sharply focused upon eternal Islamic values."

Brunei Darussalam supports OIC declaration on Iraq-Kuwait situation



In between the meetings of the OIC, HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah received calls by a number of foreign ministers from Islamic countries including the Turkish Foreign Minister, His Excellency Mr. Syed Ali Buzar for bilateral talks (picture). Others included the Foreign Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Iran and Bangladesh.



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah discussing bilateral matters with Somalia's Foreign Affairs Minister, His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Ali Hamud.

A joint declaration on the situation between Iraq and Kuwait was issued at the end of the 19th OIC Meeting held in Cairo, the Republic of Egypt on 4 and 5 August 1990. Brunei Darussalam joined the majority of the OIC members to express support for the joint declaration.

Following is the text of the declaration.

"The Conference received with deep regret the news of the tragic incidents arising between two members of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference. It so happened that these incidents took place during the current session of the conference, at a time when hopes had been placed on the imminent successful outcome of the direct contacts which had been well arranged by sincere fraternal Arab parties, so as to contain the crisis arising between the two sister countries and reach a satisfactory and peaceful settlement of the dispute.

The Conference expresses support for the statement issued by H.E. the Secretary General of the Organisation on this issue on 11 Muharram, 1411H corresponding to 2 August 1990.

The conference condemns the Iraqi aggression against Kuwait, and rejects all its consequences; it does not recognise anything arising therefrom; and demands that the Iraqi forces withdraw immediately from Kuwait territories and return to the positions they had held before 10 Muhar-



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah joins other foreign ministers for the Friday prayer at the Al-Azhar mosque in Cairo while he attended the 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in the Egyptian capital.

ram 1411H, corresponding to 1 August, 1990. It calls for adherence to the principles of the OIC Charter, particularly the provision that disputes among Member States be settled by peaceful means, and non-interference in the internal affairs of any state. It also demands that both countries abide by the dictates of good neighbourliness; refrain from any attempt to forcibly change the internal systems of either state; respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all states; and urges them to refrain from the use, or the threat of use of force, against the unity, ter-

ritorial integrity and political independence of either of them.

Noting that the Iraqi Government has declared its intention to withdraw its armed forces from Kuwait, the Conference will follow up the unconditional implementation of this pledge by the Iraqi side, while expressing support for the legitimate regime in Kuwait under His Highness the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Emir of the State of Kuwait, and Chairman of the fifth Islamic Summit; confirming its full solidarity with the Emir, Government and people of Kuwait."

Cambodian settlement still being sought

Brunei Darussalam is anxious to see an early settlement to the Cambodian question - a settlement that will restore peace to that country and stability to the region.

"The eventual outcome of a Cambodian settlement or, indeed, the achievement of a settlement itself may require a fresh, positive look at our region in order to accommodate the inevitable emergence of a new Cambodia in the nineties," said His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Cambodian question was one of a host of issues highlighted

by the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister in his opening address at the 23rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) held in Jakarta for two days from 24 July.

His Royal Highness also touched on other issues such as the challenges of a new Europe to ASEAN, greater economic cooperation in ASEAN, economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region and the need for an effective and efficient ASEAN Secretariat.

"Although the route towards a settlement in Cambodia has always been beset with difficulties, this should not mean



HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah addresses the 23rd AMM.

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that it is impossible to find." His Royal Highness added, "We may now be in a position to evaluate the intense diplomatic initiatives which have occurred over the last eleven years, especially those prompted by ASEAN and other members of the international community."

ASEAN, the Minister continued, have supported a number of positive steps which could lead to the desired comprehensive political settlement.

All efforts therefore, His Royal Highness asserted, must remain



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister exchanges greetings with President Soeharto shortly before the Indonesian leader officially opened the 23rd AMM-PMC in Jakarta.



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah in conversation with Thailand's Foreign Minister, His Excellency Air Chief Marshall Sidhi Sivetsila during a break at the AMM-PMC in Jakarta. Sideways to camera on extreme right of picture is Philippine Foreign Minister, His Excellency Mr. Raul Manglapus.

committed to urging the Cambodian parties to seek consensus in their approach to the achievement of this settlement.

His Royal Highness also pointed out that ASEAN in the nineties would have to take into consideration the challenges of a new Europe, where part of it would soon be unified through a single European act.

"This new Europe," His Royal Highness said, "will be adjusting to dramatically altered East-West relations. It will be exploring new dimensions in international affairs. From this perspective, traditional security issues in Europe may begin to assume a more limited importance. But, in the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, we are all aware that the concept of security in its fullest sense, is still a matter of considerable concern."

On efforts to promote economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific

region, His Royal Highness said ASEAN must neither be complacent nor overwhelmed as its members engage in a larger grouping. ASEAN, said the Minister, remains firmly founded in ASEAN principles and equally firmly directed towards strengthening ASEAN.

His Royal Highness further noted that ASEAN member countries are increasingly working from a collective regional perspective. He said he was pleased to note that ASEAN members are responding positively to the call for action made by ASEAN Heads of Government at their 3rd Summit Meeting in Manila, for greater economic cooperation in ASEAN.

Brunei Darussalam, he said, has consistently expressed its conviction that an effective response to international development could only be made through closer cooperation within ASEAN. This holds true in

political and economic developments. ASEAN, said the Minister, must ensure that its cohesiveness, the pillar of the regional grouping's strength, remains.

An efficient and an effective Secretariat is essential for a stronger ASEAN, His Royal Highness said. During the last meeting, the Secretariat was restructured and the signing of the protocol to amend the agreement on the establishment of the ASEAN Secretariat took place. At this meeting, the Minister noted progress made by the officials as they plan to improve the existing mechanism and develop the institutions accordingly.

He further urged them to respond positively to the rapidly changing international environment.

His Royal Highness further called on member states to capitalise the potentials which now stood before them now that in many regions of the world, long-standing political hostilities are superceded by concepts of economic competition.

"This process," His Royal Highness added, "presents us with the opportunities to strengthen our spirit of solidarity and unity of purpose." It is vital that security and stability in the region is maintained. The past 23 years of ASEAN's existence have ensured the political stability which have fostered economic, social and the cultural progress. ASEAN, His Royal Highness concluded, must also look ahead and view all developments from the positive standpoint, as this would provide the impetus to develop an even stronger ASEAN.

Mothers responsible for family development

The happiness and wellbeing of a family rests upon the peaceful and prosperous environment in the home, which in turn can produce responsible, caring and highly-disciplined family members. These are among the most important qualities towards bringing about a united community within a country. This was stated by Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha at the official opening of a Domestic Science Exhibition at the Youth Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan on 5 August, organised by the Women's Pertiwi Association as part of the celebrations marking the 44th birthday of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. Her Majesty urged mothers to always give serious attention to the proper upbringing of their families. I hope exhibitions such as this will not just demonstrate our ability in the

the art of cooking and handicraft, but also serve to create good environment in the homes which can bring family members closer," Her Majesty said.

Members of the foreign diplomatic missions based in Bandar Seri Begawan also took part in the exhibition.

On 23 July, Her Majesty the Raja Isteri attended a Koran Reading Competition organised by the National Girl Guides Association, of which Her Majesty is patron.

It was at the International Convention Centre in Berakas and was aimed at encouraging members of the association to gain proficiency in the reading of the holy Koran.

Her Majesty the Raja Isteri also attended an exhibition of live flowers, also held as part this year's celebrations marking His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 44th birthday.

Organised by the Brunei Muara Women's Institute (WI), the event was at the Youth Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan on 29 July.



Above: Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha presents prizes to one of the participants of the Koran Reading competition organised by the Brunei Darussalam National Girl Guides Association. Right: Her Majesty the Raja Isteri views one of the exhibits displayed at a live flower exhibition at the Youth Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan recently.

Picture bottom left: Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam (extreme left), Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajjah Mazuin (second from left in red headcover) and Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Masna (extreme right of picture) tour the live flower exhibition. Bottom right: A reader recites the Koran at the recent Koran Reading Competition for girl guides held at the International Convention Centre.



Political climate conducive for closer ASEAN cooperation

The prevailing political climate of past years, which is changing, could help ASEAN achieve an even closer cooperation, Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah has said.

His Royal Highness expressed this in his closing statement at the end of the two-day 23rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) in Jakarta.

His Royal Highness noted that various ASEAN committees have also progressed within their own specific areas. Their efforts, he said, have further strengthened the cooperation amongst the public and private sectors in the region. The Meeting in Jakarta has provided further encouragement for increasing the scope of cooperation.



President Soeharto of Indonesia delivers his keynote address at the opening of the 23rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Jakarta on July 24, as some of the ASEAN foreign ministers listen attentively. Seated from right to left are Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Malaysian Foreign Minister, Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Abu Hassan and the Singapore Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Wong Kan Seng.



President Soeharto and his wife Ibu Tien Soeharto greet HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah and his wife, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Istri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Zariah on their arrival at the Presidential Palace to attend a dinner given by the Indonesian leader in honour of ministers attending the recent AMM-PMC in Jakarta. On the extreme right is Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister, His Excellency Mr. Ali Alatas.

The Jakarta Meeting, His Royal Highness added, had also re-emphasised ASEAN's efforts to strengthen the ASEAN Secretariat. "Particular measures are being taken towards this end.

"We are all aware of the need to examine our mechanism so that ASEAN can respond positively to developments affecting us all," His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah said.

ASEAN seeks to increase trade cooperation with Canada

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam conveyed in Jakarta, ASEAN's hope for Canada to further assist in enhancing trade cooperation with the regional grouping.

Trade promotion activities such as an ASEAN exporters' visit to Canada, market information seminars and similar forms of assistance which would create better market access for ASEAN goods, could help contribute to expand ASEAN-Canada trading links.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir

Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah made this point at the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference, at the 6+1 Session with Canada, in Jakarta, 28 July 1990.

His Royal Highness said though ASEAN noted an increase in the flow of trade between ASEAN and Canada, bilateral trade between the two remains modest in terms of Canada's overall trade.

Within this context, His Royal Highness said it is crucial to recognise the significant role of the private sectors in ASEAN and Canada, in expanding trade and

investment cooperation.

In terms of the private sector's future direction, the Minister said, "I see a need for greater contact between ASEAN and Canada business associations and trade and investment representatives in order, firstly to inform the business community about existing opportunities in ASEAN and Canada, and secondly to increase the profile of ASEAN in Canada and vice versa."

"In this aspect, ASEAN welcomes more Canadian business associations and stronger trade and investment

representatives in the ASEAN region." His Royal Highness further said that it is equally important for members of the private sector to participate in the JCC (Joint Cooperation Committee) Meetings. During such meetings, consultations between Government officials and the private sector would ensure that priorities of both sides are mutually recognised.

"In this regard," said His Royal Highness, "I hope that the private sector will continue to have considerable participation in the deliberations of future JCC Meetings on matters of trade and investments.

The latest JCC Meeting was held in Bandar Seri Begawan in November last year. A joint communiqué issued at the end of the meeting disclosed that ASEAN and Canada are expected to sign a memorandum of understanding for projects worth approximately \$27 million. This move would be consistent with the strong commitment by Canadians to increase trade and investment in ASEAN. The projects would significantly raise Canada's external trade in



The Brunei delegation representing Brunei Darussalam at the 23rd AMM-PMC in Jakarta headed by HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

ASEAN, which accounts for less than one percent.

His Royal Highness said the JCC Meeting reaffirmed the commitment of ASEAN and Canada in building a long-term and mutually beneficial relationship. The discussions reflected the need for ASEAN and Canada to continue working closely to keep the relationship moving forward.

During the 6+1 Session with Canada, His Royal Highness also spoke on the Cambodian issue, the apartheid policy in South Africa

Cambodian problem. He said Canada has been steadfast in giving its support on the refugees problem.

The apartheid policy of South Africa is another issue of concern. The Minister said ASEAN noted the lifting of bans of political parties and the release of some political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela. His Royal Highness expressed his commendation to the Right Honourable Mr. Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, for his significant role as Chairman of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on South Africa.

On Canada's contribution to ASEAN's development programme, His Royal Highness said that ASEAN values the considerable contribution, in particular its expertise and experience.

In human resources development, His Royal Highness noted that Canada has committed 9.1 million Canadian dollars to a regional training programme. The programme, said the Minister, would benefit ASEAN as it aims to upgrade the knowledge and skills of ASEAN officials. It would also strengthen links between ASEAN and Canadian peoples and institutions in sectors of importance to ASEAN.

Locating the Canada-ASEAN Centre in the ASEAN region and giving it more authority over the development assistance programme, has resulted in a considerable improvement in management. ASEAN, His Royal Highness said, is keen to work closely with the centre to embark on a number of future initiatives which would further expand ASEAN-Canada relations.



HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah shares a joke with some of the foreign ministers of ASEAN as well as ASEAN's dialogue countries. ON HRH's left is Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Rahman.

and Canada's contribution to ASEAN's development programmes.

ASEAN and Canada, His Royal Highness said, have closely cooperated at international fora. Canada, he said, had played a prominent role in co-chairing the Committee "to design an international control mechanism for Cambodia at the international conference on Cambodia in Paris last August."

ASEAN is most appreciative of Canada's consistent support on ASEAN's efforts to achieve a comprehensive settlement to the

Your turn

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Cincir angin serves to scare away pests that eat padi crops. On a windy day, the blades rotate fiercely and at the same time make screeching or whistling sounds.

Windmill-like scarecrow

When one talks of scarecrow, one would usually refer to an object in the shape of a man, made out of sticks and old clothes to scare birds or other pests away from seeds or crops. In Brunei Darussalam, scarecrows come in various forms, among them one which resembles a windmill.

Locally called *cincir angin*, the device is made up of various parts namely the propeller-blades, tail and a hollow bamboo to name a few. On a windy day, the propeller blades would rotate fiercely and the tail, made of palm leaves, would enable the propeller-blades to directly face the direction from which the winds are blowing. While spinning the blades make sharp screeching sounds and these as well as the movements of the propellers serve to scare away birds or other pests from padi fields. *Cincir angin* is also known by another name locally - and this is *Cerangin*.

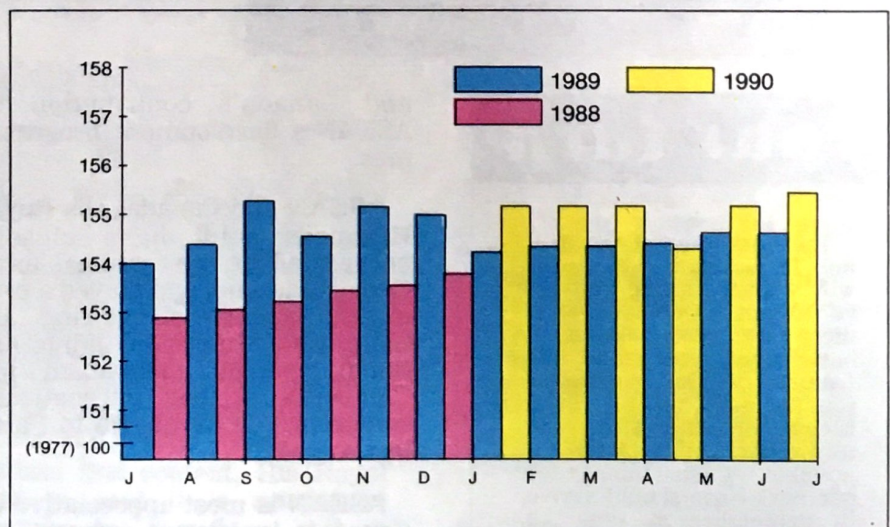
Another type of scarecrow is in the form of palm leaves hung from a pole which swings about fiercely on a windy day, as seen at extreme left of picture above. Hundreds of these windmill-like scarecrows as well as those in the shape of a man would be found in a padi plantation in Brunei Darussalam.

BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	241,400 (1988)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
July 1990 rainfall :	161.0 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

PRIME LENDING RATE

September 7.25%. (quoted by Bankers' Association).



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