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His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam inspects parade mounted to mark his 40th birthday celebrations.

HM: Development benefits for all

Brunei Darussalam last month celebrated the fortieth birthday of His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

In an address on July 15, 1986 to mark the occasion in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital, His Majesty said that the government

wanted to ensure that development would benefit all citizens.

Speaking before an audience and investiture ceremony at the Lapau he said that about one third of the expenditure for the current national development plan

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*Selamat Hari Raya
Aidiladha*

Brunei Darussalam wishes its muslim readers Aidiladha greetings

*PRIZES.....
of books on Brunei Darussalam
for overseas readers. See page 11
for details.*



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No, we won't play with you

Brunei Darussalam's pull out from the 13th Commonwealth Games last month may have hardly made a dent on the event but the decision was one of a nation that has consistently condemned and abhorred apartheid and sought to distance itself with sympathisers of South Africa.

The move was a direct follow through from the feeble posture that the British government appears to have taken towards the immorality that masquerades as the benign government in South Africa. London's stand is loaded with ulterior motives that may not be clear to those of us this side of the bush but it reeks of insincerity and is unacceptable.

South Africa's apartheid policies have made it a seed bed of chaffing at the straps by its black majority population. Many of the country's anti-apartheid heroes have paid with their freedom and lives. We, who believe in the love and freedom Allah gave individuals He created, must salute the spark that keeps these martyrs going and we must give them hope to seek the end of apartheid.

The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Bishop Desmond Tutu is international admission of the legitimacy of black South Africa's aspirations.

There is nothing defensible about a regime that breaches common decency, traverses natural justice and rules with clear stipulation that white is both right and might.

Her Majesty calls on National Women's Council to take up issues



Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha views an exhibition featuring activities of the various organisations that are under the National Women's Council.

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha has congratulated women in the country on the formation of the National Women's Council.

Speaking as the guest-of-honour at the National Women's Council's NWC first general meeting on July 6, 1986, Her Majesty was confident that the NWC and member of the ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organisations would concern itself with the issues and advancement of women in the country.

The royal guest hoped that through the NWC the lot of women could be improved.

The National Women's Council founded last year has more than 5000 members.

Stamps on royal regalia

The Postal Services Department last month released three thematic stamps on royal regalia. The stamps in denominations of 10 sen, 75 sen and \$2 were issued on July 15, 1986. Another three will be issued on August 30, 1986.

The Singapore-printed stamps were designed by Awang Norarifin bin Md. Yassin.

Overseas collectors can write to the Philatelic Bureau, Postmaster General, Brunei Darussalam to make a standing order. Requests for a standing order should be accompanied by a minimum deposit of \$30.

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Fascinating to be here: ex-Dean

The former British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, Mr Francis Cornish has described his stay as a privilege and fascinating.

Mr Cornish, 44, who was also Dean of the diplomatic corps in the country left early last month to join the British Embassy in Washington.

He said of his stay, 'I am very happy and consider it a privilege to have been British High Commissioner during three of the most important years of Brunei Darussalam's history as I seen the transition to a fully independent sovereign State and nation.'

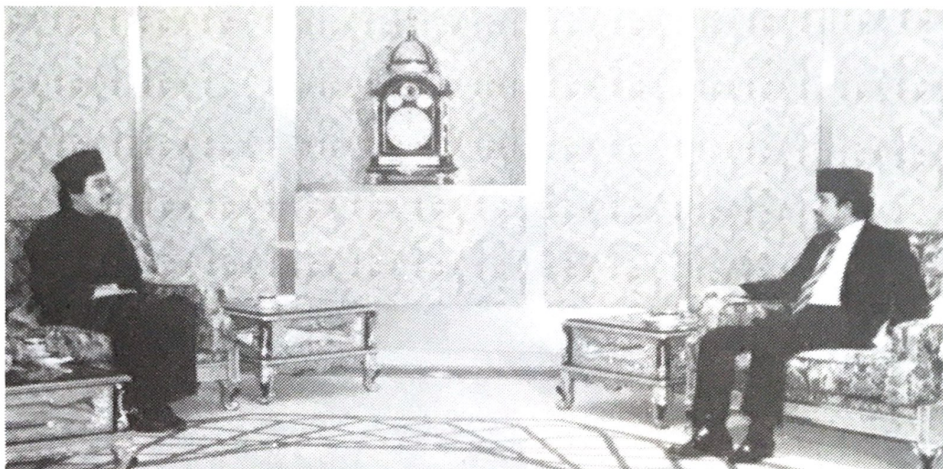


Mr Francis Cornish

Before Mr Cornish left he was granted audiences by His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam, Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister.

The new British High Commissioner is expected to arrive next month.

Tokyo, Seoul envoy named



His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam meets Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Laila Jasa Anak Puteh Brunei Darussalam's first envoy to Japan and Korea.

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Bastille Day reception

Bastille Day, the French national day which fell on July 14, 1986 was celebrated in Bandar Seri Begawan with a reception attended by diplomats, senior government officials as well as French nationals residing in Brunei Darussalam.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Jefri

Bolkiah, the Culture, Youth and Sports cum Deputy Finance Minister was the chief guest at a function organised by the French Embassy.

There are some 60 French nationals in the country, mainly working in the country's oil and gas industry.

Paris opened its Bandar Seri Begawan embassy last year.



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Jefri Bolkiah (right) with His Excellency, Mr Patrick Amiot, the French Ambassador at the Bastille Day reception.

Royal pardon for five



His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam receives former detainee Awang Bungsu bin Jamudin before the latter's release.

His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam last month pardoned five persons who have been detained for varying periods of up to 12 years.

The five, Awang Matjin bin Jamahat, 31, Awang Bungsu bin Jamudin, 46, Awang Asnan bin Othman @ Mahmud Basioeni, 46, Awang Mohd Don bin Abu Bakar, 50, and Pengiran Anak Abdul Rahman bin Pengiran Muda Haji Hashim, 40, were released on July 25, 1986.

Before their release they were given a series of talks on the latest developments in the country. They also took oaths of allegiance to God, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam and the country.

They were granted an audience by His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace one day before they returned home.

Hong Kong forces Commander at Nurul Iman

Major General Thomas Anthony Boam, Commander of the British Forces in Hong Kong was recently received in an audience ceremony by His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace.

Major General Boam was also received by Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister on June 24, 1986.

The Commander took time off during his visit, to meet his Brunei Darussalam counterpart, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Brigadier-General Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammed bin Haji Daud.

Visit by ASEAN media people



ASEAN journalists who visited the Sinaut Agricultural Training Centre were briefed by Awang Haji Shahri bin Awang Haji Besar, (second from left) Principal of the centre.

Journalists on second ASEAN Journalist Exchange Programme arrived in Brunei Darussalam for a four-day stay on June 29, 1986.

Bandar Seri Begawan was the second stop on their six-nation tour after the Philippines which is the host country this year.

While here the journalists met senior civil servants and visited places of interest. They were also dinner guests of the National Chairman of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information, Pengiran Badaruddin bin Pengiran Ghani.

The journalists left for Indonesia on July 3, 1986.

Paternal aunt of His Majesty dies



Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Besar

Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Besar binti Almarhum Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam passed away in Bandar Seri Begawan on July 11, 1986. She was 85 years old.

Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Besar is an elder sister of Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister who is the father of His Majesty, Sultan Hassanul Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

The nation observed one day of mourning.

The remains were interred at the royal mausoleum in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Textbooks fulfilling local needs wanted



Pengiran Mariam binti Pengiran Haji Matarsat (second from right) looks at some of the books together with Mr David Elliott, the British Council representative in Brunei Darussalam.

The government is seeking appropriate material for teaching English Language to Bruneian school children.

A senior Education Department official, Pengiran Mariam binti Pengiran Haji Matarsat, speaking on July 10, 1986 at the opening of a book exhibition in Bandar Seri Begawan, said that educational books fulfilling national aspirations were being sought.

Some 360 English language teaching and learning books were displayed in a four-day exhibition of recently published books, organised by the British Council in Brunei Darussalam.

The British Council opened its Bandar Seri Begawan office early this year.

New Diplomat

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Pengiran Dato Seri Laila Jasa Anak Puteh Ibni Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohammad Alam, 35, has been appointed Brunei Darussalam's first ambassador to Tokyo and accredited to Seoul.

The new envoy who received his credentials from the Nurul Iman Palace on the July 23, 1986 holds a Master's Degree in international affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University United States.

His Excellency, served with the Public Service Department in 1976 before becoming Director of the Protocol and Consular Department at the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

**More bite
for the
drug fight**

The Education and Health Ministry's Anti-Drug Abuse Unit has ordered about \$500,000 worth of analytical equipment to furnish its new laboratory.

The unit formed last year moved two weeks ago into its permanent accommodation. The equipment will be used in a continuing narcotics addiction survey being done in the country.

At the beginning of the year laws relating to drug abuse and trafficking have been revised. The penalty for convicted drug traffickers is death.

Recently the unit invited Tuan Haji Kamaruddin bin Ngah and Tuan Haji Abdul Aziz bin Awang, two senior officials of the drug addict rehabilitation programme in Malaysia, to visit Brunei Darussalam for consultations.



General L. Benny Moerdani Commander of the Indonesian Armed Forces (left) at the Lapau after receiving the Darjah Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang Yang Amat Gemilang, First Class from His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam celebrated his 40th birthday on July 15, 1986. Traditionally His Majesty has on this occasion addressed his subjects advising them and reminding them of the national aspirations. We reproduce below the full text of his message translated from Malay.

We thank Allah on this auspicious occasion for the nation's achievements.

I appreciate and thank all who have sent me greetings on this occasion. May Allah reward them for their kind thoughts.

With regards to our defence and security the Royal Brunei Armed Forces has become well-equipped and for the first time come under the leadership of a Bruneian. The Royal Brunei Police Force has risen to meet challenges in the performance of its duties.

"Our foreign policy continues to help us forge friendly ties with our neighbouring countries. We have also had air services agreements with friendly countries so that Royal Brunei Airlines can extend its destination network.

We hope that our participation at Tsukuba Expo and Vancouver Expo will lead to a clearer picture of us as an independent and sovereign nation. The exhibition, hopefully, will lead the international community to form appropriate impressions of Brunei Darussalam.

On higher education, we thank Allah that the University of Brunei Darussalam has progressed well. We are confident that the university will produce graduates of the same standard as those trained overseas. We desire to educate the people to produce a responsible and disciplined

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generation to assure the future well being of our country. Last year we opened the Islamic Propagation Centre to strengthen the

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position of Islam in the country.

The Southeast Asian Education Ministers' conference which was held here early this year was another milestone in and honour to our educational development.

The government plans to have a programme to assure that the fruits of development will be enjoyed by all citizens. The government has allocated \$3.7 billion for development under the fifth development plan and of this \$1 billion or almost 30 percent is for social services like housing, education, medical and health.

The plan is also covers industrialisation to encourage the development of import substitution industries and export trade like agriculture, husbandry, fisheries, forestry and light industry. Through the housing resettlement scheme, the government has succeeded in providing housing that is organised and comfortable. The scheme of giving land to indigenious citizens has progressed well and by Allah's grace it will meet the needs of citizens who do not have land.

On this joyous occasion, I call on all my subjects to fully cooperate with the government and to take up their responsibility as trustworthy citizens and residents of this country.

I would like to thank all government officers and staff for their outstanding performance this year. And I ask them to continue work with determination and aim to build an efficient, clean, honest and trustworthy administration for Allah's sake and an administration which is unselfish, impartial and sympathetic and puts the needs of the nation and people first. I also take this opportunity to thank the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and Royal Brunei Police Force for their contribution to defence, security and preservation of peace and harmony in this country.



Guests at the royal birthday banquet held at the Nurul Iman Palace.

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amounting to about \$1 billion had been allocated to housing, education, medical and health and other social services.

His Majesty also took the opportunity of calling on officers of his government to continue their good work for Allah's sake and to build a clean, honest and trustworthy administration.

In the investiture ceremony that followed several of a final total of 689 received State honours from His Majesty.

Heading the honours list this year was General L. Benny Moerdani, Commander of the Indonesian Armed Forces, who was awarded the Darjah Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang Yang Amat Gemilang, First Class, which gives him the title 'Dato Paduka Seri.'

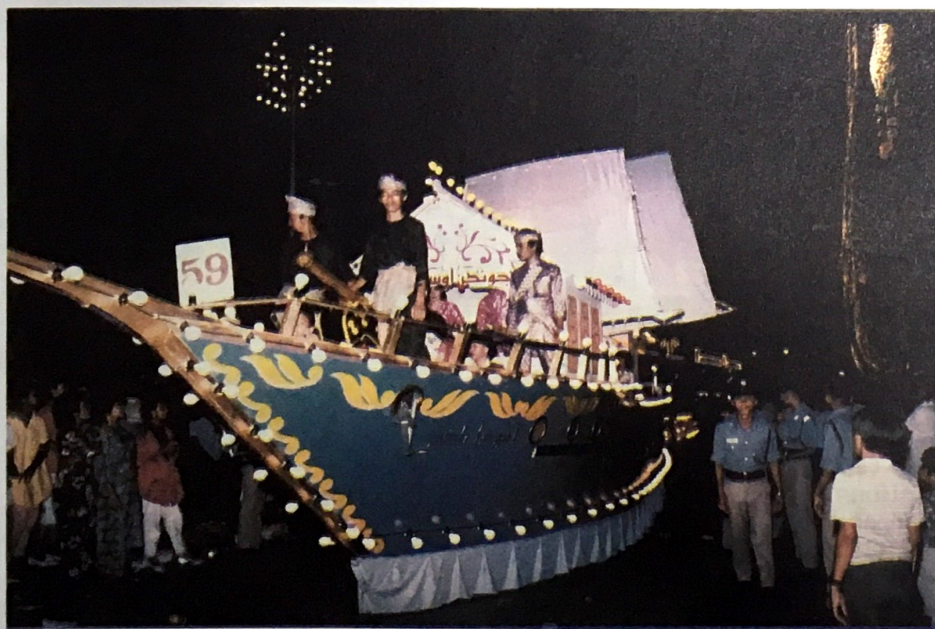
Others on the birthday honours list included top government and military officers and community leaders.

Earlier that morning His Majesty inspected a parade mounted

by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, the Royal Brunei Police Force and other uniformed groups.

Present at the birthday parade were Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister, other cabinet ministers, and members of the royal family.

A royal banquet was held at the Nurul Iman Palace that night to which leading citizens were invited.



One of the land floats entered for a floats and lanterns procession held to mark the royal birthday.

People outside capital also celebrate

His Majesty's fortieth birthday was also celebrated in the districts outside Bandar Seri Begawan.

In the Temburong, Belait and Tutong Districts parades were inspected by His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah who later granted audiences to community leaders.

The streets were decorated with lights while ceremonial arches were erected along main roads.

Lantern processions, and regattas were on the celebration programmes at several venues.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister attended the annual meeting of ASEAN foreign ministers held in Manila last June. Below are excerpts from his opening address:

Our Commitment

We have pledged to accept our responsibilities and we have tried to fulfill our commitments to the best of our abilities. We have taken over the role as coordinator of the ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND dialogue. This year, we are both honoured and privileged to nominate our first official to the high office of Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat.

ASEAN Unity

Through the respective committees on social development, culture and information, we have successfully made our own people aware of ASEAN. I have frequently stated and I still believe, that through social and cultural cooperation, we can foster and maintain peace, stability and progress in this region. We need

goodwill mutual trust and understanding.

Preparing the Young

Our young generation, exposed to ASEAN through the various social and cultural programmes can appreciate more what ASEAN is, and what ASEAN can do for their countries and the region. I feel that we ought to continually imbue our future generations with this sense of belonging, so that the future of ASEAN is assured. If we sincerely wish to ensure that our commitment to ASEAN grow, we must highlight and encourage more projects involving the young. They have to be made to appreciate the value of ASEAN to the region."

New Directions Needed

ASEAN is now 19 years old. The direction charted by our leaders

in 1976 and 1977 may have already been overtaken by fast moving events. I believe that the third summit should indicate new directions for ASEAN not only in

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The Odyssey at Brunei International Airport. Inset: Crew of the Odyssey.

Bandar Seri Begawan was among 57 cities that a 50-year-old Douglas DC-3 aircraft stopped over to promote the World Exposition being held in Vancouver, Canada.

The aircraft, dubbed Odyssey 86 and captained by Ken Olson with a crew of 11, arrived on July 3, 1986. It began its world tour from Vancouver on June 7, 1986.

The aircraft plans to visit all countries participating in the current Canadian Expo bearing invitations to the expo. The trip has been endorsed by the Expo 86 as the official Around the World DC-3 Flight. By the time it completes its journey the piston-engined aircraft, first manufactured in 1935, is expected to have covered 40,000 miles in approximately 300 flying hours. There

are about 2,000 DC-3's still in service around the world.

The flight has been sponsored by commercial companies world wide, especially those related to the aviation industry.

Brunei Shell Marketing Company and Royal Brunei Airlines sponsored fuel costs for its onward flight to Singapore.

Sixty Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College members arrived in Brunei Darussalam on July 4, 1986 for a three-day study tour.

The visiting group consisted of six officer-instructors and 54 officer-cadets visited their counterparts at the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, led by Lieutenant General Somchita Klomg Kiam the Commandant of The Royal Thai Armed Forces Staff College.

They are welcomed and briefed by RBAF Commanding Officer, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Brigadier General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad at the Berakas Camp.

Military men meet



Royal Armed Forces Collegians listen to a briefing by Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Brigadier-General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad, Royal Brunei Armed Forces Commander.

Good
deed
these
fruits

The Thai community in the country organised a fair with a difference, last month, to raise funds for Bruneian charity.

In cooperation with the Royal Thai Embassy it held a fair selling fruit imported from Thailand. The fruit fair held on July 6, 1986 featured a wide variety including pomelos, tangerines, guava, longan and the perennially popular durian.

Fruit carving and decoration experts from the Hotel Caterers Association in Thailand gave demonstrations using many of the fruit, giving hostesses novel ideas on presentation. A similar fair held three years ago was completely sold out within hours.



A Thai fruit-carving artist gives out a few pointers.

ASEAN Manila Conference

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the economic field but also in other equally important areas.

Trade and Investment

On the international economic front, the years ahead will be difficult for us. The recent Tokyo summit has given considerable attention to our difficulties. Let us hope that the confidence building up among the summit countries can be translated into meaningful steps which will bring an investment flow to ASEAN member countries and more access for our goods to developed countries.

International Conflicts

The Kampuchean problem remains unresolved. It continues to be the principal barrier to regional peace. Vietnam continues to be intransigent. The occupation of Afghanistan continues and many more thousands of innocent lives have been lost. The problem in the Middle East is no nearer to any solution than a year ago. In Africa violence and repression continues. The recent South African attack on Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia is a violation of international law; behaviour that cannot be condoned.

United We Stand

I am glad to say that inspite of the gloomy picture, the turmoil and the destruction, ASEAN remains safe and stable, thanks to the spirit of solidarity and the unity of purpose that binds us together. We should try to strive and gather our collective strength and ability to make Southeast Asia a region of peace, freedom, progress and prosperity.



Intending pilgrims are checked by security personnel before boarding for Jeddah.

Eight *haj* flights to Jeddah

Two thousand eight hundred and fifty eight pilgrims left the country last month to perform the *haj*.

Among those on the eight chartered flights to Jeddah were new converts to Islam and civil servants given free passages by the government. The latter are entitled to free passages after 15 years of service.

Accompanying the pilgrims were 31 communications officers, and a 45-member medical and health team.

The intending pilgrims were given courses about the *haj* by the Religious Affairs Department. Each paid about \$6500 to cover the cost of travel and accommodation. They are expected back by the end of this month.

Brunei Malay in a minute

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

Dadah in Brunei Malay refers to a dish or a type of cooking in which smoked or dried fish boiled with tamarind, onions, salt and chilli. The smoked and dried fish is called **tahai** in Brunei Malay and they are of **tamban** or **aur-aur** (*Clupes sirm*).

In standard Malay the term **dadah** means addictive drug, substances used in medicine or those that affect the nervous system, like marijuana, heroin or cocaine.

An example of the use of the word **dadah** in a sentence:

Dadah ialah sejenis makanan tempatan yang digemari.

Dadah is a favourite local dish.



Youth for 21st Century Friendship Programme

Fifty youths from Brunei Darussalam are in the 21st Century Friendship Programme between ASEAN and Japan.

The youth leave in five groups with the first group departing for the Japanese-sponsored programme early last month. The last group will leave next month.

One hundred and fifty ASEAN youth are expected to be in Japan for the programme. While in the host country they will visit popular and historic places and experience home-stays with Japanese families.

The programme aims to strengthen the relationship between ASEAN and Japanese youth.



Berlin stint for Bruneian newsman

Awang Mohd Salleh Abdul Latiff (hands in pocket) a Bruneian journalist with the government Broadcasting and Information Department was among 13 who recently completed advanced training at the International Institute for Journalism in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany. The three-month course, was attended by journalists from the Third World including some from ASEAN countries. This picture taken in Bonn, shows Awang Mohd Salleh with some of his course-mates.

Red Arrows wow them



The Red Arrows aerobatic team fly past in the Diamond Nine formation-its recognised trade mark.

The world famous Red Arrows aerobatics team held complete centre stage of the country's skies for 25 minutes on July 3, 1986.

The aerial display by nine Hawker Siddeley Hawk aircraft of Britain's Royal Air Force had a

large crowd of spectators at Jerudong Polo Club grounds all craned skywards as the Red Arrows treated them to rolls, loops and carousels.

Among the specially invited guests were Kebawah Duli (Yang

Sultanate boycotts C'wealth Games

Brunei Darussalam is the second ASEAN-member country to boycott the 23rd Commonwealth Games which began in Edinburgh last month.

Malaysia, another ASEAN-member, announced its decision to stay away from the games a few days earlier. Singapore is the only ASEAN member at the quadrennial games.

A statement issued in Bandar Seri Begawan on July 22, 1986 said that Brunei Darussalam supports the concept of the Commonwealth as an association and its withdrawal from the games did not imply diminished support of the association.

"A boycott of the games in Edinburgh is unfortunate but South Africa must be shown the total opposition of the world community to its policy in apartheid," the statement added.

Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, diplomats and top civil servants.

The Red Arrows led by Squadron Leader Richard Thomas, had earlier performed at the Jakarta Air Show 1986.

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Your turn

The next issue of Brunei Darussalam will appear during the first week of September 1986.

If there are events you would like featured in 'Brunei Darussalam' please call us on Tel : 02-40527 or better still, take a photograph yourself and write a short article to accompany your picture. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by 15 August 1986. All editorial rights reserved.

Letter from the editor

We have always enjoyed hearing from our readers, many of whom have, over the months, made helpful comments and suggestions gratis; advice we would have gladly paid consultants for. This time we invite our overseas readers to get it off their chest, all those gripes, comments and suggestions they have harboured since the **Brunei Darussalam** newsletter started arriving in their mail. The 12 letters which, in the opinion of the editorial team, are the most interesting will receive book prizes while every letter writer will be given a gift.

We would like all letters to reach us by September, 10, 1986 to qualify. Names of prizes winners will be published in our October 1986 issue. **Ed.**

Slick eater this tweeter

This sparrow-sized member of the parrot family is a favourite Malay cage bird. Known locally as Teripas, (below) the Malay Lorikeet (*Loriculus galgulus*) is often sold in the bazaars.

Teripas emit a sharp cry while flying and this has great carrying power; coupled with its acute hearing, probably accounts for the fact that a decoy attracts so

many in a short time. The birds are caught by painting tree branches with latex adhesives.

They feed on flowers and the caged birds love honey and sweet food. They also thrive on padi or dry seed, picking at items delicately and with sensitive beakwork. Teripas are found in the lowlands and elsewhere on Borneo.



hj. Kamaluddin bin pdp. hj. abu bakar

BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City : Bandar Seri
Begawan
Land size : 5765 sq.km
Population : 220,000 (1984)

JUNE REPORT

Rainfall 279 mm.
(annual rainfall 2,818 mm.)

PRIME LENDING RATE

August 7.5%. (quoted by
bankers' association).

