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ASEAN-US summit in Bali

US gives assurance of more technical aid



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister (left) Dato Seri Lalla Jasa Haji Zakaria bin Dato Mahawangsa Haji Sulaiman, Permanent Secretary at the ministry and Awang Roderik Yong a senior ministry official at the Bali conference.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister brought back from Bali a

United States assurance of increasing assistance to Brunei Darussalam.

The assurance was given by Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State during a meeting with the

Foreign Affairs Minister in Bali on May 1, 1986.

The Foreign Minister was in Bali with, ASEAN counterparts to

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Small can be effective

National flag carriers for many small nations are just that. An excuse for bureaucrats and business alike for an ego massage and a killing respectively. The sight of state colours and crest flitting across skies gives even the feeblest hint of patriotism a boost.

Royal Brunei Airlines, referred to simply as BI in the parlance of the travel trade, born some 11 years ago made no pretense to gobbling up other airlines' market share or pandering to passenger preference. It was sufficient that the country has a visual presence at the airports of our neighbours.

A new era has dawned on Royal Brunei with the arrival of Boeing 757's to increase fleet size to six -three each of 737's and 757's. A new corporate image in livery, logo and other brushmarks of a newly growing dynamism that has touched corporate thinking.

The new aircraft will bring passenger capacity to just over 700 but more importantly BI's outlook has changed from one of existence to wanting to earn its keep and playing its role in the rough and tumble of the civil aviation business in the biggest economic growth area of the world with an eye on new destinations in the Middle East and possibly beyond.

Development of its capacity in the engineering wing could be the take off for support industries in line with government aspirations in the national development plan.

Bali Summit

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attend a special meeting to mark the 10th anniversary of the Bali Summit.

At the meeting Brunei Darussalam also expressed appreciation of American assistance in a variety of technical fields. At present some Bruneian civil service and police officers are sent for training in America on a government to-government basis.

The ASEAN foreign ministers later held a meeting with President Ronald Reagan of the United States. It was the first time that they met with the American leader, who promised that his country would do all it could to achieve a settlement of the Kampuchean issue.

He said that the United States supported ASEAN's basic principles for a settlement by the complete withdrawal of Vietnamese forces, restoration of Kampuchean sovereignty and free elections.

In return the ASEAN countries endorsed Mr Reagan's campaign for international action against terrorism.

In written replies to questions put by The Borneo Bulletin, a Brunei Darussalam-based weekly newspaper the American leader said that his government had not explored the possibility of siting a military base in the Sultanate as 'our military bases agreement with the Philippines remains in effect until 1991 after which either side may terminate it with one year's notice.'

'At this point, it is not possible to predict the attitude of the Philippines government closer to 1991. However President Aquino has pledged to abide by the current agreement and to keep her options open.'

'We believe we can work with the new Philippines government to achieve the resolution of any issues which arise in connection with the bases agreement.'

'As is prudent for a world power, we regularly review our basing strategy worldwide and develop contingency plans.'

'Replying to a question on whether the US bombing of Libya would damage US relations with ASEAN members especially those with Arab sympathies, the President said that the US government believed that ASEAN nations 'shared its repugnance of terrorism, regardless of the quarter from which it came.'

Stamps mark RBAF's 25 years



The Postal Service Department issued a set of four commemorative stamps on May 31, 1986 to mark the silver jubilee of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

The stamps, in denominations of 10 sen, 20 sen, 50 sen, and 75 sen, were designed by local artist Awang Norariffin bin Md Yassin.

Overseas collectors can obtain the stamps by writing 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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Seoul keen to share nation building experience

His Excellency Mr Kang Sung Ku, is the new Korean Republic Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

The 55-year-old envoy presented his credentials to His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace on May 5, 1986.

Mr Kang, who arrived in the country in the previous month, takes over from His Excellency Mr Choi Bae Shik who served as ambassador since February 1984.

The new envoy said that his government was keen to share its

development experience 'with the Asian family and in particular build close relations with ASEAN'.

'The visit of His Majesty the Sultan to the Korean Republic in April 1984 marked a milestone in the strengthening relations between the two countries and the peoples of Korea have shown much interest in Brunei Darussalam. We would like to share all our nation building experience with newly born nations like Brunei Darussalam,' he said.

'A good atmosphere has been created since the royal visit to



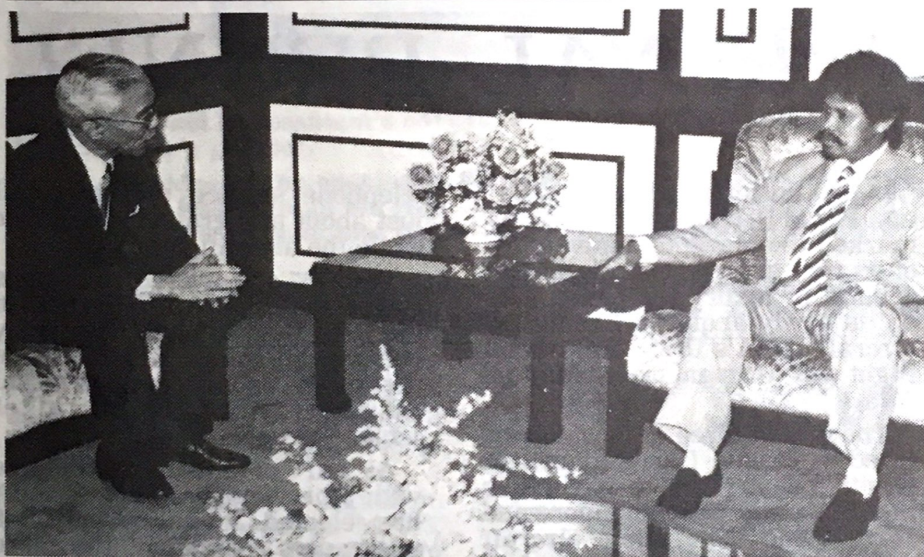
His Excellency Mr Kang Sung Ku

Korea and now is the time for practical relations,' he added.

Since the inception of the Korean Embassy about 20 Bruneian civil servants have been invited by the Seoul government on study tours or to attend seminars on issues related to development, mainly agriculture and engineering. This year one officer was invited to attend the annual Korean Development Institute seminar.

Before his arrival in Bandar Seri Begawan, Mr Kang served his country in Austria, Japan, New Zealand and Iran.

There are about three hundred Korean nationals in Brunei Darussalam. Some have been resident in the country as long as twenty years.



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah received His Excellency Mr Shinichi Yanai visiting Japanese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister at an audience.

Tokyo economic summit results arrive

Japanese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister last month called on His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister.

His Excellency Mr Shinichi Yanai was in the country from May 16-18, 1986 as part of a tour of

ASEAN and the Republic of Korea to present the results of the seven-nation Tokyo economic summit held early last month.

The summit which was attended by United States President Ronald Reagan discussed ASEAN concern about economic protectionism, falling world commodity prices and international terrorism.

Greece, Ireland appoint ambassadors to BSB

Two New Delhi-based diplomats have been accredited by their governments to Brunei Darussalam.

His Excellency Mr George Sioris, the Greek ambassador to India presented his credentials to His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam on May 6, 1986.

On the same day His Excellency Mr Bernard Mchugh, the Irish ambassador to New Delhi was received at the Nurul Iman Palace in Bandar Seri Begawan where he presented his credentials.



The pride of Royal Brunei Airlines, one of the new Boeing 757's in the new livery (foreground) and an older Boeing 737 fleet member.

NEW LOOK ROYAL BRUNEI



Royal Brunei Airlines inflight luxury includes leather upholstered seats, a new menu line-up and top quality dinner service and silver cutlery all in keeping with RBA's new image.

The national flag carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (RBA) marked the eleventh anniversary of its first commercial flight with a burst of luxury for passengers on its newly acquired Boeing 757 aircraft. RBA's first commercial flight was to Singapore on May 14, 1975.

The first of three 757's which arrived in Brunei Darussalam last month began service early this month on flights to Singapore and Hong Kong. The other aircraft will be delivered by the end of next month.

The RBA 757's have set new standards of luxury in air travel with more space for passengers and fittings and facilities one up on other airlines using the same aircraft.

First class passengers will have leather upholstered seats with gold-plated trimmings extending to washrooms with gold-plated washbasins and taps.

The new menu line up will feature a mix of western and asian cuisine which will be served on the very best in bone china and cutlery service.

Busy executives will have access to an inflight work station that among other things has a

telephone service that can call just about any ground subscriber while the aircraft is enroute.

The 757's powered by Rolls Royce engines are also the first in the RBA fleet to be in new livery colours, an image which will be the feature on all corporate visual manifestations from ticket jackets to paper napkins.

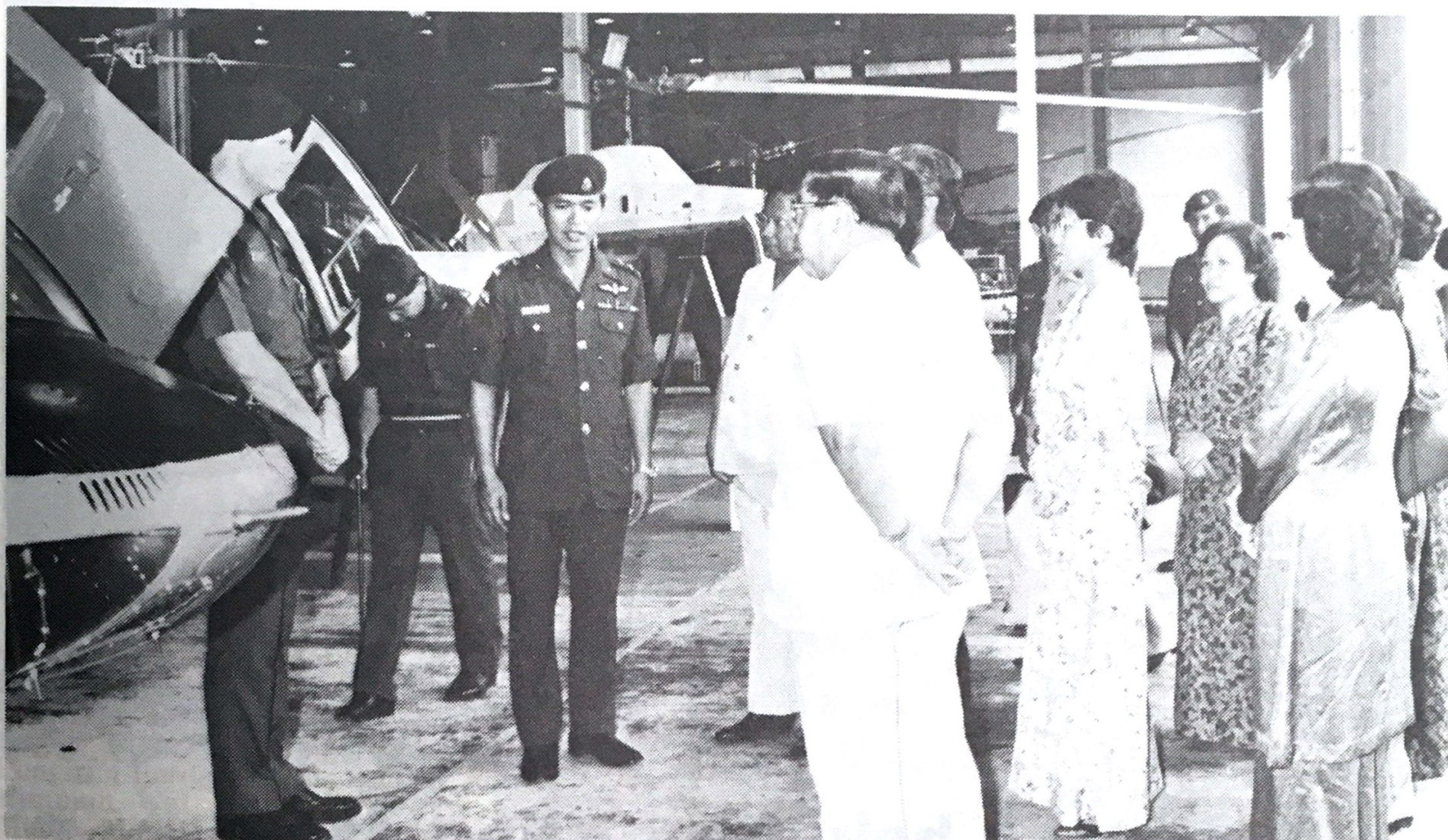
As part of efforts to compete with other regional airlines RBA has elected to carry only 148 passengers instead of the more common 180 that the new aircraft can accommodate. First class has a capacity of 16, 24 in business class and 108 in economy. The arrival of all three 757's will increase RBA's seat capacity by more than 150 percent to a total of 732.

A spokesman for the airlines said that the upgrading of the fleet with new technology, service and image is in anticipation of expansion in RBA's destination network.

In August RBA begins twice weekly flights to Taipei while negotiations are in progress for destinations in Europe.

RBA now serves Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok, Manila, Hong Kong, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

Brunei Darussalam envoys home for discussions



Brunei Darussalam's envoys returned home for a series of briefings and discussions on the country's policies.

Speaking at the opening of the nine-day meeting that began on May 1, 1986, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Ahmad bin Haji Jumat, the Permanent Secretary (Administration) at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, said that the meeting will help upgrade the functioning of Brunei Darussalam's missions abroad.

While at home the diplomats also visited various ministries, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces' headquarters and the newly-opened University of Brunei Darussalam.

Brunei Darussalam has signed an air services agreement with the Indian Ocean Republic of the Maldives.

The agreement was signed in Bandar Seri Begawan on May 3, 1986 with the Brunei Darussalam Government represented by Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin bin Pengiran Haji Abbas the Law and Communications Minister. His Excellency Mr Ahmed Mujuthaba, the Maldives' Minister of Transport and Shipping signed for his government.

Under the agreement Royal Brunei Airlines will be able to fly to Male, the capital of the Maldives, and destinations beyond Male while the designated airlines of the Maldives will have reciprocal rights to service Bandar Seri Begawan and destinations beyond.

No date has been fixed for the start of the air service between the two countries.

Air services accord with Maldives



Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin bin Pg. Haji Abbas the Law and Communications Minister (second from left) who signed for Brunei Darussalam with Mr Ahmed Mujuthaba, the Maldives Minister of Transport and Shipping (seated at left) at the signing ceremony.



Hi-tech help for fasting dates

Officials from the Religious Affairs Department get a little help from modern survey instruments as they sight the new moon to decide the first day of Ramadan, the fasting month in the Muslim calendar.

This year the officials were at Bukit Bintang in the northeast of the country on May 9, 1986 to make their observation. The new moon was sighted and fasting began on May 10, 1986 which was declared a public holiday. Had the moon not been sighted May 11, 1986 would have been declared the first day of the fasting month.

No risk yet to Bruneians

Public health authorities have so far found no radioactive contamination on food sold in the Sultanate as a result of the Chernobyl accident.

A spokesman for the Medical and Health Department said 'We have checked the shelves of shops and supermarkets. We don't import anything from eastern Europe.'

Brunei Darussalam imports some dairy products, vegetable and fruit from western Europe.

A check with importers revealed that there were no direct imports from Europe. European foodstuffs were usually imported through neighbouring countries.



Filipino Joseph Lizardo who, captured the singles title in the Brunei Darussalam Junior International Tennis Tournament, flashes a victor's gesture after receiving his trophy from Pg. Asmlee Pg. Ahmad, Assistant Director of Welfare Youth and Sports.

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Judicial Commissioners appointed

Two officers from the Hong Kong judiciary have been appointed Commissioners of the High Court of Brunei Darussalam.

Mr Justice Sir Alan Armstrong Huggins (J.A.) and Mr Justice Noel Bairrie Hooper (J) took their oaths of office before His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace on May 19, 1986.

The two new appointees to the bench will hear appeal cases while the latter will also preside over high court cases.

Also present at the ceremony was Dato Sir Geoffrey Briggs, President of the Brunei Darussalam Court of Appeal, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, 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 Jefri Bolkiah, the Culture Youth and Sports cum Deputy Finance Minister.



His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam presents the Letter of Appointment to Mr Justice Noel Bairrie Hooper (J) on his appointment as Commissioner of the High Court of Brunei Darussalam.

Regional Malay language conference



The Brunei Darussalam delegation to the MABBIM conference in Kuala Lumpur. Awang Haji Ahmad Bin Kadi is fifth from the left.

A 10-member delegation represented the country at a regional Malay language conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 8-11, 1986.

MABBIM, acronym for the Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia-Malaysia language council met for the 25th session to discuss the development of the Malay language. Brunei Darussalam joined MABBIM at the end of last year.

The agenda included the growth of specialist terminology in Malay.

Among those who attended the conference were Malay language linguistic notables like Datuk Dr Asmah Omar of Malaysia and Professor Dr Anton Muliano of Indonesia.

HM calls on more young men to join the armed forces

More young men have been urged to join the Royal Brunei Armed Forces so that Brunei Darussalam could meet any possible defence threat.

The call came in a message from His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam read at parades to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) which fell on May 31, 1986.

The parades were held in military camps throughout the country. Each member of the force received a specially struck silver medallion to mark the occasion.

Among them were the pioneer batch of 59 men who were trained in Malaysia. They formed the nucleus of the then Brunei Malay Regiment.

The regiment's first headquarters in 1964 was at Berakas Camp some 13 kilometres from Bandar Seri Begawan.

On the fourth anniversary of the regiment in 1965, Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, who was then the Sultan, now the Defence Minister and Colonel-in-chief of the RBAF, conferred the title 'Royal' on the regiment.

On January 1, 1984 His Majesty the Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam renamed the fighting force 'Royal Brunei Armed Forces'.

Since 1978, several units were formed including the Women's Company, the Signal Squadron and the Air Defence Battery.

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces is under the command of



RBAF Commander Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Brigadier-General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad pins a commemorative medal at a parade in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan.

Brigadier-General Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad bin Haji Daud who took over on January 1, 1986. Brigadier-General Mohammad is the first Bruneian to be appointed to this position.

The new RBAF commander who started his military career in 1960 as an officer-cadet was deputy to his predecessor, who was a

British military officer.

The RBAF has two infantry battalions backed by voluntary units and is equipped with modern hardware including Rapier and Exocet missiles.

The RBAF has a training school in the country but also sends men for training in Hong Kong and Australia. It also takes part in joint manoeuvres with other regional military forces.

Medals given out in Malaysia, Singapore too

Royal Brunei Armed Forces men away on courses and attachments in Singapore and Malaysia were not forgotten on the 25th anniversary of the force.

Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Brigadier General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad, the RBAF Commander went to meet his men to personally hand them their commemorate com-

memorative medals.

In Singapore some 106 men of the RBAF met their Commander at the official residence of the Brunei Darussalam High Commissioner to receive their medals on May 31, 1986.

The following day the commander flew to Kuala Lumpur where four RBAF received their medals from him.

National health care well on the rails

The Education and Health Ministry has revised national policy to introduce a primary health care segment into the total care system.

Since the country became independent in 1984 there has been a shift towards preventive health and many targets have been achieved ahead of schedule.

At a World Health Assembly meeting in Geneva last month, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz, the Education and Health Minister reported that several Brunei Darussalam indices had also improved.

'Life expectancy for both sexes is now 72 years, safe drinking water and sanitation is available to three quarters of the urban and rural population and the immunisation campaign for six of the most common children's diseases had covered almost 100

percent of the target population, the minister said.

'The government,' he said, 'was aiming for self-reliance on the part of the community and it is planning for one person in each community to be trained in primary health care by the end of the decade.'

He added that to meet the need for more nurses a college had been established recently with the first batch of trained nurses expected in 1989. WHO collaboration will also be sought in the training of trainers for a wide variety of health professionals needed to make 'Health for all by 2000' a reality in the country.

The government was also trying to encourage people to go to primary care centres instead of directly to hospitals, however programmes for preventive and promotive care were being accepted slowly, he added.



Artistic works at a COCI - organised exhibition viewed by (from left) Dy. Fatimah Hj. Mohd Husain, Acting Deputy Director of the Language and Literature Bureau, Awang Haji Metussin bin Omar, Director of the Brunei Museum and Pg Haji Muhammad bin Pg Duraman, Head of the Art Division, at the Language and Literature Bureau.

ASEAN artists meet in Manila

Five artists are to represent Brunei Darussalam at the ASEAN Youth Artists Exhibition to be held in Manila in the middle of this month.

The artists will spend two weeks in the city working under the guidance of four master painters of the host country as part of the effort to create cultural understanding among the ASEAN artists.

Last month the artists were among those who displayed some 50 works at a week-long exhibition in the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

The exhibition which began on May 8, 1986 was a project of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (COCI).

Similar art clinics have been held in other ASEAN capitals in the past.

Local businessmen challenged to meet the times

The government has challenged indigenous entrepreneurs to keep up with the times and meet the challenges with new business management techniques and originality.



YDM Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abd. Rahman, Minister of Development.

In an address to the annual meeting of the Malay Chamber of Commerce, on May 4, 1986, Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abd. Rahman bin Haji Mohd Taib, the Development Minister said that the chamber could play an important role in maximising effective Malay participation in local business. This, he said, could only result if there is a change of attitude on the part of the businessmen themselves.

The government was concerned about the development of Malay businesses and had helped by providing the physical infrastructure for growth.

Awang Haji Abdul Hapidz bin Pehin Laksamana Awang Haji Abdul Razak, the President of the Malay Chamber of Commerce thanked the government for its assistance to businessmen and said that the current national development plan provided much opportunity for new business.

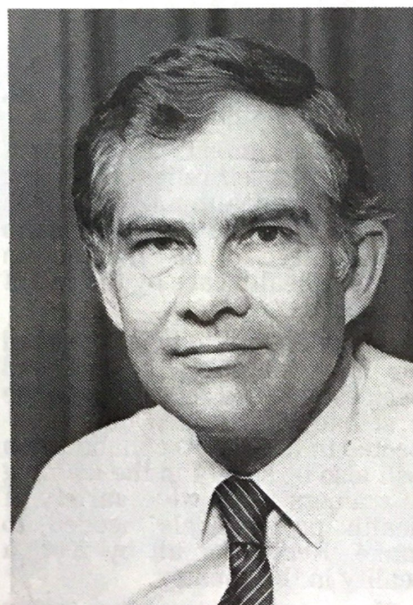
All's well that ends well

The Brunei Shell group of companies, engaged in exploration, production and sale of crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products, seem to have got through tumultuous 1985 with more than pass marks.

So says Nico Johan van Dijk, Managing Director, in a foreword to the four-company group's annual report. Given the upheavals that plagued the world oil market, Brunei Shell was able to meet production targets despite the severe irregularities in the demand for crude.

Production during 1985 gushed from a low of 84,000 to a maximum of 203,000 barrels per day but reserves in the companies' concession areas remained unchanged because 'they were amply replaced by the newly identified reserves'. The report adds

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Mr Nico J. van Dijk

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 *gulaian*.

The word *gulaian* refers to vegetable either raw or cooked.

Kacang panjang, terung, bayam dan gulaian lain lebih murah harganya jika dibeli terus di kebun.

Long beans, aubergines, spinach and other vegetables are cheaper if purchased directly from the farm.

Restoran itu menyajikan berbagai jenis *gulaian* yang enak.

The restaurant served a variety of delicious vegetables.



courtesy of brunei shell

Diplomats in Brunei Darussalam have been visiting parts of the country's biggest and economically most important industry. Last month the diplomats visited Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Private Limited largest offshore production installation, the Champion-7 complex, some 70 kilometres from Seria, the most important town in the oilfields.

On arrival at the Brunei Shell's headquarters the visitors were met by Managing Director Nico van Dijk and other senior company officers. They heard a briefing on the company's exploration and production activities after which they took a helicopter ride to the Champion field which was discovered in 1970.

The Champion-7 complex was commissioned in 1984 and provides centralised control for over 200 wells and living quarters for 160 men. The field produces a mix of oil and gas.

About ten days earlier the diplomats visited the Brunei LNG plant in Lumut. The plant receives gas from three offshore fields.

Overseas training for young tennis talents

The Culture Youth and Sports Ministry hopes to upgrade the standard of tennis through overseas training for budding young talents. The first to be sent on the programme is 14-year-old Mathew Lim.

Lim left for Australia early last month to spend four weeks in intensive training under coach Mr Ian Occleshaw at Kooyong, Melbourne. Mr Occleshaw has, in the past, trained a number of Australian Davis Cup players.

Lim's training is a curtain-raiser to a tournament in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia early this month. In August he will take part in a tournament among Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei Darussalam who are expected to be the hosts.

Last month at the Brunei Darussalam Junior International Tennis Tournament in Bandar Seri Begawan visitors took all the titles.

From May 6 to 9, 1986, Filipino Joseph Lizardo outmanoeuvred Shovon Jamaly of Bangladesh to bag the singles title after two straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

Shovon and countryman Tanwir Rahman teamed up to take the doubles title from Filipino duo Lizardo and Jordan Sanchez.

Your turn

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

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Life membership for royal marksman



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah at the Asian Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships in Bangkok last month.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of the Brunei Darussalam Olympic Council is the first person to be bestowed an honorary life membership to the Asian Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (ACPSA).

The award was made to during the association's fourth general assembly in Bangkok early last month. His Royal Highness and two other officials from the Brunei Darussalam attended the meeting.

Brunei Darussalam which is the association's 20th member joined on the May 1, 1986 and participated in Third Asian Clay Pigeon Shooting Championship in Bangkok held from May 1 to 10, 1986.

Brunei Darussalam's national contingent led by His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah took part in the skeet and trap events.

The next Asian clay pigeon shooting competition is expected to be held in Hong Kong in 1988.

Brunei Shell Group

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that hydrocarbon deposits 'now stand at their highest for many years' and estimates that the current production levels could be maintained for several decades.

Seria, the main town in the oilfields, exported an average of 165,000 barrels per day last year.

The picture was different for liquefied natural gas, almost all of which is exported to Japan on a contract that expires in 1993. About 10 percent of gas produced is consumed domestically.

The bulk of the companies' exploration for hydrocarbons was concentrated in its offshore concessions.

The Iron Duke-10X drilled in June discovered significant oil and gas deposits. The find has been estimated at 56 million barrels of oil and 166 billion cubic feet of gas.

Small quantities of hydrocarbons were found in exploratory wells drilled at Barampa South-1X and at Iron Duke-11X.

Another well spudded last November in the Gannet South East-1X found some four million barrels of oil and 21 billion cubic feet of gas.



Customers survey tempting offerings



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Top:— kuih koci, rice flour dumplings with sweetened coconut filling wrapped in bananan leaves, middle: cucur ubi, sweet potato fritters, bottom: bagedil potato and minced meat croquettes.

Ramadan sweetmeat fiesta

The muslim fasting month of Ramadan sees the emergence of a daily food fair featuring a wide variety of traditional Bruneian sweetmeats.

It is the practice of muslims in this country to break the fast at sundown with a sweet dish. This special need for sweets has flourished a market that appears only during Ramadan.

The stalls have extended their offerings to include local favourites like puspa, a sweet drink and even savouries like barbecued meat and fish

specialties.

In Bandar Seri Begawan, the stalls, many run by families wanting to put family-treasured recipes within the reach of those who were a pain to their home economics tutors at school, are accommodated in an open air car park. In other parts of the country similar clusters of stalls are set up in housing areas.

A visit to these fairs, which usually start about 2 p.m. and last till about six in the evening is truly a delight to the eye, an adventure of cooking aromas and can be a pleasure to the palate.

BRUNEI IN BRIEF

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

APRIL REPORT

Rainfall 180.1 mm.
(annual rainfall 2,818 mm.)

PRIME LENDING RATE

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

