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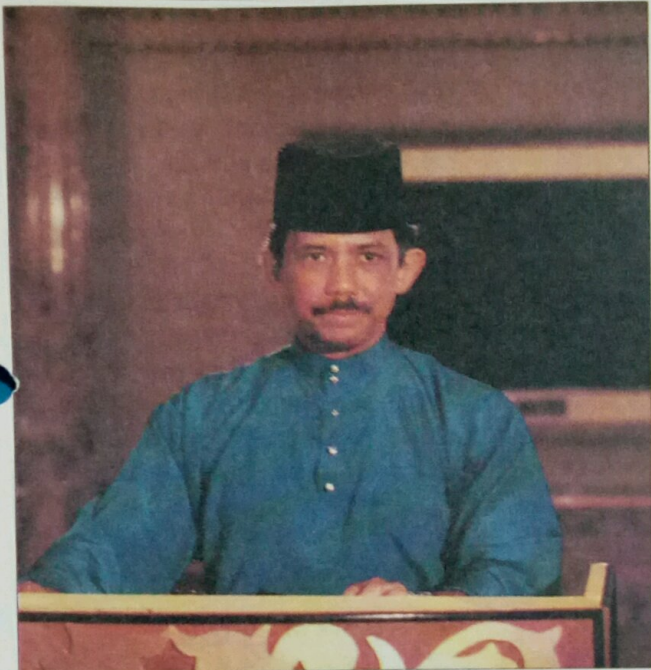
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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered his message in conjunction with the Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Muslims urged to improve their fortunes: HM Sultan

Muslims in the country and elsewhere in the world should have the will and spirit to improve their fortunes. They should have the same spirit and determination showed by those who were once afflicted by war and the effects of radioactive pollution but who nevertheless emerged within a period of just fifty years as a respected power to be reckoned with in all fields.

In his Hari Raya Aidilfitri titah commemorating the end of the holy month of Ramadhan this year, His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-

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Efforts now being intensified to bring existing laws consistent with Islamic laws: HM Sultan



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents the trophy to Awang Mohd. Noor bin Haji Ibrahim from Hassanal Bolkiah Arabic Secondary Boys School. He won the boys' section in memorizing three chapters of the Quran category.

Efforts are now being intensified to bring existing laws in the country in line with Islamic laws, His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, said in his latest titah at a nation-wide Nuzul Al-Quran celebration, (revelation of the Al-Quran) this week, 11 March.

His Majesty also added that this would be done in stages,

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Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, pointed out that while people in the country were enjoying the fruits of comfort and prosperity, Muslims elsewhere in the world were suffering all sorts of catastrophes.

Wars, atrocities and oppressions are perpetrated by the enemies of Allah and Islam alongside other sufferings caused by diseases, accidents and hunger, said the monarch.

"These unfortunate incidents are not new actually; they have existed for many centuries. Yet" the monarch said, "there is little change. There has not been any drastic change within the Islamic ummah for the past 700 years. [this very ummah] was once a powerful and respected community. So why is it that the Islamic community has to endure such a fate for such a long time?" His Majesty asked.

His Majesty went on to point out that he believed not all [people] of the Islamic community had awoken yet to improve its fortunes following centuries-long bitter experiences, unlike

other people who managed to rise from radioactive pollution and [the ravages of] war defeat. Such a feat, the monarch stressed, took them about fifty years only to become successful in all fields.

Ramadhan, said the monarch, is a month set to test the faith of Muslims, for some might find the tribulations difficult to face. It is [also another chance] to seek forgiveness from Allah God The Almighty.

His Majesty also expressed his gratitude [to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala] that this year's fasting month went by smoothly and peacefully as there were not any unpleasant incidents such as the slight tremor, the wave of drought and bush fires experienced last Ramadhan. "This is something which we should all be thankful for to Allah" he said.

The monarch did not let this occasion go without referring to the late Mufti of Brunei Darussalam, who, His Majesty pointed out, was a great Muslim scholar and whose death was a great loss not only to the country but to the whole Islamic ummah as a whole.

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in line with their existing capability.

Government serious about carrying out Quranic teachings

In his titah delivered before guests including Cabinet Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, senior government officials and foreign diplomats, at the ICC, Wednesday, the Brunei monarch pointed out: "we are serious about carrying out the teachings of the Al-Quran for the good sake and happiness of our community and people."

"So far, we have already speeded up steps in accordance with the teachings especially in the Government's efforts in the field of finance for example where (the financial institutions) are run in line with the Islamic system."

Importance of unity

His Majesty later underlined the importance of unity among the people especially the Muslims, particularly in the light of world politics today.

Said the monarch: "What is needed now especially in the long-run, is our readiness to accept a way of life and in living in a country, the system of which is in accordance with Islam, and this must be agreed unanimously especially among the Muslims themselves."

The monarch later stressed that he did not want to see one group supporting the (Government's) efforts while another opposes it, as in the case of many similar incidents happening elsewhere today.

His Majesty further hoped that a

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true sense of unity would prevail particularly among the Muslims. Explaining why this is important, he said: ".....because in the light of world political scenario today, the way an adversary weaken a particular people and country is by breaking the integration of that people, regardless of whether its means are obvious or not. Either way, both would undermine the resilience of the people and country. Therefore, it should be avoided."

Government will continue to promote study of the Al-Quran

Earlier in his titah, His Majesty also spoke about the role of the Al-Quran and its significance especially to the head of the family and leader.

By keeping close to the teachings of the Al-Quran, it is easy to conduct one's life and in his dealings with others, as one is blessed with these strengths of intelligence and of the spirit, said the monarch.

If the head of the family or leader has these traits, then he is a good one, said the ruler.

The importance of the Al-Quran is clear, the monarch added. The Government will therefore continue to carry out whatever effort which is suitable and which would benefit and promote the study of the Al-Quran.

He also noted that through the years, the emphasis in learning the Al-Quran has changed. Ten or fifteen years ago, one just learned the Quran in order to be able to read it. This trend has changed with efforts to translate it, write it (handwritten) and memorize it in a more systematic manner. We did all these in order to obtain more benefit from it (the Quran), the monarch said.

This year's Nuzul Al-Quran celebration was jointly organised by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Department of Customs and Excise.

The ceremony which was broadcast 'live' by RTB began with the mass recital of the Surah Al-Fatihah, the first chapter of the Quran, led by the Chief Kadi, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.

The Religious Affairs Minister, Yang Berhormat Pehin Jawatan Luar

Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Utama Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd. Zain bin Haji Serudin in his welcoming speech among others said, the aim of memorizing the Quran, is to encourage children to familiarize themselves with the Quran.

The competition is divided into three categories, namely 'Memorizing the Verses from the Quran', 'Memorizing Surah Yasin' and 'Memorizing three chapters of the Quran'.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam later consented to present prizes to winners, who received the holy Quran, trophies and cash prizes each.

Present at the ceremony were His Majesty's eldest son, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, and His Majesty's two brothers, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah.

More than 41,000 convey greetings to His Majesty and the royal family

Muslims in the country began celebrating Hari Raya (Eid Mubarak) on 1 Syawal, 1413 in the Muslim calendar, which corresponded to 25 March, 1993.

The festival began with prayers at all mosques and suraus throughout the country.

In Bandar Seri Begawan, His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam led the male members of the royal family in joining thousands of his subjects in the prayers at the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin mosque.

They included His Majesty sons,

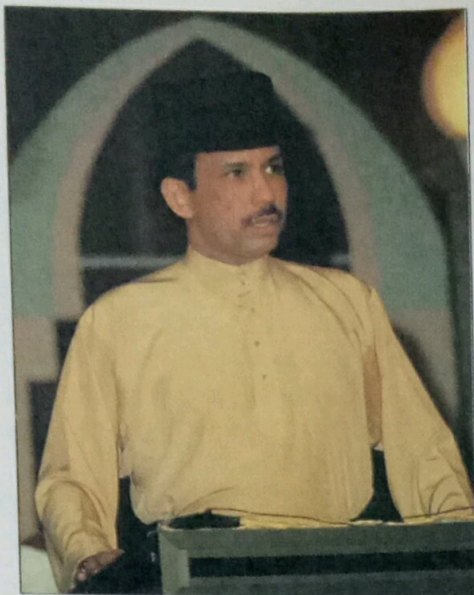
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After the prayers, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was joined by

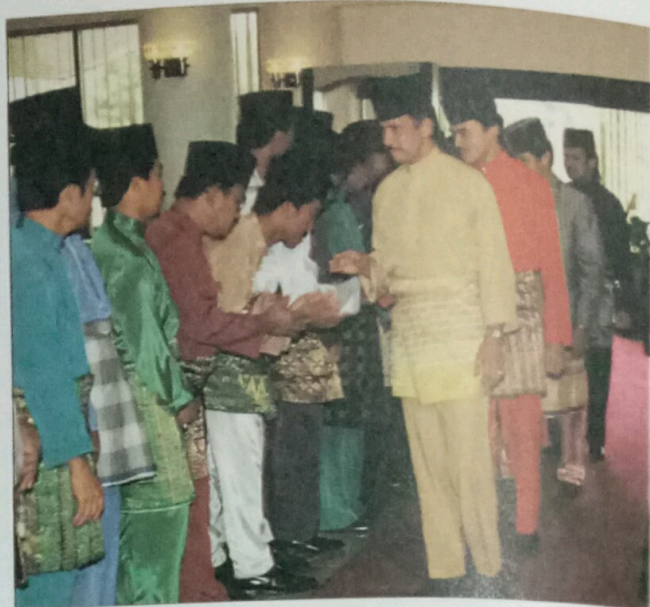
Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam and members of the royal family in receiving state dignitaries, foreign diplomats and other VIP's who had come to Istana Nurul Iman to extend their Hari Raya greetings.

As previous years, Istana Nurul Iman was opened for three days, starting on the second day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri, to enable citizens and people of the country convey their greetings to the royal family.

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The observance of the Nuzul Al-Quran



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam says, efforts are now being intensified to bring existing laws in consistent with Islamic laws.

Leading the royal party at the ceremony marking the Nuzul Al-Quran, His Majesty is greeted on arrival at the International Convention Centre by the Committee members of the celebration.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Nuzul Al-Quran celebration. Seated to His Majesty's right are His Majesty's eldest son, HRH Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Majesty's two brothers, HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah and HRH Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah.



The Brunei ruler hands over the trophy to the winner of one of the category in girls' section (left), while foreign diplomats were among the guests who turn up to celebrate one of the historic events in the Islamic calendar (below).



His Majesty The Sultan granted audiences



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam granted an audience to His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Rubei, Minister of Education and Higher Studies from Kuwait. To His Excellency's right was the Special Adviser to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Prime Minister's Office and the Minister of Home Affairs, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam greeting the Indonesian Minister of Defence and Security, His Excellency General Dato Paduka Seri L. B Benny Moerdani (picture above left) and the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, His Excellency Mr. Salman Khurshid (picture above right) during the audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has granted an audience to His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Rubei, Minister of Education and Higher Studies from Kuwait. The ceremony took place at

the Istana Nurul Iman, March 1.

His Excellency and his delegation was in the country as a special envoy of the Emir of Kuwait, His Majesty Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Brunei Darussalam and Kuwait established diplomatic relations on 1 May, 1990.

The Brunei ruler also granted an

audience to Indonesian Minister of Defence and Security, His Excellency General Dato Paduka Seri L.B. Benny Moerdani at the Istana Nurul Iman on February 17.

His Excellency was accompanied by Indonesia's Ambassador to

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Hari Raya Aidilfitri with royal family



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, receives 'junjung ziarah' from the rakyat and people of the country after the congregational Hari Raya Aidilfitri prayer at the Omar Ali Saifuddien mosque in Bandar Seri Begawan (above).



Rakyat and people from all walks of life members of the royal family. Also seen in the 'Abdul 'Azim, second from right, and HRH



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam leads the male members of the royal household to exchange Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings at Istana Nurul Iman.



Left: From right to left, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Masna, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Nor'ain, YAM pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati, YAM Pengiran Bini Hajjah Mazuin and YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam were also at the Istana Nurul Iman to exchange greetings.



In another part of Istana Nurul Iman, Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Salimah Hajjah Mariam led the women who had come to exchange greetings.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, His Majesty's eldest son, HRH Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, and His Majesty's brothers, HRH Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and HRH Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah exchange the Hari Raya greetings with the rakyat and people of Brunei Darussalam at Istana Nurul Iman, which held a three-day open house (left). Leading the royal party, His Majesty exchanging greetings with the VIPs, comprising Pengiran Cheteries, Cabinet Minister, dignitaries, foreign diplomats and senior government officials and their wives, who had come to the Istana Nurul Iman on the first day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri (picture right).



and their greetings to His Majesty and other members of the royal family. In the picture were His Majesty's sons, HRH Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and HRH Prince 'Abdul Malik, extreme right.



Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam exchanging Hari Raya greetings with wives of the Permanent Secretaries who had also come to Istana Nurul Iman on the first day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri (below).



His Majesty's daughters, from right to left, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Majeedah Nuurul Bolqiah, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajjah Hafizah Sururul Bolqiah, YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri 'Azamah Ni'matul Bolkiah and YTM Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Fadzilah Lubabul Bulqiah, also receive Hari Raya greetings from the well-wishers (right).

Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam exchanging Hari Raya greetings with wives of the Permanent Secretaries who had also come to Istana Nurul Iman on the first day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri (below).



Plans afoot to realise great potential of hydrocarbon and petroleum resources

The contribution of gas to the national wealth of the country is phenomenal, exceeded only by the contribution of oil in real terms. In view of this one cannot but expect the conscientious commitment of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, to the steady growth and continued development of this hydrocarbon in particular and the petroleum resources in general.

The Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Alimin who said this, Monday 30 March, added that His Majesty's Government is very well aware of the great potential that these invaluable resources have for future developments, and is therefore looking into the numerous possibilities by which it could optimise their benefits for the country and its people.

Plans are afoot at the present moment to develop strategic perspectives in an attempt towards fulfilling this objective, Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Alimin said this week the BLNG (Brunei Liquefied Natural Gas) Plant 20th anniversary. The occasion also marked the official opening of the new temporary jetty, thus marking the commencement of construction works on the new mid-ship loading facility.

"The first 20 years of the BLNG's existence is very significant because for one, it marks the veritable success in meeting all the expectations of the buyers."

Simple though it may sound, the Permanent Secretary continued, "but when you cast this against the historical background twenty years ago, when the Brunei LNG project was the first pioneering major project of its kind in this part of the world, it is certainly an achievement, quite outstanding in its own right, and one which sets a leading example in its operations and management to all

others in the region and beyond.

This exemplary tradition is being observed today, when many in this region and beyond, as we in Brunei, he said, are also keeping tabs, following with very keen eyes the progress and development of the current negotiations with the Japanese buyers in Tokyo.

There are many pluses attached to LNG as a commodity. In LNG we have the cleanest fuel, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohammad Alimin added. "In the world that is very concerned with caring for its environmental values, this is a premium which everybody shares."

Gas which is the most efficient of the hydrocarbon fuels in generating electricity, may not necessarily be the cheapest fuel for such a purpose. But Brunei has since 1966 been largely dependent on gas for the generation of its turbines and will be so for years to come, said he.

BLNG success story could "conveniently be assumed to begin with the successful loading of LNG into Gadinia, now renamed Bebatik on the 8th December 1972. Loading the ship then was and is via the present stern loading facility."

"But to be sure, the foundation of this success story may have been made at one of the many management board meetings when decision was made to set up the plant at the present site, and subsequent decisions being consciously followed through with full conviction to their logical conclusion. The learned courage of those in the management boards and in Government as partners in this enterprise, reflected their confidence and will despite the many imponderables and inherent uncertainties in the business then."

But these are precursors to the current attitude and will of the management which would undertake the necessary measures at capital improvements of the systems and



The Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Alimin bin Haji Abdul Wahab.

facilities at the plant whenever they are required to keep the plant always on top of its problems ahead of times. Many such improvements have been undertaken in the past, he noted.

The significance of the new jetty project is in keeping with this practice. When it is completed and operational by the end of the year, the new mid-ship loader will replace the present 20-year old stern loader and should therefore enable the loading of not only larger but also other LNG ships.

The flexibility offered by the new loader should allow it to cater for the foreseeable customer requirements for the next 20 years and beyond.

The Permanent Secretary later expressed his confidence that the high level of professionalism and dedication to excellence to plant operations and maintenance, which have been the mark of success and competence for the past 20 years, would continue to hold out beyond the next phase of its contract life with safety record second to none.



Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha (picture above left) and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam (picture above right) granted audiences to the wife of the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, His Excellency Mr. Salman Khurshid, at the Istana Nurul Iman and Istana Nurul Izzah respectively.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, also receives a courtesy call from the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, His Excellency Mr. Salman Khurshid, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency M. P. Azhari Boer and several senior officials of the Indonesian armed forces.

Also present at the ceremony were the Law Minister, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Indera Setia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Sulaiman, Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Alimin and both Permanent Secretaries of the Minis-

try of Defence.

On 16 March, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam granted an audience to His Excellency Mr. Salman Khurshid, the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India.

At the ceremony, His Majesty and His Excellency exchanged views on bilateral and regional issues.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, also received a courtesy call from the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, His

Excellency Mr. Salman Khurshid. During the function which took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on February 16, His Royal Highness and His Excellency discussed bilateral and regional issues.

Meanwhile, Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam granted separate audiences to the wife of the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of India. The ceremonies took place at the Istana Nurul Iman and Istana Nurul Izzah respectively.

Members of public reminded to comply with forestry laws and regulations

The Director of Forestry, Dr. Morni bin Othman has once again reminded members of the public, particularly villagers using forestry resources, to comply with the country's forestry laws and regulations.

The offence carries a fine of \$10,000 and two years imprisonment. The offender may also have to pay some hundred thousand dollars as compensation to the damage done to the forest. Those in doubt about these matters are advised to contact the Forestry Law Enforcement and Protection Section of the Forestry Department.

Dr. Morni was speaking at the launching of this year's World Forestry Day, March 21, at the Bukit Panjang Recreation Park in Kampong Kulapis. The theme this year is "Hutan Kekal Masyarakat Makmur" (roughly meaning that "the

conservation of the forests will contribute to the well-being of the community").

The Bukit Panjang Recreation Park was chosen as the venue for the launching of the World Forestry Day this year to highlight the importance of protecting and conserving the forests for future generations.

The General Assembly of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has declared March 21 each year, as the World Forestry Day. It symbolises the close cooperation at the international level in efforts to conserve the forest. If the forests were destroyed, these would lead to catastrophes and natural disasters, among others such as floods, soil erosions, increase in climatic weather, a continuous wave of drought and the shortage of food and medical resources, said

the Director.

Dr. Morni further underlined the need to strengthen the awareness and understanding of the people about their duties and responsibilities in the protection and conservation of the forest and the environment.

He also touched on the Forestry Department's efforts to develop forestry estates in order to ensure the well-being of the rakyat and people in the country. The Department hopes to grow fruit trees and plants such as rattan and bamboo on areas which are not suitable for agricultural development.

In conjunction with the launching of the World Forestry Day, the Forestry Department presented 150 seedlings of fruit trees to participants from Kampong Kulapis.

Brunei Darussalam has been observing World Forestry Day since 1982.

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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam led the male members of the royal household in receiving male members of the public who had come to Istana Nurul Iman to extend their greetings, while Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam led the female members of the royal family in receiving women well-wishers in another part of Istana Nurul Iman.

This year, more than 41 thousand people had conveyed their greetings to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family at the Istana Nurul Iman. They included senior officials and members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF), senior government officials and members of the Boys Scout and Girls Guides Associations.



The Director of forestry, Dr. Morni bin Othman in a speech in conjunction with this year's World Forestry Day reminded members of public to comply with forestry laws and regulations.

His Majesty consented to the restructuring of JKR

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to the restructuring of "Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR)" or the "Public Work Department (PWD)" into seven departments namely the Water Department, the Development Department, the Building Department, the Road Department, the Technical Service Department, the Sewerage and Drainage Department and the Department of Administration and Finance. Each department is headed by a Director

This was released by the Minister of Development, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Haji Ismail, at the launching ceremony of a Professional Development Programme, 31 March.

The restructuring indicated the appreciation of the Government of His Majesty about the enormous responsibilities shouldered by the Public Works Department, said Yang Berhormat.

Staff of JKR should therefore upgrade their standard of work, commitment and a sense of duty. They should have a sense of responsibility and pride in their job too, the Minister added.

The Minister later hoped that all newly-restructured departments would continue to cooperate with each other and avoid any form of

compartmentalisation' which often not only delays the implementation of a project but also weakens JKR.

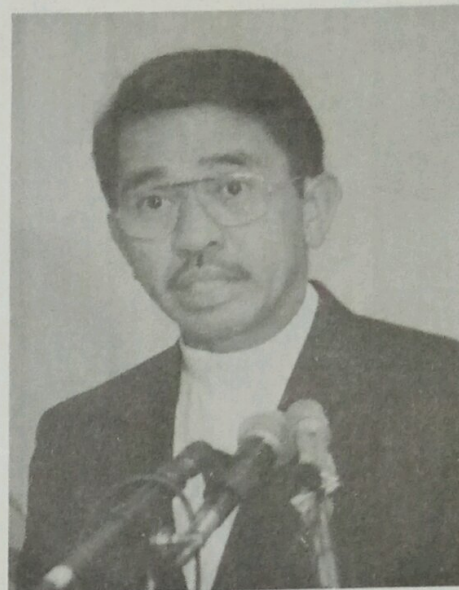
In his speech at the Skill Training Centre of the Development Ministry, Yang Berhormat also stressed the importance of an 'on the job training' and the process of learning for technical officers, as the most relevant way to acquire knowledge and experience. Each and everyone in the departments are responsible for their own 'process of learning' and they should be ready to train themselves through work and responsibility, he urged.

Speech by Director of Public Works

The Director of JKR, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Othman, in his welcoming speech spoke among others about the objectives of the Professional Development Programme, which aims to further upgrade the skills' standard of technical workers.

He also said that JKR organised the Technical Development Programme for Assistant Technical Trainees up to the Senior Technical Assistants level. The department also takes part in a Working Skills' Development Programme for tradesmen, organised by the Development Ministry.

The training schemes have been



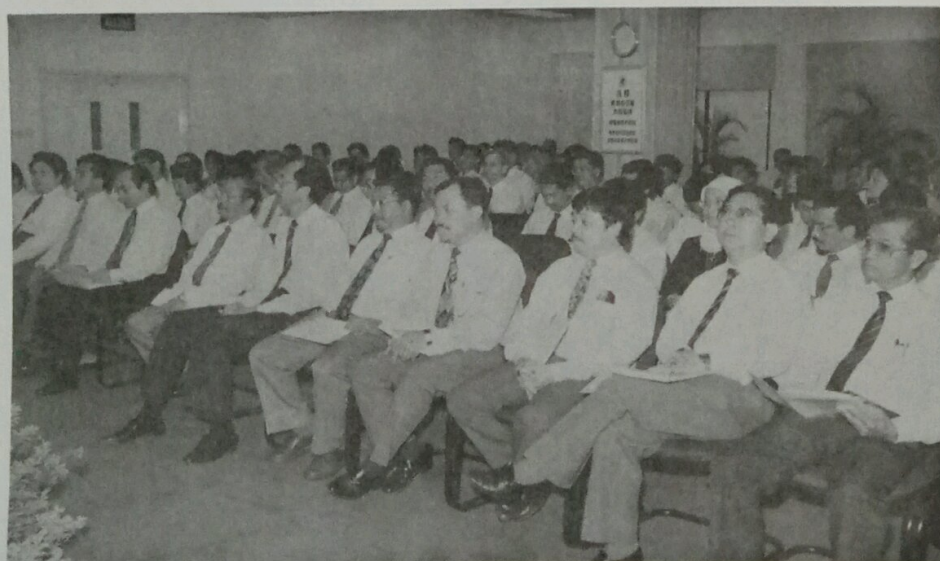
Minister of Development, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Haji Ismail hopes that all newly-restructured departments would continue to cooperate with each other and avoid any form of 'compartmentalisation'.

designed to be in line with the professional training needs of institutions recognised by His Majesty's Government. The Engineers' Training Scheme has obtained recognition from the Institution of Civil Engineer, while recognition for other training schemes is under consideration.

Twenty-eight technical staff were chosen to participate in the training scheme under the Professional Development programme. These include the Public and Building Engineers, Architects, Quantity Surveyors and Mechanical Engineers.

The Professional Development Programme comprises four training modules, namely the working site module, design module, site and design consolidation module and professional skill module.

The modules are aimed at providing participants with the opportunity to gain working experience at the construction site, designing skills and the management of a project. The participants are also required to undertake a "Continuing Education" programme in the form of advanced courses, classroom tutorials and lectures.



Among senior officials and staff of departments under Development Ministry who turn up at the launching ceremony of a Professional Development Programme.



The Anti-Corruption Bureau's Building

The Anti-Corruption Bureau's building at Berakas, was officially opened by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on May 12, 1992. In a titah marking the official opening of the complex, His Majesty issued a stern warning on

corruption. Situated about four kilometres from the centre of the Brunei Darussalam capital of Bandar Seri Begawan, the B\$8 million complex is equipped with up-to-date facilities, such as computers. Before the move, the department was housed at the Royal Brunei Airline's (RBA) Plaza

in the heart of the capital. The main objective of Anti-Corruption Bureau is to uphold the sanctity of the civil service by means of eliminating corruption and bringing those involved in corruption-related cases to justice.

Brunei in Brief

Capital : Bandar Seri Begawan
 Land size : 5765 sq. km
 Population : 260,000 (1991)
 Official Language : Malay
 Official Religion : Islam
 March rainfall : 20.3 mm
 (annual 2,818mm)

PRIME LENDING RATE

March 6%
 (quoted by Bankers' Association)

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each fortnight we introduce readers to a Brunei Malay word that is used only in Brunei Darussalam.

For this edition we have selected the word **ragian**.

Ragian is rack and in standard Malay is para-para or

rak.

Let's now use the word in a sentence.

Dia menyimpan semua pingan itu di atas **ragian**.

She placed all the plates on the rack.

THE TRAFFICKING IN AND THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS ARE VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND THE PENALTY FOR SUCH OFFENCES IS DEATH.