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At the Vancouver CHOGM



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Vancouver Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam attended his second Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver, Canada beginning on October 13, 1987.

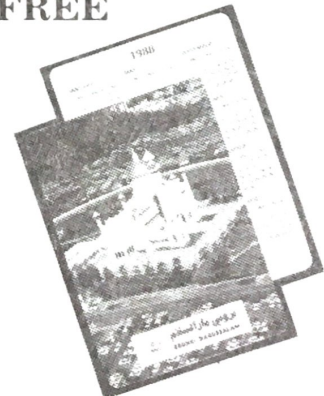
The Brunei Darussalam delegation included His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, Special Adviser to His Majesty cum Home Affairs Minister and Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja

Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu the Deputy Defence Minister.

The five-day meeting ended with a joint communique that touched on, among other things, political tension in Southeast Asia, South Africa's racist regime, Kampuchea, Third World debt and the fall in commodity prices.

While in Vancouver His Majesty received in audience Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom President of the Maldives and Australian Premier Mr Robert James Lee Hawke.

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We stand by sanctions

Many Commonwealth leaders must still be smarting from the smoke-screen arguments that Britain's Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher brought to the Vancouver CHOGM last month to defend her policies on South Africa.

Not only was their sense of fairness assaulted, they were doubly insulted in being deemed gullible enough to believe that the Pretoria regime was straining itself looking after the welfare of South Africa's majority black population.

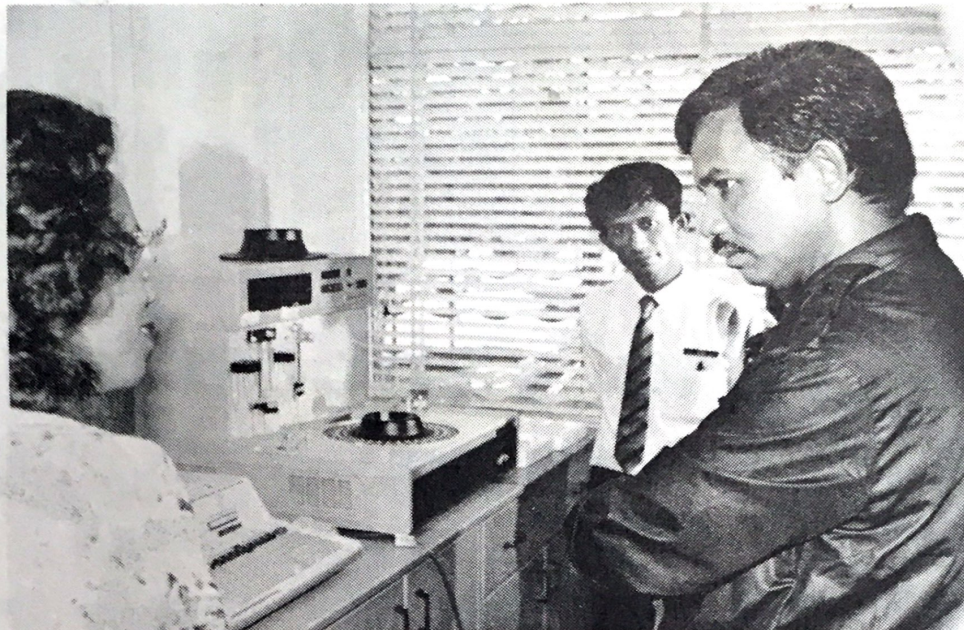
Pretoria laughs its way to the bank and while British investors, in the name of helping the blacks, wallow in the slush of profits made at the expense of disadvantaged people treated as subhuman.

Cries that sanctions against South Africa will not work are only true because of those who, for lack of moral fibre, are prepared to sell their principles, to an economy that is used to paying premium prices.

Sanctions per se may not be the answer. The Commonwealth with the exception of London, must be ready to blow the whistle hard on any members found to be trying to slyly do business with South Africa. This involves sacrifice and a sacrifice we must.

No nation that claims human rights among its pillars can put the love of business above the need for every human being to be treated as one.

Drug re-hab centre in the offing



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam (right) at the Anti-drug Unit's analytical laboratory hears an explanation from Datin Masni (left).

Random tests for drug-abuse among school children and military personnel and a soon to be ready drug rehabilitation centre are some of the measures adopted by the government in the fight against drug abuse.

Doctors treating addicts for their habit are required by law to report the addict to the authorities as part of a scheme to monitor situation in the Sultanate.

The Head of the Anti-Drug unit which is part of the Ministry of Education, last month briefed His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam. His Majesty also heard a briefing by the police and later visited the almost ready rehabilitation centre on October 6, 1987.

The Unit, headed by Datin Masni binti Haji Ali, coordinates

all the relevant agencies involved in the national fight against drug abuse. These include the police, the customs, the legal and medical authorities.

At present addicts have the option of voluntarily submitting themselves for treatment at the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital in Bandar Seri Begawan. Regulations being drafted are said to include provisions for a compulsory minimum period of six months of rehabilitation.

Statistics collected so far indicate that the average addict is male, 20-30 years old and represented in all economic strata of the society although there is a skew toward the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum.

The most commonly abused substance being heroin and cannabis both of which are imported.

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Indon Religious Minister visits



Indonesian Religious Affairs Minister Bapak Haji Munawir Syadzali (left) was received audience in at Nurul Iman Palace by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam (right) during a visit which began on September 24, 1987. During his three-day stay the Indonesian visitor met with his Bruneian counterpart Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama Dr Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd Zain (centre) who also accompanied him to the audience ceremony. While in the capital Bapak Haji Munawir visited places of Islamic interest.

Korean National Foundation Day



His Excellency Mr Kang Sung Ku (left) with Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin (right) at the Korean Foundation Day reception.

The Korean Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan celebrated the 4320th anniversary of its National Foundation Day with a reception on October 3, 1987.

On hand to receive guests was His Excellency Mr Kang Sung Ku, the Korean Ambassador.

The chief guest at the event was Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, the Law Minister who represented the government.

Other who attended the function were foreign diplomats, senior government officials and Korean nationals residing in the Sultanate.