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**T**he latest developments in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been at the centre of discussions between His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the visiting Bosnian Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Harris Siladjic.

The Brunei Monarch granted an audience at Istana Nurul Iman on 18 August to His Excellency Mr. Harris Siladjic, who was on a one-day visit to Bandar Seri Begawan.

After the audience, the Bosnia-Herzegovina Foreign Minister called on the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah at Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan.

Again the developments in the former Yugoslav republic were discussed between the two foreign ministers.

Brunei Darussalam has repeatedly joined in the worldwide condemnation of the oppression of the Bosnian Muslims and had extended various assistance in their aid, both financially and materially.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam himself has made a personal financial donation to help alleviate the sufferings of the Bosnian Muslims, while His Majesty's Government made a separate donation for the same purpose. As well at the end

of last year, a specially-chartered flight flew nearly 30 tonnes of aids including tents, clothings, food and milk and medical supplies to help the Bosnian Muslims.

These were donated by members of the Brunei public sympathetic to the Bosnian Muslims' plight during a three-month campaign nationwide

coordinated by the Ministry of Culture, Youths and Sports in cooperation with various government agencies and voluntary organisations.

The campaign also raised about B\$3.5 million in cash aid, handed over to the Third World Relief Agency based in Vienna.

## Latest developments in Bosnia-Herzegovina at centre of discussion



*Exchange of warm greetings as the Bosnia-Herzegovina Foreign Affairs Minister, His Excellency Mr. Harris Siladjic arrives at Istana Nurul Iman for an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on 18 August.*



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# Learn management skills and seek knowledge in every field: Minister tells youths

In order to succeed, youths should not only pursue academic knowledge, but should also equip themselves with management skills. They should seek knowledge in every field of study and should be self-confident.

With a positive attitude, youths in the country would be able to compete internationally with others in every field and able to confidently face any challenge.

Issuing this advice was the Minister of Culture, Youths and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain. The Minister was speaking at the official opening a four-day civics course for school-leavers organised by the Information Department in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youths and Sports on 14 August.

In his speech, the Minister said he hoped the course would achieve its objective of instilling a sense of patriotism based upon the "Melayu Islam Beraja" (Malay Mus-

lim Monarchy) philosophy among the youths.

He further told the youths that they hold the key to the future of the country. Therefore, they have a heavy responsibility.

Nationbuilding is a continuing process and leaders today have the task of equipping future leaders with this role. Youths should therefore inculcate a sense of leadership, work hard, adopt a positive attitude and thrash out problems in the open instead of sweeping it under the carpet, he advised.

The Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on its part has provided various youth development programmes to help youths develop a positive attitude and build up their character.

These programmes are prepared based on several studies which had been conducted to find out about the aspirations of youths in the future, the Minister said.

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*Talks given to the course participants included those by police personnel on youth-related crimes and careers in the police force.*





*The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain (centre) shortly before he officially opened a four-day civics course for school leavers organised by the Department of Information and his ministry.*



*The Director of Youth and Sports Department, Pengiran Dato Paduka Asmalee bin Pengiran Ahmad, who was also Co-Adviser of the Civics Course Organising Committee presenting certificate to one of the course participants.*

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In this age of globalisation, the values which a community holds keep on changing, so will the aspirations of youths. Change for the sake of change, however, will not [necessarily] benefit the country, he stressed.

Each community, the Minister pointed out, should have their own yardstick to assess the positive and negative implication of any new idea. Change may not automatically bring out modernisation and development, for when it is carried out without any reservation, it may jeopardise the stability and strength of a community. The resilience and strength of a country and its people depend upon the ability of its youths, their

assertiveness, attitude and will to succeed, the Minister further stressed.

## **Country's future depends on youths**

Also speaking at the civics course opening ceremony was the Director of Information, Awang Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah who, among other things, pointed out that the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is giving serious attention to the development of youths in the country.

The Government also entrusts the youths with the task of developing the country and ensuring that it contin-

ues to be prosperous and dynamic.

The Director of Information also pointed out that youths' development remains a significant issue.

Not only are countries giving special attention to it both at regional and international meetings such as ASEAN, Commonwealth or the United Nations, but measures on tackling the problems of youths and ways of developing their resources are issues often raised at these meetings, he said.

The political and social stability as well as the physical and economic development of a country depend, to a large extent on how well the youths are equipped with the skills, and [how well they are prepared] spiritually, culturally and intellectually.

The official reiterated the role of youths in the country, a theme previously underlined by His Majesty in one of his titahs (speeches).

Said His Majesty in 1987: "Youths are the catalyst and prime-mover of all policies and objectives of the Government that are aimed at providing peace, unity, progress and prosperity [to the country]. In order to achieve these [policies and objectives], youths in the country should play their role accordingly, and should not turn into indifferent and apathetic members of the community. And in order to ensure the future of the country and safeguard its independence, sovereignty, its people and its religion, Brunei Darussalam needs disciplined, robust, independent and loyal youths."

The Government of His Majesty is committed towards guiding youths, and making them more aware and instilling in them positive values.

This task is carried out either through government agencies or through inter-cooperation of different government agencies despite the fact that some are not directly involved in youth matters as in the case of the civics course for school-leavers, said Haji Hazair.

The civics course aims at creating

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awareness amongst the youths on their role in nation building and developing a sense of self-reliance, he added. "Youths as the prime-mover in development-towards self-reliance", is the theme of the course.

Young school leavers constitute an effective and active manpower resource. Once in the job market, they will contribute to the process of nation building, the Director further said.

He went on to emphasize that whether these youths are working with the Government or the private sector, they still contribute towards the development of the country. No matter what job one might have, it does show that one has a sense of self-dignity. This is better than remaining unemployed or too choosy about a job, the Information Director stressed.

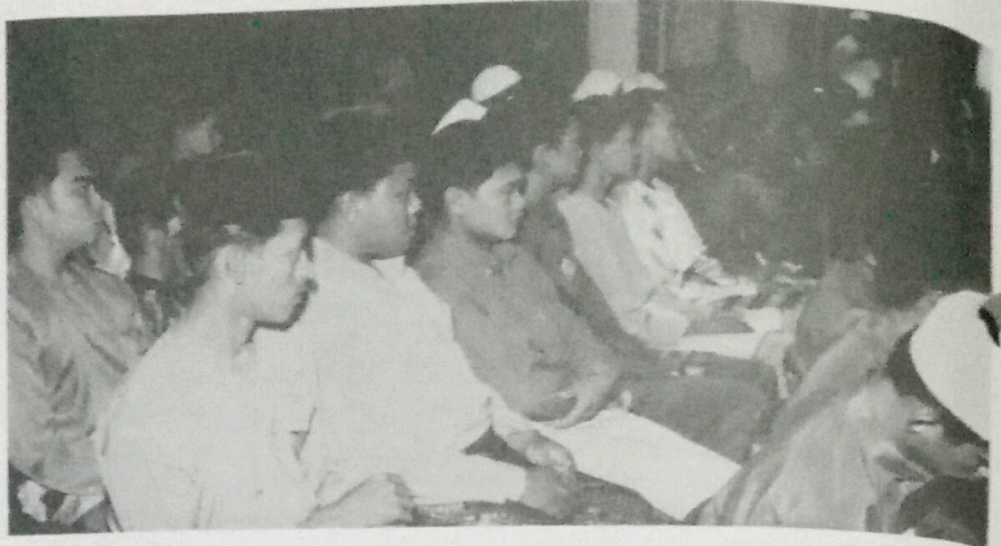
Being self-reliant or independent does not however mean that youths can do anything as they please. Any of their action should be within the confines of the law, constitution and philosophy of the country, Haji Hazair reminded.

In an effort to illustrate the bright prospects existing in the private sector, participants at the course, said the Director would be briefed on the private sector's role in nation building and on job opportunities there.

#### **Correcting negative image of youths**

In another speech at the closing ceremony at the end of the four-day course, the Information Director underlined the joint responsibility of the Government and the private sector in correcting the negative image of youths. They are usually perceived as drug addicts, indifferent, unskilled, lacking the initiative to improve [their life] and that they like to enjoy themselves.

These youths should be guided and programmes should be organised to develop and promote the potential of youths [to enable them]



*Some of the course participants listen attentively to one of a series of talks which were interspersed with various other activities such as visits to industries and informal dialogues with senior Government officials.*

to become dynamic and progressive, and therefore able to contribute to nation building.

Relevant information should be channelled to them so that they can plan their future in line with the objective [of the country] of producing youths who are responsible, diligent, disciplined, self-reliant, united and loyal to the monarch, people, country and religion.

He further reminded participants that whatever they had learnt during the course constitute only the tools of knowledge which they in turn should use as the basis for shaping a positive attitude.

Awang Haji Hazair further underlined the importance of having a goal in life as this could motivate them to work hard and pursue their dreams. He also spoke of the signifi-

cance of adhering to Islamic teachings and the Malay Muslim Monarchy.

He urged participants to seize the opportunity offered by the Government and private sector to upgrade and diversify their skills and secure themselves a better future. Acquiring new skills is much more meaningful and more significant than any financial assistance, he pointed out.

During the course the participants heard talks on various topics pertaining to the government and administration, job opportunities given by Government officials and leading business figures, and held informal dialogues and discussions with senior Government officials. They also visited various industries in the country.

## ***Planning and policies for youths must be integrated with other interests***

**T**he Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports said as youths represent the majority population of ASEAN, the planning and policies for youth, therefore, should not be done for youth alone, but must be integrated with all other interests.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain was

speaking at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony and 2nd ASEAN Youth Day held in conjunction with the 26th anniversary of the founding of ASEAN at the Ministry's compound, August 8.

The Minister also spoke about the country's full commitment to the development of youth, as has been

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# Brunei Darussalam committed to diversify economy

**B**runei Darussalam is committed to develop and diversify the economy to sustain its prosperity and at the same time, uphold the responsibility to maintain its social, cultural and environmental values.

In a speech at the official opening of the Taejon International Exhibition at the Brunei Museum, the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources also said: "In our pavilion,

we are promoting the development of an open and outward looking economy to welcome international cooperation and partnership in a sustainable diverse economic activity and environment."

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Rahman was referring to Brunei Darussalam's pavilion at the recent Taejon Interna-

tional Exhibition 1993 held in Korea. The Minister and his delegation was in Korea for the exhibition.

More than 500,000 visitors have so far visited Brunei's pavilion, Yang Berhormat added.

The exhibition at the Brunei Museum officially opened by the Minister on 26 August, to bring the Expo Taejon 93 closer to the people of Brunei, was initiated by the Korean Embassy in Brunei Darussalam. The Minister hoped this would further enhance the close relations and better understanding between Brunei and the Republic of Korea.

Earlier in his speech, the Minister said that Korea today, has maintained one of the highest and fastest economic growth in the world despite the enormous pressures from the unpredictable and uncertain state of the global economy. In this context, Expo 93 is truly a manifestation of Korea's vigorous economic performance and also a benchmark of her own science and technological capabilities.

The theme "Challenge of a New Road to Development" reflects Korea's determination and confidence to be among the central force of change and development in the 21st century, the Minister added.

"Brunei Darussalam's participation in this colourful, visionary and entertaining event, is a reflection of our full support for the objective and the spirit of the Expo."

One hundred and eight countries and international organisations are taking part in the Taejon Expo, officially opened early this month and scheduled to last till November.

The Expo, according to the Minister, is more than a mere trade exhibition or a technology fair. Indeed it is an "Olympics of economics, culture, science and technology in harmony with environment".



*Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Rahman and his wife, Datin Hajjah Edah looking at one of the exhibits at the Taejon Expo 1993 in the Republic of Korea. Within the first three weeks of opening, some 300 thousand people had visited the Brunei Darussalam pavilion, whose exhibits aim at promoting the biodiversity of resources available in the country. The Expo will be on till November 1993.*

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expressed by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam from time to time. The hosting of the 1st Twinning Programme for Youth Associations in ASEAN was a reflection of the country's commitment to the development of youths in ASEAN, he said.

The Minister earlier touched on the Youth Ministers Meeting in Jakarta last year, whereby they set a new direction, policy and strategy for ASEAN youth development towards the year 2000 and beyond.

The 2nd ASEAN Youth Day and

the Twinning Programme for Youth Association of ASEAN was one of the matters which was agreed to in the meeting, which called for increased cooperation between government youth organisations (GOs) and non-government youth organisations (NGOs), he said.

Ninety officials from ASEAN member countries represented youths of ASEAN at the 2nd ASEAN Youth Day. The function included the promulgation of the new ASEAN Youth Logo and ASEAN Youth Song by the Committee on ASEAN Youth Cooperation (CAYC), a non-governmental body for ASEAN Youths.



# Mayor of London City visits Brunei Darussalam

**T**he Lord Mayor of the City of London has made a two-day official visit to Bandar Seri Begawan. The Right Honourable Sir Francis McWilliams was granted an audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at Istana Nurul Iman at the start of the visit on 9 August.

Present at the audience were The Special Adviser to His Majesty in the

Prime Minister's Office who is also Home Affairs Minister, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, Deputy Finance Minister, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Ahmad Wally Skinner and Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Alimin bin Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office

Lady Mayoress McWilliams, meanwhile, had separate audiences

the same day with Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha at Istana Nurul Iman, and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam at Istana Nurul Izzah.

The London City Mayor was also entertained to a dinner given by His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, Minister of Finance.

His Royal Highness was represented at the function by the Minister of Law, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin bin Pengiran Haji Abas.

As Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, 67, is responsible among other things, for the promotion of the services of the City of London, as well as promoting inward investments. He also lends support to British companies involved in various development projects overseas.

Accompanying the Lord Mayor at the audience with His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Dato Seri Paduka Adrian John Sindall, while his wife was accompanied at her audiences by Datin Jill Sindall.

The Mayorship is one of Britain's oldest institutions, and the portfolio itself is a highly prestigious one.



*Above: The Lord Mayor of London, The Rt. Hon. Sir Francis McWilliams has an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. Lady Mayoress McWilliams, too, was granted audiences by Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha (left picture, below) at Istana Nurul Iman, and by Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam, at Istana Nurul Izzah.*





## Nigeria's H/Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam

**H**is Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has received the credential of Nigeria's non-resident High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Alhaji Tijani Boluri (below).

His Excellency, who is also Nigeria's Ambassador to Indonesia, presented his credential to His Majesty at Istana Nurul Iman on 10 August. Starting his career with the Nigerian Foreign Ministry in 1966, His Excellency has previously served in several countries including Morocco, France and Sweden.



## A new envoy appointed, two others transferred

**H**is Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has made the former commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major-General (R) Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Awang Mohammad bin Haji Daud an ambassador, with his first posting to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

His Excellency, who is 49, retired in May 1991 from the armed forces, in which he had served since 1960.

Meanwhile, the Brunei Monarch has transferred two serving diplomats to new postings.

Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Dipa Negara Laila Diraja Pengiran Haji Abdul Momin bin Pengiran Haji Ismail, previously High Commissioner to Malaysia, is to take up new posting as Brunei Darussalam's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. While in Kuala Lumpur, the envoy was also Brunei Darussalam's non-resident High Commissioner to India and non-resident Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Taking over as the new High Commissioner to Malaysia is Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Raja Pengiran Haji Jaya bin Pengiran Haji Rajid, who was formerly in Bangkok as Brunei Darussalam's Ambassador to Thailand with accreditation to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Nepal.



*His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting letters of appointment to Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Dipa Negara Laila Diraja Pengiran Haji Abdul Momin (top picture), Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Raja Pengiran Haji Jaya (above centre) and Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General (R) Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Awang Mohammad (above) on their appointments as diplomats to the United Nations in New York, Malaysia and the Arab Republic of Egypt respectively.*





*Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah and the Indonesian Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Haji Azahari Boer and the ambassador's wife stand in homage of the national anthems of the two countries at the celebration marking Indonesia's 48th Independence Day.*

## *Similar stand and understanding for enhancement of relations*

Understanding and their sharing of similar views on current affairs would enable Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia to enhance their relations further, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji

Mohamed Bolkiah has said.

His Royal Highness had earlier expressed pleasure at the good, longstanding relations between the two ASEAN neighbours.

He was speaking during a reception at the Indonesian Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan on 17 August, marking the forty-eighth anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia's independence.

Representing the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Foreign Affairs Minister congratulated the people of Indonesia and their leaders for their achievement in nationbuilding and for their contribution towards maintaining international peace and stability.

Speaking earlier, the Indonesian Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Haji Azahari Boer said Brunei Darussalam has made great strides in playing an important role in both regional and international affairs.

He said Brunei Darussalam was among those countries which had successfully put themselves in the front line in various aspects.

His Excellency, too, spoke of the good and warm relations between the two countries, and which were being enhanced rapidly.

His Excellency the Indonesian Ambassador said such relations have been further strengthened by visit exchanges by their leaders. Moreover, he said, the private sectors of the two countries have established joint-ventures in various aspects of business such as construction. The two countries have also agreed to step up cooperation in the field of broadcasting by satellite of their respective television programmes.



*Indonesian Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Haji Azahari Boer receiving the Indonesian National Flag at a flag-raising ceremony held earlier in the day at the embassy marking the country's Independence Day.*



# *Brunei-Singapore relations will be enhanced further*

**T**he Singapore community in Brunei Darussalam celebrated their country's 28th National Day on 9 August with a reception at the Brunei International Convention Centre near the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

Representing the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the function was His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong

Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister.

In his speech at the event, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Tan Keng Jin said that the existing relations between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore would be further strengthened and enhanced.

He said relations between the two

countries, both of which are members of ASEAN, are good and strong, and on this basis they have signed a number of memorandums of understanding in various fields.

Also attending the function were pengiran-pengiran cheterias, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, foreign diplomats based in Bandar Seri Begawan and senior government officials.

## *Increased cooperation for strengthening of relations*

**B**runei Darussalam and The Republic of Korea will continue to strengthen relations, especially through cooperation in the fields of culture and two-way trade as well as through regional and international cooperation.

This was stated by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Saik Sung Il during a reception he hosted at his residence marking his country's forty-eighth Independence Day.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Government was represented at the function by the Minister of Communications, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Zakaria.

The Republic of Korea, which recently became ASEAN's seventh dialogue partner, is currently the third largest importer of Brunei's crude oil.

The Sultanate, for its part, imports among other items, motor cars and electrical goods and equipment from the republic.



*His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Finance with the Republic of Singapore's High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Tan Keng Jin at Singapore's 28th National Day celebration in Bandar Seri Begawan.*



*Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Communications, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Zakaria and the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr. Saik Sung Il cut the cake during a celebration in conjunction with the republic's 48th National Day.*



# India welcomes cooperation with Brunei Darussalam

The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Rahman has represented the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at a celebration in Bandar Seri Begawan marking the 47th Independence Day of India.

The reception on 15 August, was hosted by the Indian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Brigadier (R) Bahawani Singh.

His Excellency said that since his country had set up a permanent mission in Brunei Darussalam, the relations between the two countries have become even closer. These relations, he added, were further strengthened by the visit to India of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam

last year.

He expressed gratitude to His Majesty's Government for taking interest and looking after the welfare of the Indian community in the Sultanate.

His Excellency Brigadier (R) Bahawi Singh went on to say that India is working with others for world peace through such organisations as NAM and The Commonwealth. India welcomes the development of cooperation with Brunei Darussalam towards realising various ideals and objectives, he said.

At present there are some 5,000 Indian nationals in Brunei Darussalam, mostly working as doctors, engineers and labourers as well as engaging in commercial businesses.

Brunei Darussalam and India established formal diplomatic relations in 1984.

## Brunei's UNTAC team returns after commendable performance in Cambodia

Brunei Darussalam's 12-man contingent comprising personnel of the Royal Brunei Police Force which participated in peacekeeping operations in Cambodia under the auspices of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) has returned home.

They returned to a rousing welcome and happy reunions with their families on 3 August, after nine months that saw them perform a diversity of tasks alongside contingents from 31 other countries, both within the confines of the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh and the country's numerous provinces.

Upon arrival, the leader of the team, Superintendent Haji Abdul Rahim bin Haji Jaafar presented the national flag to His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, who was at the Brunei International airport as a personal representative of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to welcome home the contingent.

In Cambodia besides carrying out normal police duties, members of the team were also given additional assignments, such as monitoring the day to day developments among the various factions taking part in the Cambodian National Assembly elections (completed in May this year).

"Though small in number, the Brunei Darussalam contingent is carrying out their tasks with dedica-

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The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Rahman lights the Indian traditional candle during India's National Day celebration in Bandar Seri Begawan as the Indian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Brigadier (R) Bahawani Singh looks on.



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tion and professionalism and with the expertise and quality of contingents which have had vast previous experience in operations of this sort", was how the Head of the Civil Police Force (CIVPOL) of UNTAC, Brigadier-General Klass C. Roos described their performance - a view shared by the overall Head of the UNTAC peacekeepers, Yushi Akashi of Japan.

This had given UNTAC enough confidence to appoint Superintendent Haji Abdul Rahim as chief of its Board of Inquiry - thus, making him one of 14 most senior officials (principle officers) in the UNTAC.

In such capacity, he was responsible, among other matters, to investigate criminal or other wrongdoings committed by UNTAC personnel and chair the tribunals arising from the investigation.

Speaking shortly after arrival in Brunei, Superintendent Haji Abdul Rahim said: "We kept a clean record throughout the period of our service in Cambodia in all aspects such as discipline and conduct.

"We had also shown high quality performance in accordance with the peacekeeping operations' requirements and objectives. Furthermore, as leader of the Brunei contingent, I was very happy to be informed that our performance has been very satisfactory", he added.

Touching briefly on his own experience and his men while in Cambodia, Supt. Haji Abdul Rahim said: "Our lives were in danger and threatened at every move we made. But as policemen, we have to be courageous at facing various obstacles in order to make a meaningful and worthwhile contribution to the maintenance of peace for the good name of our country".

A total of 32 countries had taken part in the UNTAC peacekeeping operation in Cambodia. This was the first time that Brunei Darussalam has taken part in any UN peacekeeping mission. Brunei Darussalam also sent three soldiers to Cambodia as observers throughout the operation.



*Top: His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, on behalf of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, receives the national flag from the leader of Brunei's UNTAC contingent, Superintendent Haji Abdul Rahim during the team's homecoming welcome ceremony at the Brunei International Airport. Above centre: Members of the Brunei contingent returning from Cambodia looking jubilant at the thought of reuniting with their families. Above: Brunei Darussalam's Commissioner of Police, Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Abdul Rahman (centre) visited his men in Cambodia in March to see how they were faring, and the visit also gave him opportunity to meet UNTAC's Civpol Commissioner, Brigadier Klass C. Roos (left).*





## *A mural that depicts a country's culture and life*

**D**riving casually through the streets of Bandar Seri Begawan - the capital of Brunei Darussalam, one could hardly fail to notice the Language and Literature Bureau, which is one of the many Government Depart-

ment buildings situated in the heart of the capital city.

The facade of the bureau displays a mural, making it unique among the many buildings. The mosaic, measuring 20x300 feet, features more than a hundred

figures which took a local artist two years to design. The figures depict Brunei Darussalam's culture and life.

Designed in the late 1970's, the mural is definitely a Brunei Darussalam's landmark mural.

### *Brunei in Brief*

Capital : Bandar Seri Begawan  
Land size : 5765 sq. km  
Population : 260,000 (1991)  
Official Language : Malay  
Official Religion : Islam  
July rainfall (annual 2,818mm) : 472mm

#### **PRIME LENDING RATE**

July 5.75%  
(quoted by Bankers' Association)

### *Brunei Malay in a minute*

**W**e introduce our readers to a new Brunei word through our fortnightly issue of Brunei Darussalam Newsletter.

The word, as the name suggests, is peculiar to Brunei Darussalam only.

For this issue, we bring you the word **perambahan**, which means a saying or proverb. In a standard Malay, **perambahan** is peribahasa.

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