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This is the first time the Sovereign's Parade was held at the new academy in Kampung Tanah Jambu. Also present was His Majesty's son, His Royal Highness Lieutenant Prince Abdul Mateen ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

His Majesty also consented to officially open the new state-of-the-art facility for the RBAF Defence Academy during the event. In a Titah, His Majesty said that the infrastructure will pave the way for a "truly successful" centre for military instruction and training. "It will also help to enhance the image and profile of our Defence Academy domestically and internationally," said the monarch during the 14th Sovereign's Parade.

The Sovereign's Parade is the climax of RBAF's intensive military training towards equipping the Officer Cadets with knowledge, faith and professionalism and leadership skills. The 52 weeks training which started on 8th May 2015 last year involved a variety of exercises and military activities dedicated to improving the quality of leadership, character and intellect as required for each officer of the RBAF.





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His Royal Highness The Crown Prince, General of RBAF observes Ex HB5

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ENHANCING INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN ADMM-PLUS NATIONS IN RESPONSE TO MARITIME TERRORISM

2 - 12 May 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

& CT Exercise), took place on 2 to 12 May 2016. Conducted phase of the exercise on 4 May. in two phases, the exercise began with the Maritime Security by the Counter-Terrorism phase from 6 to 10 May 2016, held in storming operations. Singapore.

personnel.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin a mini-CT demonstration of ship assault involving the Special Korea, New Zealand, Russia, and the United States.

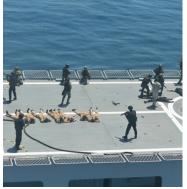
he ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Maritime Forces of the ADMM-Plus countries onboard RBN's Darussalam-Security and Counter Terrorism Exercise (ADMM-Plus MS class patrol vessel KDB Darussalam at the Maritime Security

Meanwhile the Counter-Terrorism (CT) phase held in Singapore phase held in Brunei Darussalam from 2 to 5 May 2016, followed focused on two parts of CT simulations - sea storming and land

The objective of the exercise was to enhance the depth and Approximately 15 ships and 2 fixed-wing aircrafts were quality of military cooperation and interoperability among the present during the Maritime Security phase in Brunei Darussalam. ADMM-Plus nations, which are crucial elements in generating In total, the exercise saw the participation of around 3,500 effective responses to address transnational security issues, especially in the realms of maritime security and counter-terrorism.

The ADMM-Plus MS & CT Exercise was co-hosted by the RBAF Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) involving 18 countries; Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and the Supreme the ten ASEAN countries, joined by the eight ASEAN Dialogue Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) viewed Partners which are Australia, China, Japan, India, Republic of













HIS MAJESTY GRACES RBAF 55TH ANNIVERSARY

31 May 2016, Tanah Jambu

he RBAF Royal Brunei Armed Forces 55th Anniversary celebration made history as it was the first ever such celebration held at the new RBAF Defence Academy in Kampung Tanah Jambu. The climax of celebration included the grand parade, arena performance and static display. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces was present to grace the ceremony. Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons, His Royal Highness Prince General Haji al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, and His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Malik.

His Majesty received the Royal Salute and inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by 1,055 personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force, Royal Brunei Navy, Royal Brunei Air Force, the RBAF Training Institute, the Special Forces Regiment, and the Women's Company.

The theme of the RBAF's 55th anniversary celebration was in line with the 32nd National Day's theme, "RBAF Generation with Vision," which portrays a generation of Royal Brunei Armed Forces personnel who are highly knowledgeable, experienced, capable, open-minded and with a wide vision.

Following the grand parade and spectacular arena displays, His Majesty delivered his titah where His Majesty stresses that ADMM and ADMM Plus is a sign of the country's commitment and capability in the effort to further strengthen the country's position in the midst of a dynamic security landscape. Touching on the Defence Academy, His Majesty emphasised the need for the Academy to continue planning and broadening its scope towards producing quality army officers at the technical, operational and strategic levels. All this is important in facing a challenging and uncertain Contemporary Operating Environment.

His Majesty underscored that our world today is faced with various security threats of traditional and non-traditional forms such as terrorism against maritime and cyber security, as well as natural disasters. This is where, cooperation from various parties not only among security agencies in the country but also cooperation at the international security level, are needed. Therefore, as a good procedure, it is important that sharing of knowledge and skills through bilateral and multi-lateral training is reviewed to ensure their continued relevance."













AUDIENCE BY US PACIFIC FLEET COMMANDER

11 April 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) consented to receive in audience the Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, His Excellency Admiral Scott Swift who was on a good will visit to Brunei Darussalam from 10 – 11 April 2016. The audience ceremony took place at Istana Nurul Iman. Brunei Darussalam and the United States of America, the armed forces particularly share a cordial existing bilateral defence relation through CARAT exercise, exchange of visits, joint training and promoting dialogue between defence and military officials.

HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GRANTS RANK INSIGNIA OF ACTING CAPTAIN TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS 920 LIEUTENANT PRINCE 'ABDUL MATEEN

31 August 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), presided the ceremony to present the rank insignia to his son, His Royal Highness 920 Lieutenant Prince 'Abdul Mateen, who was promoted to Acting Captain. The promotion ceremony took place at the Bolkiah Garrison Officers' Mess.



HIS MAJESTY GRACES RBAF RETIRED OFFICERS GET TOGETHER CEREMONY

1 August 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to attend a Get-Together Ceremony with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Retired Officers in conjunction with His Majesty's 70th Birthday Anniversary Celebration, at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club, Jerudong, this afternoon.

MINDEF & RBAF OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL BESTOWED WITH STATE DECORATIONS

4 August 2016, Istana Nurul Iman

Civilian and military officers and personnel of the Ministry of Defence and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) were bestowed Brunei Darussalam State Honorary Decorations on 4 Aug 2016 in conjunction with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 70th Birthday celebration. The State Decorations awarded were the Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei Yang Amat Mulia Darjah Ketiga (S.M.B.) and Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia Darjah Keempat (P.S.B.).



HIS MAJESTY BESTOWS HONORARY MEDALS TO 22 RECIPIENTS

15 July 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam bestowed state decorations to 22 recipients in conjunction with celebration of His Majesty's 70th birthday. Among the recipients were Brigadier General (U) Haji Shahril Anuar bin Haji Ma'awiah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force who was conferred The Most Gallant Order Of Pahlawan Negara Brunei First Class, P.S.P.N.B that carries the title Dato Seri Pahlawan. Meanwhile, His Excellency Lieutenant General Perry Lim Cheng Yeow, Chief of Defence Staff, Singapore Armed Forces was one of the three recipients conferred The Most Exalted Order Of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang, First Class, D.P.K.T that carries the title Dato Paduka Seri.





HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RECEIVES IN AUDIENCE THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES,

MYANMAR ARMED FORCES

3 September 2016, Istana Nurul Iman

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and the Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received in audience His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Myanmar Armed Forces, at Istana Nurul Iman who was on an introductory visit from 2 to 4 September 2016. Accompanying the Commanderin-Chief at the audience were His Excellency U. Cho Htun Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Republic of the Union of Myanmar To Brunei Darussalam; General Mya Tun Oo, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Airforce); Rear Admiral Moe Aung, Chief of Staff (Navy); and Major General, Maung Kyaw Chief of Staff (Air).

FOUR MINDEF CIVIL SERVANTS RECIEVED **EXCELLENT AWARDS 2016**

20 October 2016, Berakas

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presented Excellent Civil Service Awards to 43 recipients at the 23rd Civil Service Day celebration at the International Convention Centre on 20 Oct 2016. Among the award recipients were members of the Ministry of Defence Mr Vincent Yap Kah Jiun, Executive Engineer, Division II, Centre of Science and Technology Research and Development (CSTRAD); Dayang Hajah Mariam binte Haji Mohd Nor, Office Supervisor, Division III, Directorate of Development and Work Services; Awang Muhd Ariff bin Minudin, Mess Manager Level III, Division IV, Directorate of Administration and Manpower and Dyg Khadijah binte Abdullah, Foreman, Division V, the Office of the Public Administrator, Penanjong Garrison.





HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RECEIVES IN AUDIENCE SINGAPORE'S MINISTER FOR **DEFENCE**

30 August 2016, Istana Nurul Iman

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces received in audience Singapore's Minister for Defence, His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen at Istana Nurul Iman. His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen was in Brunei Darussalam for an official visit commemorating the 40th anniversary of bilateral defence relation between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore.



CROWN PRINCE RECEIVES IN AUDIENCE SINGAPORE'S MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

30 August 2016, QASHR AL-MEEZAAN

His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, received in audience His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, Republic of Singapore at Qashr Al-Meezaan. During the audience, His Royal Highness and His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen discussed bilateral defence relations and exchanged views on regional and international matters.

RBAF TESTS READINESS AT EXERCISE HIKMAT BERSATU V

5 April 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

t was D-Day. The response plan of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) was put to test to tackle non - traditional security threats in a realistic contemporary exercise scenarios, helmed by the Joint Forces RBAF from 1st to 7th April This was Exercise Hikmat Bersatu V (Ex HBV), the signature large-scale military drill involving land, sea and air assets. The weeklong exercise trains and validates the new capabilities of the RBAF, in planning joint operations at the operational level, evaluate Joint Operational Doctrine and the updated Standard Operation Procedure as well as identifying future capability requirements.

His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces consented to visit Exercise Hikmat Bersatu V on April 5 and observed a series of mock attacks on land,

sea and air. Among them were the hostage rescue situation conducted by the Special Forces Regiment and the Royal Brunei Air Force; eradication of enemies by the Royal Brunei Land Force troops, air defence in response to attacks from enemies from air space; public riot and an attack at the naval base.

This year's exercise involved all units of the RBAF as well as Directorates at the Ministry of Defence. The 1st Royal Gurkha Rifles (1RGR), Gurkha Reserve Unit, Royal Brunei Police Force, District Offices, several mukim and villages have also provided assistance in the exercise. The exercise affected areas within Brunei's territorial waters, several rural, residential and commercial areas, including various roads in the Sultanate's districts.

The exercise was part of the RBAF's continuous efforts in developing professionalism and counter action at all levels of the units and department towards any possibilities and becomes a valuable platform for testing their capacity and strength of readiness especially in upholding the peace,



security and sovereignty of the nation as outlined in the Defence White Paper and the Brunei Vision 2035.

Exercise Hikmat Bersatu held this year is the fifth series of the RBAF exercise since its inception in 2003. The concept of Exercise Hikmat Bersatu V was a continuation from the Exercise Perisai Kebangsaan IV/2015 (EPK 4/2015) conducted in October 2015, focussing mainly on Non-Traditional Security Threats.

Exercise Hikmat Bersatu concept timeline:

Hikmat Bersatu 1, 2003 – Conventional Warfare Hikmat Bersatu 2, 2007 – Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Hikmat Bersatu 3, 2010 – Conventional war Hikmat Bersatu 4, 2012 - Counterinsurgency and urban operation











RBAF CELEBRATES CROWN PRINCE'S 42ND BIRTHDAY

18 February 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman consented to attend a High-Tea reception at the Bolkiah Garrison Officers' Mess to commemorate His Royal Highness' 42nd Birthday hosted by RBAF. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah.

310 MINDEF AND RBAF PERSONNEL RECEIVED STATE MEDALS

7 - 23 May 2016, Istana Nurul Iman







His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has conferred State Medals to government officers and personnel as well as the private sectors in conjunction with His Majesty's 68th and 69th Birthday Celebrations this year. A total of 310 Officers and Personnel of the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces were among the recipients of the State Honorary Medals, the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (P.J.K) and the Pingat Indah Kerja Baik, (P.I.K.B). His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, as the Personal Representative of His Majesty presented the State Honorary Medals at the Conferment Ceremony held at the Balai Singgahsana Indera Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

HRH GENERAL RBAF ATTENDS RBAF 55TH ANNIVERSARY THANKS GIVING CEREMONY

30 May 2016, Bolkiah Garison

His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, join members of the RBAF at the Ministry of Defence Surau in Bolkiah Garrison to bless the RBAF 55th anniversary with Maghrib and Isyak prayers, Thanksgiving ceremony and the recital of Surah Yaa Siin and Tahlil. The same ceremonies were also held at all suraus in the RBAF camps and bases.



DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE CALLS ON KING SALMAN OF SAUDI ARABIA

27 January 2016, Saudi Arabia



Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud received in audience the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit at the Al-Yamamah Palace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. His Highness King Salman also met Malaysia's Minister of Defence, Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein and Indonesia's Minister of Defence, Ryamizard Ryacudu. The audience was attended by Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Second Deputy Premier and Minister of Defense; Minister of State and Cabinet's Member Dr. Musaed bin Mohammed Al-Aiban; Minister of Culture and Information Dr. Adel bin Zaid Altoraifi; Minister of Foreign Affairs Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir and a number of officials. The Deputy Minister of Defence also made a courtesy call on Saudi Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Second Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence.



VISIT BY SINGAPORE CHIEF OF **ARMY**

13 January 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

The new Chief of Army, Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Brigadier General Melvyn Ong Su Kiat made an introductory visit to Brunei Darussalam from 12 to 14 January 2016. During the visit, he made courtesy calls to the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit and the Commander Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah. Also present during the call was the Commander of Royal Brunei Land Force. Both sides expressed satisfaction on the cordial and active bilateral defence relations shared by Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore, which are enhanced by regular exchange of visits, trainings and courses, joint military exercises, and interaction programmes.



OF THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN **NAVY**

25 January 2016, Muara

The Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN), Admiral Dato' Seri Panglima Ahmad Kamarulzaman bin Haji Ahmad Badaruddin was in Brunei Darussalam for his introductory visit from 24 to 26 January 2016. During his meeting with the Commander of Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), First Admiral Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pengiran Haji Muhammad at the RBN Headquarters in Muara, both navies discussed ways to further enhance their bilateral naval relationship through activities such as joint military exercises, courses, meetings, seminars, conferences and exchanges of visits. The Admiral also called on the Deputy Minister of Defence and Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces.



INTRODUCTORY VISIT BY CHIEF 5 RBAirF STUDENT PILOTS **RECEIVED THEIR WINGS**

8 January 2016, Rimba

Five Royal Brunei Air force officers received their pilot wings prior to the completion of the flying training. The recipients of the Pilot Wings were 964 Lt (U) Muhd Izdihar bin Haji Imran and 975 Lt (U) Mohd Azhar bin Haii Mohd Mahathir, who both completed their flying training locally at No 73 Squadron, Flying Training School. Also receiving the pilot wings were, 993 Lt (U) Muhd Ali Saddiqin bin Haji A.Murni, 999 Lt (U) Ak Adri Firdaus bin Pg Haji Rakawi and 1009 Lt (U) Mohammad Syamim bin Roslan, who completed their flying training overseas at BAE Systems, Tamworth, Australia. Their pilot wings were presented by the Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, Colonel (U) Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah. The officers are currently pursuing their operational flying career at No. 1 Wing.

86 CIVILIAN RETIREES RECEIVED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

18 January 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



The Ministry of Defence celebrated 87 civilian retirees from 2014-2015. Certificates of service were presented to the retirees. The event also included presentation of certificates and souvenirs Outstanding Employee Award Ministry of Defence in 2015 for an officer and two staff members of the Public Service Minizstry of Defence of Division III, IV and V.



RBLF HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

20 January 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) defeated the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) with 1 to nil in an intense final hockey match which resulted in RBLF becoming the champion of the RBAF Hockey Championship for 2015/2016. RBAirF in second place, RBN 3rd place and Training Institute RBAF in 4th place and 5th place the Ministry Of Defence.



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND INDIA SIGN MOU ON DEFENCE COOPERATION

2 February 2016, Jerudong

he Government of His Majesty the Sultan Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Republic of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation to enhance defence cooperation between the two countries. Signing on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Datin Paduka Hajah Suriyah Binti Haji Umar, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Defence, while the Government of the Republic of India was represented by His Excellency Mr. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Mr. M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of the Republic of India and First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz Hj Mohd Tamit, Deputy Minister of Defence, Brunei Darussalam. The signing ceremony was held in conjunction with the official visit of Vice President of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam from 1st to 3rd February 2016.

The new Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the framework for bilateral cooperation in defence activities between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of India. Areas of cooperation covers activities such as exchange of visits at official and working levels, training and the conduct of joint military exercises. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding recognized the increasing commitments of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of India in promoting and fostering defence cooperation.



BRUNEI, JAPAN REAFFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF **DEFENCE COOPERATION**

29 February 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

The Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit received a courtesy call from Mr. Toru Mimura, Vice Minister of Defense for International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Defense who was on an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 28 - 29 February 2016. The meeting discussed ways to strengthen bilateral defence ties and also regional issues and emphasised the continued importance of the ADMM-Plus forum to promote practical cooperation and to build mutual understanding. Both sides reaffirmed the excellent and close bilateral defence relationship between Brunei Darussalam and Japan.



RBAF COMMANDER CONFERRED AS SPECIAL FORCE REGIMENT'S HONORARY MEMBER

12 February 2016, Penanjong Garrison

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces consented to confer Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces as an honorary member of the Special Force Regiment (SFR) during the SFR RBAF 40th anniversary. Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih is the first Commander of the RBAF to be honoured with the SFR's honorary membership.



ADSOM LEADERS UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

27 February 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence Brunei Darussalam, Datin Paduka Hajah Suriyah binti Haji Umar, who was also the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM) Leader for Brunei Darussalam met her counterpart from Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) Major General Onesy Senesouk, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of National Defense who visited Brunei and other ASEAN member states to extend invitation to the 10th ADMM. During their formal interaction, both sides expressed satisfaction towards the ADMM's progress as a platform for engagement so as to promote practical cooperation and to build mutual understanding.



BLACKHAWK S70A FLIGHT OPERATIONS CEASED

5 February 2016, Rimba

The Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) has officially ceased the flight operations Sikorsky Blackhawk S70A helicopters after 18 years of service in the RBAirF. The RBAirF Commander, Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah signed off the 'Letter of Consent' to signify the release of the four helicopters. The Blackhawk S70A fleet was introduced in 1997, with proven capability to perform multi-task operations such as providing support during disasters and rescue operations in the region. The aircraft had also participated at Airshows in Langkawi and Singapore.



MINDEF AND RBAF MARCH TALL FOR 32ND NATIONAL DAY **CELEBRATION**

23 February 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

150 participants from the Ministry of Defence marched through the 32nd National day celebration's Grand Assembly at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in the capital. The marching team was led by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Datin Paduka Hajah Suriyah binti Haji Umar whom was joined by the Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Directors, senior officers, officers and staff of Ministry of Defence. While, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) was represented by 1132 military personnel led by Colonel Haji Haszaimi bin Bolhassan, Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force. This year's national day theme "Generation With Vision" focused on the effort of young generation to project the values of high level and resilient self-identity in order to develop and shape Brunei Darussalam towards realisation of Vision 2035.

FAREWELL VISIT BY CHIEF OF AIR FORCE, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

26 February 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

The Ministry of Defence and RBAF received a farewell visit from the Chief of Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force Major General (Retired) Hoo Cher Mou, who retired on 28 March 2016. He made several courtesy calls during the visit from the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit to the Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) as well as his ex-counterpart, Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Commander. During the calls, both sides affirmed the cordial bilateral defence relation and personal friendship between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore. Under his tenure, both air forces interact regularly through professional exchanges, trainings and courses.



DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE VISITS 9th DEFEXPO INDIA 2016

28 March 2016, Goa, India

First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit, Deputy Minister of Defence attended the Defence Exhibition 2016 (DEFEXPO) in Goa, Republic of India at the invitation of His Excellency Manohar Parrikar, Minister of Defence of the Republic of India. The DEFEXPO 2016 was the ninth in the series of biennial Land, Naval and Internal Homeland Security Systems organised by the Ministry of Defence of India. The visit by the Deputy Minister of Defence further enhances defence relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of India. First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz who was also accompanied by Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohd Amirul Shahnoel bin Haji Mohd Noeh, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Technology), also visited the exhibitions that showcased the latest advancements in defence technologies.





The Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Forces (RBLF), Brigadier General Pg Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pg Haji Mahmud also attended the India's biggest ever land, naval and homeland security exhibition. A number of international seminars and conferences were also conducted on the sidelines of the show. The 9th DEFEXPO saw more than 1,000 participation from across the world. This was the first time it was held outside the national capital, Delhi. The ninth edition of DEFEXPO was inaugurated by India's Defence Minister His Excellency Manohar Parrikar.

ASEAN CHIEFS OF DEFENCE FORCES ENHANCE COOPERATION AT 13TH ACDFIM IN VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

14 March 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR



ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces gathered in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 14 March 2016 for the 13th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) where they had interactive discussions on security issues of common interest. The Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, represented Brunei Darussalam at the meeting. The ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces, in a joint statement agreed to enhance their cooperation through confidence-building initiatives as well as practical cooperation activities in areas of common interests, through the organising of meetings, workshops, seminars, interactions, exchanges and exercises, which took shape in the ASEAN Militaries Two Year Activity Work Plan (2016-2018).



ROYAL JORDANIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE STUDY TOUR TO MINDEF

31 March 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

A delegation from The Royal Jordanian National Defense College, Kingdom of Jordan visited the Ministry of Defence as part of the NDC Jordan study tour to Brunei Darussalam. The delegation was led by Brigadier General Salah Ibrahim Almajali, researcher and faculty member from the Royal Jordanian National Defense College. The visiting delegation was hosted by The Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (SHHBIDSS) and Defence

Academy RBAF. During the visit, the head of delegation, Brigadier General Salah Ibrahim Almajali, also paid a courtesy call to the Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah. During the call, both sides affirmed to further continue strengthening the network of friendship and cooperation between both institutions and armed forces.

5TH BRUNEI - SINGAPORE DEFENCE POLICY DIALOGUE

15 March 2016 Bolkiah Garrison



The 5th Defence Policy Dialogue between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore attended by military and civilian officials from both sides took place in Brunei Darusalam. They discussed a wide range of regional and security issues, both countries' 40th anniversary of the bilateral defence relationship. affirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral defence cooperation. Initiated in 2009, the Defence Policy Dialogue between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore is aimed at fostering defence cooperation through discussion, information sharing and exploring new areas of practical cooperation, particularly at the strategic level.



RBN COMMANDER AT 5TH DOHA DIMDEX

29 March 2016, Doha, Qatar

The Commander of the Royal Brunei Navy made an official trip to Doha, Qatar on 29-31 March 2016 to attend the 5th Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX) 2016. DIMDEX 2016, a biennial event organised and hosted by the Qatar Armed Forces, was officiated by His Highness the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar. DIMDEX is the leading specialised naval defence and maritime security exhibition that showcased the latest technologies in response to the maritime security challenges of the 21st Century. The three-day event also featured conference, visit of warships and VIP delegation visits. The RBN Commander had the opportunity to meet the Chief of Naval Staff of Qatar Emiri Navy, Staff Major General (SEA) Mohammed Nasser Al Mohannadi in a bilateral meeting where both naval chiefs explored ideas and knowledge on professional exchanges in enhancing their defence relations.



PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE 157TH RBAF MALE RECRUITS

18 March 2016, Penanjong Garrison

A total of 164 male recruits from the 155th intake concluded their 27-week basic military training with a passing out parade held at the Training Institute RBAF (TI RBAF), Penanjong Garrison. On hand to honour the recruits was Awang Haji Nazmi bin Haji Mohamad, Permanent Secretary (Management and International) at the Ministry of Finance. In his speech, he believes that the RBAF basic military training would mould the new recruits into responsible, trustworthy and passionate individuals. He also reiterated an excerpt from the Titah of His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, which states that prosperity will have no meaning without peace and stability. He also presented awards to the instructors and male recruits who have illustrated outstanding performance throughout the training.

SENIOR DEFENCE OFFICIALS ATTEND 15TH DEFENCE SERVICES ASIA 2016

18-19 April 2016, Kuala Lumpur







In conjunction with the 15th Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition and Conference 2016, in Kuala Lumpur, representatives from Brunei Darussalam's Ministry of Defence met with their counterparts to reaffirm defence ties. First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit, the Deputy Minister of Defence called on the Deputy Minister of Defence Malaysia, Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Mohd Johari bin Baharum at the Putra World Trade Centre, where the exhibition was being held.

During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed the excellent bilateral relations between both Ministries, particularly in defence and military cooperation. They also discussed other regional and international issues of mutual interests.

First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz also viewed the exhibition to gain insights on current defence industry development, latest technology.

at the DSA 2016 was the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, whom also called on the Chief of Defence Force of the Malaysian Armed Forces, General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin on the sidelines of the DSA 2016.

Meanwhile, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, Datin Paduka Hajah Suriyah binti Haji Umar who was accompanied by Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohd Amirul Shahnoel bin Haji Mohd Noeh, RBN, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Technology) made a courtesy call on Dato' Sri Abdul Rahim Bin Mohamad Radzi, Secretary General, Ministry of Defence of Malaysia on the sidelines of the conference, where both sides expressed satisfaction at the cooperation between the two defence establishments.

The DSA 2016 is a premier platform designed to enhance relationships and promote higher level of commitment towards regional and global defence. With the theme of Regional Cooperation in Addressing Security Challenges", the forum highlighted on the growing threats of non-traditional challenges security across the region and beyond. More than 1,200 companies from 60 countries participated in the 15th DSA 2016.



DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER IN MOSCOW FOR ASEAN-RUSSIA DEFENCE MINISTERS' INFORMAL

MEETING, 27-28 April 2016, Moscow

Defence Ministers from each ASEAN member states gathered in Moscow for the ASEAN-Russia Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting hosted by the Russian Federation from April 26-28. The Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohamad Tamit represented Brunei Darussalam for the multilateral talk chaired by the Russian Minister of Defence, Army General Sergey Shoygu, Army General Sergey Shoygu expressed his appreciation on the support given by the ASEAN counterparts, and underscored the importance of the meeting in reviewing the progress of defence cooperation between both sides, and identifying future activities to further enhance defence relations of ASEAN and Russia. ASEAN Defence Ministers welcome Russia's commitment and continued support to the ADMM-Plus framework, especially in maritime security, counter-terrorism, military medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and humanitarian demining.

RBAF COMMANDER VISITS BRITISH FORCES BRUNEI,

29 April 2016, Seria

Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and his delegation paid a visit to the British Forces Brunei (BFB) at the 1 Royal Gurkha Rifles in Seria, Kuala Belait. Welcoming the RBAF Commander was Lieutenant Colonel J P Davies, the Commanding Officer of the BFB. The aim of the visit was part of a familiarisation and refresher visit for the RBAF Commander to the BFB. During the visit, both sides discussed on opportunities for further partnership and collaboration between the RBAF and the BFB, exchanged on experiences of joint exercises and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).



NEW ZEALAND CHIEF OF ARMY INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO BRUNEI

22 April 2016, Berakas



The Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) hosted a visit by Major General Peter Te Aroha Emile Kelly, Chief of Army, New Zealand Defence Force to Brunei Darussalam from 21-23 April 2016. He first called on his counterpart Brigadier Jeneral Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, the RBLF Commander at the RBLF Headquarters in Berakas Garrison followed by courtesy calls to the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit and Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces, at the Ministry of Defence. Major General Peter's also visited the Third Battalion RBLF in Lumut Camp. Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand underscores the strong bilateral defence relations of both organisations. Both sides also reaffirmed their commitments to continue strengthening the longstanding friendship and cooperation through various platforms including exercises, exchange of visits, joint training and promoting dialogue between defence and military officials.

KDB DARUTTAQWA RETURNS FROM 2ND MULTILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE KOMODO, 25 April 2016, Muara

KDB DARUTTAQWA participated in the second series of Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo and International Fleet Review 2016 which was conducted from April 12 to 16 this year in Padang, West Sumatra, the Republic of Indonesia. The patrol vessel and 59 crews were deployed on April 4 under the command of Commander Khairil bin Haji Abdul Rahman, Rbn. The Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo and the International Fleet Review 2016 was participated by 48 navy ships from 35 countries. The Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo featured a series of harbour and sea activities Meanwhile, the International Fleet Review showcased a parade of warships as well as various interactions among the navy personnel.



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HOLDS MEDIA DAY

20 April 2016, Berakas Garrison

The Ministry of Defence hosted its inaugural Media Day attended by the local and private media in Brunei Darussalam at the Officers' Mess, Berakas Garrison. The media day involved a dialogue session that aims to encourage constructive exchange of views and ideas to strengthen relations between Ministry of Defence and the media as well as to explore other potential areas of cooperation or partnership. A friendly shooting match and luncheon marked the end of the day's program. Among those media representatives present at the event were Radio Television Brunei, Information Department, Balai Kenangan Istana Nurul Iman, Borneo Bulletin, Media Permata, The Brunei Times, Sin Chiew News and United Daily.

COMMANDER US PACIFIC FLEET GOODWILL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

10 April 2016, Muara

Admiral Scott H. Swift, Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet made a two-day goodwill visit to Brunei Darussalam from the 10 - 11 April 2016. During the visit, the Admiral made courtesy calls to Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit, Deputy Ministry of Defence (DMOD). The Admiral also had the privilege to attend the audience to His Majesty the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of RBAF. The Admiral exchanged his views and opinions which included bilateral and multilateral exercises involving the two navies. It included regional issues and their commitment to strengthening the existing bilateral defence relation through Exercise CARAT, exchange of visits, joint training and promoting dialogue between defence and military officials.



TRAINING INSTITUTE RBAF CELEBRATES 47TH ANNIVERSARY

12 April 2016, Penanjong Garrison



Training Institute Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) has been through a number of developments in a span of 47 years, through the implementation of its trainings, system administration, as well as infrastructure, all of which are in line with modernization, and needs to realize the aspirations of the RBAF. This message was delivered by the Commandant of Training Institute Royal Brunei Armed Forces (TI RBAF) during the 47th anniversary at the TI RBAF. The Commandant of TI RBAF, Colonel Haji Abidin bin Haji Abdul Hamid in his speech also said that RBAF and TI RBAF as the main driver unit in the development of human resource capacity, plays significant and meaning role in the security / defence strategy which are key elements in maintaining the stability and peace of the country. In addition, the commandant also reminded all personnel of the TI RBAF to prioritise the aspect of safety when conducting training and it should not be ignored based on its guidelines and orders. During this event, the TI RBAF Commandant also introduced and presented a new TI RBAF logo to all personnel.

SECURITY AWARENESS ROADSHOW

10 May 2016, Penanjong Garrison



Defence Security Branch, Defence Minister Office and Directorate of Strategic Planning continue its effort to increase knowledge and awareness on security by initiating Security Awareness roadshow for all military and civilian personnel of Penanjong Garrison, Tutong camp and Lumut camp. Held for the third time in Support Battalion, Penanjong Garrison the purpose of this roadshow was to provide exposure and understanding the importance of security in the Ministry of Defence and RBAF. JAMAÁT and Department of Syariah Affairs also enliven the roadshow to increase faith and avoid vulnerable personnel from falling to negative elements.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE PAID A CALL TO PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF **DEFENCE, HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

10 May 2016, Amman, Jordan



First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit, the Deputy Minister of Defence called on His Excellency Dr Abdalla Ensour, Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan during his visit to the 11th Special Operations Forces Exhibition and Conference (SOFEX-2016) at the King Abdullah I Airbase in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. During the call, both sides reaffirmed their commitments to strengthen the excellent bilateral relation between both countries, particularly in defence and military cooperation. Both Brunei Darussalam and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan also discussed other regional and international security matters of mutual interests. The Deputy Minister of Defence also witnessed a demonstration of ground and air mobility tactical displays, and visited the exhibitions.

RBLF TOOK HOME 3 MEDALS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY SKILL AT ARMS MEET (AASAM) 2016

24 May 2016, Australia



A delegation of fourteen shooters from the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) brought home 3 medals from the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting. The event, held at Puckapunyal in Victoria, Australia, from May 3 to 19, had the armies participate from 20 countries. The RBLF team competed in 35 matches and acquired 1 gold medal and 2 silver from the Match 45 (Match LSW - 7:26), Match 56 (LSW / MG Falling Plate) and Match 7 (450m Snap) respectively. The AASAM is an annual competition featuring military marksmen from various countries from across the world participating in a myriad of matches with different weapons systems. The competition encompasses current in-service, small arms systems, competed at individual and unit levels.

RBAF STUDY NIGHT: RBAirF AT 50: REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS

18 May 2016, Tanah Jambu



The Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) conducted a study night at the Defence Academy, Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) with the subject "Royal Brunei Air Force at 50: reflections and projections". The study night highlighted the challenges faced by RBAirF in optimising its capabilities and in developing its air strategy for optimal air power. A documented guideline for RBAirF's towards optimizing its vision called Shaping Tomorrow's Air Force in 20 Years (STAF20) was also reviewed in the study evening.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SCHOLARSHIP

30 May 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



His Majesty the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) has consented to award Ministry of Defence Scholarship for 2016 to six excelling students in the country. Four students have been granted consent to be awarded with the Supreme Commander of the RBAF Scholarship and two students with the RBAF Scholarship.

RBAirF COMMANDER AWARDED WITH REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE HONORARY WING

6 May 2016, Singapore



The Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, was awarded the Republic of Singapore Air Force Honorary Wings as a symbol of acknowledgement for the excellent support in his current and previous appointments and long standing relations between both Air Forces. Brigadier General Mervyn Tan, Chief of Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) presented the Honorary Wings at their Headquarters during his introductory visit to the RSAF from 4th to 6th May. He also paid a call to His Excellency, Dr Ng Eng Hen, Second Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore. During the visit, both Commander of RBAirF and the Chief of Air Force of the RSAF reaffirmed to further strengthen cooperation and mutual support between both Air Forces. Exercise Airguard is hope to foster closer bilateral relations and involvement between both Air Force Airmen and Airwomen. Among the programmes outlined include visit to the 123 Squadron at Sembawang Air Base.

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND NEW ZEALAND CO-CHAIRED ADMM-PLUS EWG MARITIME SECURITY FTX, EXERCISE MAHI TANGAROA '16' FPC

23 - 26 May 2016, Auckland



Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand co-chaired the Final Planning Conference (FPC) of ADMM-PLUS Experts' Working Group (EWG) Maritime Security (MS) Field Training Exercise (FTX), Exercise Mahi Tangaroa '16' in Auckland, New Zealand. The FPC EWG Co-Chairs were Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), Captain Haji Othman bin Haji Suhaili @ Suhaily RBN, and the Director Asia, Ministry of Defence New Zealand, Mike Thompson. The aim of Exercise Mahi Tangaroa '16 was to promote cooperation and interoperability, as well as information sharing among the ADMM-Plus member countries in addressing global common non-traditional Maritime Security threats. The exercise was to commemorate Royal New Zealand Navy's 75th Anniversary. Exercise Mahi Tangaroa '16 was expected to incorporate the ADMM-Plus FTX Standard Operating Procedures and the document of Code of Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES).

RBAF ATTRACTS STUDENTS AT CAREER ROADSHOW

19 May 2016, Sengkurong



The Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) held a career day roadshow for secondary school students in the Sultanate with the concept of 'Try, Look and Feel', where the students were able not only view exhibits of assets and facilities available in the RBAF, but they also had the opportunity to handle military equipment, to get the feel of what it is like to be a soldier. Every RBAF services represented their own units describing opportunities and challenges of their organisation, qualifications and courses required, as well as career progression process in the RBAF. The career day was held at the Sengkurong Community Hall in conjunction with the RBAF 55th anniversary.



Technology Policy Framework (DSTPF). The launching of the DSTPF was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit.

The Ministry of Defence has launched its Defence Science and government agencies, to create a functional domestic ecosystem that allows defence S&T requirements to promulgate up- and down-streams. The DSTPF also emphasises on the importance of building a highly capable and competent workforce.

Permanent Secretary (Technology), Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohd Amirul Shahnoel bin Haji Mohd Noeh, underscores that the Policy Framework aims to strengthen defence Science and Technology (S&T) within MINDEF and RBAF.

The execution authority of this Policy Framework, the Deputy The Deputy Minister of Defence, in his speech at the launching ceremony, emphasised that the decisions on defence investments must be informed with due diligence and with proven methodologies with a good knowledge base. He also urged all parties to support the endeavor to make Brunei S&T landscape into one that eventually favours Brunei's defence goals.

The Policy Framework strives to consolidate and reinforce these S&T efforts and initiatives. Based upon four strategic themes that align to the MINDEF Strategy map, Additionally, the DSTPF that consists of major S&T units in MINDEF.

The DSTPF was also formally launched with the reveal of the DSTPF webpage, which can now be found on the MINDEF official is executed with the assistance of the recently established website and accessible to the public. The event was aimed to Defence Science and Technology Secretariat (DTS), and with the engage wider audiences within MINDEF and RBAF in the formation of the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) objectives and strategies of the DSTPF, as part of the efforts to further the outreach of this Policy Framework.

The highlights of the DSTPF include strategies for partnerships with industries, Institutes of Higher Learnings and other

COMMANDER RBAF VISIT TO IMT, MINDANAO, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILLIPPINES

16 June 2016, Philippines

Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Aguinaldo, Armed Forces of the Philippines Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd (AFP). Most notably in the discussion was Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander Royal that both countries are satisfied with the Brunei Armed Forces conducted a three-day strong relationships that had been fostered duty tour to Manila to have a closer look at for a very long time. the progress of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) in Mindanao, the Republic of Once at the IMT Headquarters, the Philippines. Accompanying the commander Commander RBAF paid a courtesy call to the was Police Commissioner Royal Brunei IMT Head of Mission, Major General Datuk Police Force (RBPF), Dato Seri Pahlawan Hj Wira Zamrose bin Mohd Zain, Malaysian Mohd Jammy bin Hj Muhd Shah Al-Islam, as Armed Forces. His delegation was then well as officers from the RBAF and the RBPF.

The Commander RBAF and delegation were welcomed by the Commander of 6th Site 1 where the Brunei Darussalam IMT Infantry Division, Major General Edmundo Contingent headed by Lieutenant Colonel R Pangilinan at Awang Airport, Cotabato Azman bin Haji Bangkol were stationed. City. He also received a General Salute and inspected the Guard of Honour from the 6th During this visit, the Commander RBAF Infantry Division.

call to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Congressman Didagen Dilangalen and J1, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Rear Ustaz Nhorul-am Abdullah, Committee of Admiral Allan Bautista Rosal, at the General Da'wah and Masjid Affairs, Cotabato City. Headquarters, Camp General

introduced to the IMT members and were updated on the latest situation in Mindanao. The delegation later proceeded to Team

and delegation also had the opportunity to perform a prayer at the Grand Mosque The Commander RBAF first made a courtesy where they were welcomed by Former







102 CHILDREN OF RBAF HONOURED FOR EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS

3 June 2016, Berakas Garrison

One hundred and two students whom are children of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel were celebrated for achieving excellent results in their final public examinations for 2015. The ceremony held in conjunction of the RBAF's 55th anniversary, was one of the annual event that are infused in community activities to encourage the children to take pride in excelling at school and maintain as high achievers. At the same time to motivate and encourage other children of RBAF personnel to continue to strive in achieving better results in the future.



FINAL COMPETITION OF RBAF MUSABAQAH TILAWAH AL-QURAN

17 June 2016. Berakas Garrison

10 Qaris of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces personnel participated in the final competition of the Musabaqah Tilawah Al-Quran in conjunction with the RBAF's 55th anniversary held at the Pahlawan Hall, Berakas Garrison. The Qari champion was hailed by LCpl (U) Musa bin Hj Sahat from the Royal Brunei Air Force; while the runner-up prize went to Cpl Nazirul Bin Haji Asmat from the Ministry of Defence and third place to Cpl Pg Haji Kamarul Sarip Bin Pg Hj Serpuddin also from the Ministry of Defence. For Qariah, Cpl Hjh Rubiah Bte Hj Dagang of the Royal Brunei Land Force was named the Champion; second place was won by Lt Auni Afifah @ Yumni Bte Hj Ali Hassan of Defence Academy RBAF and third place went to Lt (U) Nur Hasinah binti Hi Rosli of Royal Brunei Air Force.





RBAF COMMANDER VISITS RBAF UNIFIL PERSONNEL IN LEBANON

9 June 2016, Lebanon

The Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) made an official visit to MALBATT 850-3 di in Lebanon for 5-days commencing from 6 June until 10 June 2016. During the visit, the Commander of RBAF had the opportunity to have a closer look at the wellbeing of the RBAF contingent currently attached under the Malaysian Battalion (MALBATT 850-3) for the UNIFIL peacekeeping and humanitarian operations as well as observe the operation under UNIFIL mandate in Beirut, South Lebanon. The purpose of the visit was to give moral support to the RBAF personnel undergoing the operation abroad with their high commitment and to enhance cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia.



16 BABIES BORN ON RBAF 55TH ANNIVERSARY

3 June 2016, Berakas Garrison

A total of 16 babies were born during the 55th Anniversary Celebration of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) on 31 May 2016. Each infant received their special gifts in the form of hampers and vouchers from the RBAF, RBAF Wives' Association (BAKTI) and Koperasi Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei (KOWIRA).





MINDEF & RBAF PRESENTS DONATIONS TO 138 ORPHANS

17 June and 1st July 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) handed out donations to 138 orphans from families of former members of RBAF, while the Ministry of Defence donated to 68 orphans from families of officers and staffs of the ministry in separate events held during the fasting month. The annual event was held during to ease the financial burdens faced by orphans in preparing for the upcoming Hari Raya Aidil Fitri festivities. Such social and welfare events also aimed to improve the social responsibility among the RBAF and MINDEF community.

TRAINING INSTITUTE RBAF RECEIVES NEW

COMMANDANT 29 july 2016, Penanjong Garrison

Training Instittute Royal Brunei Armed Forces (TI RBAF) received a new Commandant. A handing over ceremony took place at the Parade Square, TI RBAF, Penanjong Garrison to officiate the appointment of Colonel Awang TI RBAF from Colonel Haji Abidin bin Haji Abd Hamid.

Colonel Awang Khairul Hamed bin Awang Haji Lampoh service: 1991 - Second Lieutenant; Platoon Commander in the Second **Battalion RBLF**

1993 - Intake Commander Training Institute

2002 - Officer Commanding of Recruit Company TI RBAF

2008 - Chief Instructor of TI RBAF

2014 - Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarter

2015 - Chief of Staff, RBLF

2016 FRESHMAN INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR MINDEF **SCHOLARS CONCLUDES**

22 July 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



Ministry of Defence scholars concluded their Freshmen Induction Programme for 2016. The programme aimed at grooming these scholar recipients to be future leaders in the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

MINDEF CELEBRATES HARI **RAYA AIDIL FITRI**

27 July 2016, Jerudong



The Ministry of Defence held its annual Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations at BRIDEX Conference Hall, Jerudong. The event was jointly organised by Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (SHHBIDSS) and the Centre of Science and Technology Research and Development (CSTRAD).

PRIVATE AZRIN BIN AZMAN **EMBRACES ISLAM**

29 July 2016, Belait



A personnel from Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF), Private Azrin bin Azman took his Islamic oath led by an officer from the Islamic Dakwah Centre at his parent's residence in Kg Sungai Liang, Belait District for. Pvte Azrin is the 102nd personnel to convert to Islam since the year 2006.



RBAF OFFICER AWARDED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE **PHILIPPINES**

30 July 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

Major Pg Hj Rudy Halyamin bin Pg Hj Chuchu received the Outstanding Officer Candidate School Special Field Award from the Armed Forces of the Philippines for his contributions as one of the bridges in the military-to-military relations between the RBAF and the AFP. He was a member of the Brunei Darussalam International Monitoring Team (IMT) in 2004 - 2005. He was later involved in the delivery of Brunei Darussalam's contributions for the people of the Republic of Philippines after the country was hit by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

FIRST PHASE OF 8th BRUNEI-SINGAPORE DEFENCE SCHOLARS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

29 July - 3 August 2016, Singapore



The Singapore phase of the 8th Brunei-Singapore Defence Scholars Development Programme (8th BSDSDP) concluded on 3 Aug 2016 through a closing ceremony held at the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Center for Leadership Development (CLD) after a week-long activities from 29 July 2016 to 3 August 2016. The 8th BSDSDP involved a total of sixteen (16) scholars, with eight (8) scholars from each country.

RBN COMMANDER ATTENDS 10TH ASEAN NAVY CHIEFS' MEETING

22 - 25 August 2016, Kuala Lumpur



First Admiral Pg Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pg Hi Muhammad, Commander of Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 22 - 25 August 2016 for the 10th ASEAN Navy Chief Meeting (10th ANCM) 2016.

RBAirF CELEBRATES ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE 50TH **ANNIVERSARY**

26 August 2016, Rimba



Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, the RBAirF Commander, who was the Guest of Honour for the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary ceremony, was joined by 50 former Commanders of RBAirF, retired Sergeant Majors and senior officers of RBAirF whom had served and contributed to the establishment of RBAirF over the last 50 years. The ceremony was held on 26 Aug, at the Air Movement Centre, RBAirF Base.

158 MINDEF **OFFICERS AND STAFFS RECEIVE** LONG SERVICE MEDAL (PKL) **HONORARY AWARDS**

4 July 2016, BRIDEX Jerudong



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to bestow Long Service Medal or Pingat Kerja Lama (PKL) honorary awards to 158 civilian Officers and Staffs of the Ministry of Defence in conjunction with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 68th and 69th birthday for the year 2014 and 2015 respectively.

The P.K.L awardees for 2014 consist of 105 recipients, whilst 53 recipients for 2015. The presentation ceremony of P.K.L. awards was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit at the BRIDEX Conference Hall, Jerudong. The conferment of the medals was in recognition of the contributions, work performances and services rendered by every civil service officers and staffs in the Government of His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam demonstrating impeccable and tireless commitments.

SINGAPORE AWARDS RBLF COMMANDER WITH MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MILITARY)

16 August 2016, Singapore

The Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF), Brigadier General Pg Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pg Haji Mahmud, was conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Meritoriousa Service Medal (Military) or Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) by the Honourable Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore on 16 Aug 2016. The award was presented by the Honourable Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence at an investiture ceremony held at the Ministry of Defence, Singapore.



Exercise PELICAN 35/16

24 - 31 August 2016, Singapore

The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) held bilateral their flagship naval exercise, Exercise PELICAN, from 24 to 31 August. Throughout the exercise, both navies have achieved to meet the objectives, in which it includes enhancing the interoperability and capacity through various professional exchanges and evolutions.



BRUNEI AND SINGAPORE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF DEFENCE RELATIONS





29 August 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



the 40th Anniversary of bilateral defence relations that began in 1976 Darussalam was Datin Paduka Hajah with a signing of a Memorandum of Suriyah Binti Haji Umar, Permanent Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Understanding (MoU) on Defence Secretary of Ministry of Defence; and Technology Cooperation between the on behalf of the Republic of Singapore Government of Brunei Darussalam was His Excellency Ng Chee Khern, and the Government of the Republic Permanent of Singapore. The Minister for Defence Development). The MoU signing was Al-Meezaan. of the Republic of Singapore, His witnessed by the Minister for Defence, Excellency Dr Ng Eng Hen with Republic of Singapore himself and mutual benefits and respect for the his delegation which comprised of First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Singapore's Chief of Defence Force Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit, the His Excellency Dato Paduka Seri Deputy Minister of Defence, Brunei areas of defence technology, including; Perry Lim, The Permanent Secretary Darussalam. (Defence Development) His Excellency Ng Chee Khern and a number of senior also had royal audiences on with defence acquisitions; and cooperation officers from the Ministry of Defence His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal and of the Republic and the Singapore Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni management. Armed Forces (SAF) were in Brunei Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali



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Prunei Darussalam and the Republic Darussalam for this commemorative Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Signing on behalf of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, at Qashr

> Based on the principles of equality, sovereignty of both nations, the MoU aims to promote cooperation in key research and development; sharing During the visit, the delegation of knowledge and best practices in collaboration in









BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND THE UNITED KINGDOM 14TH JOINT DEFENCE COMMISSION (JDC) MEETING

1 September 2016, Bolkiah Garrison





Thirty personnel of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) was sent off for a peace keeping mission to Lebanon under the United Nations Interim Force (UNIFIL). The RBAF peacekeeper will join troops from Malaysia under the command of Malaysian Battalion 850-4 (MALBATT 850-4).

During the send-off ceremony, the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit presented the national flag to the head of UNIFIL contingent, Major Azhan bin Haji Ahmad and installed United Nation's beret and logo on each RBAF personnel.



FOUR RBAIRF OFFICERS RECEIVE THEIR WINGS

2 September 2016, Rimba

Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah presented four RBAirF officers with their wings, marking the completion of their training and the start of their flying career at No.1 Wing. The recipients were 1023 Lt (U) Mohd Nazmi bin Nasrudin and 1026 Lt (U) Mohd Aliff bin Haji Zulkifli, both completed their Elementary Flying Training and Single Engine Rotary Wing training at RAF Cranwell and RAF Shawbury of the United Kingdom respectively; and 1091 Lt (U) Abdul Haqim bin Haji Yahya and 1097 Lt (U) Muhd Harith bin Haji Edin who completed their Initial Entry Rotary Wing and UH60A/L Blackhawk Track Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama, United States.



OFFICER CADET SCHOOLS OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND NEW ZEALAND CONDUCT EXERCISE KEPIMPINAN 2016

2 September 2016, Temburong

Twelve officer cadets of the RBAF joined their cadres from the Officer Cadet School of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in a 9-days Exercise KEPIMPINAN in the Temburong District from 24 August 2016. Exercise KEPIMPINAN aimed to develop leadership skills; to test the cadets' ability to command in challenging circumstances; and for the NZDF, to exercise international deployment mobilisation; and deployments into tropical jungle warfare training areas.



AIR FORCE OFFICER CADETS EXPOSED TO ANAK PANAH MUDA EXERCISE

6 September 2016, Brunei Darussalam

Eleven Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Officer Cadets from the 15th Intake of the Officer Cadet School took part in Anak Panah Muda Exercise conducted at Bt. Agok. The cadets were exposed to the workings of a Manned Portable Air Defence System (MANPADS) under the supervision of 77 Squadron – Air Defence Training Squadron a subdivision of No. 7 Wing of RBAirF. The exercise was carried out in a progressive manner where the cadets can easily comprehend the normal procedure; understand what one is working with to be able to operate it properly and maximise its capability.



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND THE UNITED KINGDOM 14TH JOINT DEFENCE COMMISSION (JDC) MEETING

21 September 2016, White Hall, London, United Kingdom

On 21 September 2016, Brunei Darussalam and the United Kingdom conducted the 14th Joint Defence Commission (JDC) meeting at the Whitehall, London, United Kingdom. The meeting was co-chaired by UK's Head of International Policy and Planning (Military), Brigadier Stephen McMahon and Brunei Darussalam's Deputy Permanent Secretary (Defence Policy and Development), Captain (Rtd) Abd Rahman bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, RBN. The JDC, which started in 2002, serves an avenue for both sides to engage in productive discussions on bilateral defence cooperation as well as on defence and security issues of mutual concern.



OCS HOLDS APPOINTMENT AND OFFICIATING **CEREMONIES FOR 16TH INTAKE**

9 September 2016, Tanah Jambu

Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, the Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), presented ranks to 34 new cadet officers of the 16th Intake for the Officer Cadet School (OCS) at an appointment ceremony held at the Defence Academy, Royal Brunei Armed Forces (DA RBAF), Tanah Jambu. He also officiated the Commissioning Course for the 16th Intake for 2016/2017. The 52 weeks intense course trains the cadets' Military Leadership, develop character and intellect to prepare them for their first appointment as newly commissioned officers in the RBAF.



MINDEF HELD KORBAN CEREMONY FOR 1437 HIJRAH

15 September 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

The Ministry of Defence and Bolkiah Garrison distributed sacrificed meat comprising 9 to civilian staffs of the Ministry of Defence, Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel and asnaf group living in the vicinity of the Bolkiah Garrison area, in a Korban and Aqiqah ceremony in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidil Adha 1437 Hijrah celebration.



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM 13TH IMT DEPARTS FOR MINDANAO

15 September 2016, Rimba

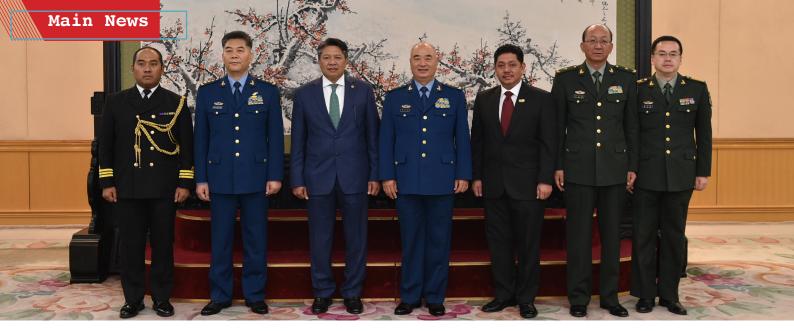
Brunei Darussalam's contingent of the 13th International Monitoring Team (IMT-13) to Mindanao, Republic of the Philippines was deployed to Mindanao, Republic of the Philippines to represent Brunei Darussalam in upholding a peace keeping mission. National flag and the IMT arm badge were presented to each of the personnel prior to their departure by the Deputy Minister of Defence, The contingent led by Lieutenant Colonel Abidin bin Haji Timbang, comprises of seven Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel and an officer from the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF).



EXERCISE BRUMAL SETIA 13/2016

24 September 2016, Tutong

Brigadier General Pg Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pg Haji Mahmud, the Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) and General Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi bin Raja Mohamed Noor, the Chief of the Malaysian Army preceded the closing of Exercise BRUMAL SETIA 13/2016, The Exercise, held from the 15 to 21 September 2016, was participated by units of Company A from the First Battalion of the RBLF and Company C from the 20 Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army, The exercise aims at enhancing interoperability, strengthening mutual understanding and advancing friendly relations between the two land forces.



7TH XIANGSHAN FORUM HELD

BUILD A NEW TYPE OF INTERNAL RELATIONS THROUGH SECURITY DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION

12 October 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

he Deputy Minister of Defence of Of International Relations Through People's Republic of China. Security Dialogue And Cooperation" and saw some 65 countries and annual global organisations from all over the 2006. Organised by the Chinese world.

On the sidelines of the forum, (CAMS)

The Xiangshan Forum is an established event, Association for Military Science

and China Institute Brunei Darussalam, First Admiral the Deputy Minister of Defence also International Strategic Studies (CIISS), (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz had a bilateral meeting with the it serves as a platform for discussions attended the 7th Xiangshan Forum Senior Minister of State for Defence, among defence scholars and experts in that was held in the Haidian District Republic of Singapore and a courtesy the Asia-Pacific region to discuss pertinent of Xiangshan near Beijing, People's call on His Excellency General defence and security issues, bringing Republic of China. This year's forum Xu Qiliang, the Vice Chairman of together Defence Ministers, Chiefs of bore the theme "Build A New Type the Central Military Commission, Defence Forces and other senior defence and military officials.

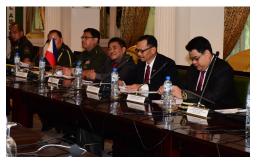
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND THE PHILIPPINES CONVENE 8TH JOINT DEFENCE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

20 October 2016, Bolkiah Garrison

irst Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri participation of military courses in Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji each other's military institutions. Mohd Tamit, Deputy Minister of Policy/Acting Undersecretary of Philippines.

During the call, they discussed issues of mutual concern as well as expressed their satisfaction on the cordial and warm defence relations between the two countries, as manifested by the frequent high level exchanges of visits and reciprocal

The Ministry of Defence of Brunei Defence received a call from The Darussalam and the Department of Honourable Ricardo Aguirre David National Defense of the Republic of Jr, Undersecretary for Defense the Philippines convened their 8th Joint Defence Working Committee National Defense, Department of (JDWC) meeting at the Officers' National Defense of the Republic Mess of the Bolkiah Garrison. Datin of Philippines, who was in Brunei Paduka Hajah Suriyah binti Haji Darussalam for the 8th Joint Defence Umar, Permanent Secretary, Ministry Working Committee (JDWC) meeting of Defence and The Honourable between Brunei Darussalam and the Ricardo Aguirre David Jr, co-chaired the meeting.





RBN AND OCS COMBINED EXERCISE IN BASE DEFENSE COURSE

11 October 2016, Bukit Agok Tutong

Twenty seven personnel of the Royal Brunei Navy were joined by 11 Officer Cadets of Intake 15 from Officer Cadet School, Defence Academy, Royal Brunei Armed Forces during a combined base defence



course held at Bukit Agok Firing Range. The course that was exercised from 19 September until 28 October was intended to teach and assimilate procedures for them to conduct duties and responsibilities efficiently and effectively within the concept of base defence by coordinating the efforts and capabilities of all personnel into a unified response against enemy activity that threaten the security and defence.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HOLDS AHLI SUNNAH WAL JAMA'AH FORUM

17 October 2016, Jerudong

The Ministry of Defence today held a forum in celebration of the New Year Hijrah 1438 at the Bridex Conference Hall in Jerudong. The forum featured invited panel members comprising of lecturers from the Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College (KUPU SB) namely Dr. Awang Haji Noralizam bin Haji Aliakbar, Director of the Core Knowledge Centre KUPU SB; Dr. Harapandi Dahri, Visiting Lecturer Core Knowledge Centre and Dr Abd Rauf bin Mohd Amin, Visiting Lecturer of the Faculty of Sharia. Besides the forum, an exhibition was showcased by Islamic Da'wah Centre, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Brunei Darussalam.



the most medals to win the RBAF Athletics and Tug-of-War Championship 2016 that drew to a close after three days of

competition from 10 to 12 October at the Royal Brunei Air

RBAF FEMALE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

12 October 2016, Rimba Air Base



The Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) won the Ladies RBAF Athletics Championship 2016 that drew to a close on 21 Oct after three days of competition at the Royal Brunei Air Force Sports Complex.



RBAF MALE **ATHLETICS** AND TUG-OF-WAR **CHAMPIONSHIP** 2016 12 October 2016, Rimba Air Base

The Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) were victorious with



EXERCISE HELANG LAUT 17B/16

016, Muara Naval

The 17th series of bilateral exercise between the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) and the Tentara Nasional Indonesia -Angkatan Laut (TNI AL) began on 16 October 2016 and will run for six days until 22 October 2016.

MUHD MUZNI BIN ABDULLAH EMBRACES ISLAM

21 October 2016, Tutong



Ministry of Defence civilian staff Muzni bin Bangsa and his wife converted to Islam, witnessed by the First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Abd Tamit, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony took place at Kampung Pengkalan Dong, Ukong and was facilitated by officials from the Tutong District Islamic Dakwah Centre. Muzni bin Bangsa is now known as Muhammad Muzni bin Abdullah.





Exercise AIRGUARD 22/2016 which started on 6 October 2016 and lasted for two weeks ended on 12 October at the Bukit Agok Firing range and presided by both the Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah and the Chief of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) Major General Mervyn Tan Wei Ming.



EXERCISE LATMA BRUNESIA 2016

The 7th series of Exercise LATMA Brunesia, have been conducted from 25 until 28 October 2016 between RBAirF and Tentera Nasional Indonesia Angkatan Udara (TNI AU). The exercise aims to strengthen the joint cooperation between both air forces. The next exercise is scheduled in 2018 in the Republic of Indonesia.

HONORARY PILOT WING AWARDED TO SINGAPORE CHIEF OF AIR FORCE

11 October 2016, Rimba

Chief of the Republic Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Major-General Mervyn Tan Wei Ming was awarded with the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Honorary Pilot Wing on 11 Oct 2016. This is in recognition for his service in advancing



the ties between the RBAirF and the RSAF. On hand to give away the award at the RBAirF Base in Rimba was Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, the Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY (TECHNOLOGY) ATTENDS GOVWARE 2016 SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL CYBER WEEK CONFERENCE

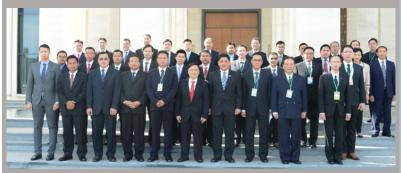
13 October 2016, Singapore



The GovWare 2016 Singapore International Cyber Week Conference (SICW) took place at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre from 10 to 12 October 2016 and was attended by Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohd Amirul Shahnoel bin Haii Mohd Noeh. RBN. the Deputy Permanent Secretary (Technology), Ministry Defence, Brunei Darussalam.

3rd AD-HOC WORKING GROUP MEETING DISCUSSES ON PROGRESS OF DCL

24 October 2016, Tanah Jambu



The Third Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting on Establishing a Direct Communications Link (DCL) in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Process was held from 24 - 26 October 2016 at the RBAF Defence Academy. The three-day meeting was officiated by the Acting Permanent Secretary of Defence at the Ministry of Defence, Captain (Rtd) Abdul Rahman bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, RBN.

29 RBAF UNIFIL PEACEKEEPERS RETURN HOME FROM LEBANON

6 October 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



A welcoming ceremony was held for the twentynine Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel led by Captain Haji Mohd Faizi bin Haji Tarif after returning home following their deployment with the MALAYSIAN BATTALION 850-3 (MALBATT 850-3) of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The RBAF UNIFIL contingent began their deployment on 1 September 2015.

On hand to welcome the returning personnel were the Commander of the RBAF, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence Datin Paduka Hajah Suriyah binti Haji Umar, First Secretary from the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam, a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Directors, (MOFAT), Service Commanders, Senior Officers of the RBAF and the family members of the returning personnel.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER CEREMONY FOR IMT AND UNIFIL PEACEKEEPERS, BOLKIAH **GARRISON**

7 October 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



A thanksgiving prayer ceremony was on 7 Oct 2016 to welcome the safe return of the 12th International Monitoring Team (IMT-12) in Mindanao, Philippines and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) peacekeepers following their deployment with the MALAYSIAN BATTALION 850-3 (MALBATT 850-3) of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The IMT-12 and the RBAF UNIFIL contingents safely returned on 16 September 2016 and on 6 October 2016 respectively.



ADMM RETREAT AND ASEAN – JAPAN DEFENCE MINISTERS' INFORMAL MEETING

16 November 2016, Vientiane

SEAN Defence Ministers and senior defence officials attended the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat (ADMM Retreat) in Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, followed by the Informal Meeting with Japan. Representing His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, in his Majesty's capacity as the Minister of Defence, was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy and Industry at the Prime Minister's Office.

At the ADMM Retreat, the ASEAN Defence Ministers discussed on the key security challenges facing the region and highlighted their growing complexities amidst a time of uncertainty. Noting the unpredictable nature of the security environment, ASEAN Defence Ministers agreed to step up practical cooperation between militaries to build higher level of confidence and trust with each other, one of which include the establishment of a Direct Communications Link which is intended to keep open lines of communications between Defence Ministers in emergency situations or crises. The DCL initiative received widespread support from all the ASEAN Member States, and as a result of the full commitment and work achieved by all ten nations, the initial phase of the DCL was demonstrated during the ADMM Retreat.

The ASEAN Member States also reiterated the

importance of the principle of ASEAN Centrality in order to address the dynamic security environment.

At the sidelines of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat (ADMM Retreat). the ASEAN - Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was held in the Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 16 November 2016. The Informal Meeting was chaired by the Minister of Defence of Japan, Her Excellency Tomomi Inada, and was attended by the ASEAN Defence Ministers and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The informal meeting underlined increasing complexity of the global security

environment and acknowledged the need for greater cooperation and engagement to address these challenges. The Ministers highlighted the need to maintain close engagement with one another and exchanged views on prospective defence cooperation. The Meeting also reiterated the importance of the ADMM-Plus and its activities under the Experts' Working Groups which have contributed to fostering a spirit of openness, cooperation and interoperability among all eighteen countries.

ASEAN and Japan achieved close relations since 1973, and have achieved significant progress in the areas of politicalsecurity, economic-finance and socio-cultural. ASEAN and Japan will continue to enhance their partnership on political and security cooperation through dialogues and consultation, which includes ministerial meetings, senior officials and experts meetings, as well as the broader ASEAN-led architecture such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the East Asia Summit (EAS).

At the conclusion of the Retreat, the ASEAN Defence Ministers witnessed the handing over of the ADMM Chairmanship to Philippines beginning of the year 2017.





COMMANDER OF RBAF ATTENDS THE 7TH INDO DEFENCE 2016 EXPO AND FORUM

4 November 2016, Jakarta

Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, attended the 7th INDO DEFENCE 2016 Expo and Forum in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia from 2 to 4 November 2016. On the sidelines of the expo he had a bilateral call to His Excellency General TNI Dato Paduka Seri Gatot Nurmantyo, Commander of the Indonesian National Defence Forces, where both discussed on enhancing military-to-omilitary cooperation.

2nd JDCC MEETING CONVENES IN REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

24 November 2016, Indonesia



The Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam and the Ministry of Defence of Republic of Indonesia convened the 2nd Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Republic of Indonesia. The meeting was co-chaired by Vice Admiral TNI Widodo, Secretary General, Ministry of Defence, Indonesia and Captain (Rtd) Abd Rahman bin BMDP Haji Bakar, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Brunei Darussalam. The two countries exchanged perspectives on regional security matters and examined avenues to further promote Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia bilateral defence relations. The next JDCC meeting will be held in Brunei Darussalam.



ROYAL BRUNEI LAND FORCE CELEBRATES 55th ANNIVERSARY

4 November 2016, Berakas Garisson

The Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) celebrated its 55th anniversary with a parade at the First Battalion RBLF. The Commander of the RBLF in his speech underscored that reaching the significant age of 55 years represents an important milestone. However an organisation is not only viewed by its longevity but more towards what it has achieved and contributed towards its current transformation. He also stressed that professionalism, welfare, security and discipline remain as key focus areas that remain relevant. These he added, need always to be improved and upheld by the RBLF.



RBLF AND RBN WIN THE RBAF SEPAK TAKRAW TOURNAMENT 2016/2017

16 November 2016, Bolkiah Garisson

The Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) was crowned champion in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Sepak Takraw Tournament for 2016/2017 after defeating Training Institute RBAF in the final match for Team Category by 2 nil. Third place went to the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) team. Whereas in the Inter-Regu Category, the RBN team won the RBLF's by 2-1. Team TI RBAF came third. This year's tournament was participated by the teams from RBLF, RBN, Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), TI RBAF and the MINDEF.



he Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit was in Singapore for an official visit from 9 to 11 November 2016 to commemorate the 40th year of defence relations between the two countries.



On 10 November 2016 the Deputy Minister of Defence called on His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence of Singapore and inspected a Guard of Honour at MINDEF, Gombak Drive.

The Deputy Minister also visited Murai Urban Training Facility (MUTF), Cyber Security Agency (CSA) of Singapore and the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) Intergrated Complex. At MUTF he was hosted by Brigadier General Desmond Tan Kok Ming, the Chief of Staff General Staff of the SAF and observed Officer Cadets of the RBAF and the SAF underwent Urban Operations training together. He interacted with with both the RBAF and SAF cadets.





On the last day of the visit, the Deputy Minister had a tour of 125 Squadron of the Republic of Singapore Air Force where the Deputy Minister was hosted by Major General Mervyn Tan, Chief of the Republic of Singapore Air Force. The last activity of the programme was the visit to Mandai Hill Camp, where the Deputy Minister was hosted by the Chief of Defence Force of Singapore, Lieutenant General Dato Paduka Seri Perry Lim. During this visit, the Deputy Minister witnessed the conduct of Exercise Maju Bersama between the Royal Brunei Land Force and the Singapore Army.



Brunei Darussalam and Singapore have long established and nurtured the defence relationship to the state it is at today. The defence organisations of the two countries worked closely together to achieve very positive outcomes. The visit ended on a high note with both sides reaffirming their commitments to advance further the relationship.



22nd BRUNEI-US CARAT EXERCISE

14 November 2016, Muara

he 22nd Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Exercise was held in Brunei Darussalam from 14-18 November 2016.

CARAT is a bilateral exercise series between the United States Navy and the armed forces of nine partner nations in South and Southeast Asia, including Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

The CARAT Exercise aims to enhance regional militaryto-military cooperation, build friendship and strengthen professional skills among participating forces. As one of the original CARAT partners, Brunei Darussalam, the RBAF in particular, has been part of CARAT since the exercise began in 1995.



RBAirF OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

6 November 2016, Rimba

'he Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) conducted the RBAirF Obstacle Challenge today at the RBAirF Sports Complex in Rimba.

The challenge which was open to the public saw more than 3,000 participation. This challenge featured six categories across civilian and military personnel namely the Individual 10km Male Open, Individual 10km Female, Individual 10km RBAirF Male, Individual 10km RBAirF Female Open, 5km Fun Run and 3km Fun Run for Family and Children. With the exception of those registered in the 3km and 5km Fun Run categories, all the participants had to go through nine obstacle challenges.

The first obstacle was the "Terrain" where participants hiked on a steep slope followed by "Divert", a series of road barriers. The participants then navigated through numerous sets of tyres in "Turbulence". Their upper



body strength were then tested in "Gravity" as participants swing across the monkey bars before they manoeuvred over trucks in "Target" followed by the "Vertigo" a spider web like strings obstructing the participants path. Then they had to lift sand bags in the "Rapier Lift" obstacle over a distance of 200 metre to reach the next obstacle, the "POL Pit" and crawled through mud

to reach the final "Mystery Obstacle".

Winning prizes were presented by the guest of honour, Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, the Commander of RBAirF and his wife for the top 3 runners in the 10km competition both male and female categories.







FINAL 11TH ADMM-PLUS EWG ON MARITIME SECURITY & CO-CHAIRMANSHIP HAND-OVER

13-16 November 2016, Auckland, New Zealand

The ADMM-Plus Expert Working Group on Maritime Security, co-chaired by Burnei Darussalam and New Zealand for the 2014-2016 cycle, held its final meeting in Aukland, New Zealand from 13-16 November 2016. The meeting, co-chaired by Mrs. Charlotte Beaglehole, Head of International Branch, Ministry of Defence New Zealand and Captain Haji Othman bin Haji Suhaili, RBN, Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) discussed recent and future maritime security activities and initiatives for 2017-2019; also acknowledged the success the ADMM-Plus Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism Exercise held from 2 – 12 May 2016, co-hosted by Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore. Both countries then handed over their Co-Chairmanship to Republic of Singapore and Republic of Korea for the next cycle 2017-2019.

21st EXERCISE MAJU BERSAMA HELD

19 November 2016, Singapore

The Royal Brunei Land Forces (RBLF) and the Singapore Army conducted the 21st series of Exercise Maju Bersama in Republic of Singapore. The exercise, conducted in Singapore from 8 to 19 November 2016, involves approximately 350 personnel from the 2nd Singapore Infantry Brigade (2 SIB), 16th Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Battalion (16 C4I Bn) and 2nd Battalion, RBLF. The closing ceremony was officiated by Brigadier General Pg Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pg Haji Mahmud, Commander of the RBLF and Major General Melvyn Ong Su Kiat, Chief of Army, Singapore Army. The exercise continues to serve as a valuable platform for enhancing interoperability, interaction and mutual understanding between the two armies.

TI RBAF GETS SUBSEQUENT PROVISION OF NTEC QUALIFICATION IN ARMAMENT AND **INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE**

19 November 2016, Berakas



13TH EDP SUCCESSFULLY HELD

25 November 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



Thirty senior government officials successfully completed the 13th Executive Development Programme (EDP) on Public Policy and Management conducted by the Ministry of Defence this year. The Deputy Minister of Defence. First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit emphasised the importance of the EDP as an eminent program that promotes innovation and creativity, which are key qualities especially within the context of the thorough re-prioritisation initiatives currently being put in place. EDP aims to equip senior officials with the necessary knowledge and skills to be more innovative in understanding policy making processes and challenges.



The technical abilities of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Armament Technicians have been recognised by the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) with an endorsement and subsequent provision of a National Technical Education Certificate (NTec) qualification in Armament and Instrument Maintenance. The NTec programme allows the RBAF Armament Technician to gain both a military and civilian qualification, enabling them to puruse further at higher education within Brunei's National Qualification Framework. The Programme Guide of the NTec in Armament and Instrument Maintenance was handed over from Dr. Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli, Acting Director of Technical Education cum Acting Chief Executive officer of IBTE to the Commandant of TI RBAF, Colonel Awang Khairul Hamed bin Awang Haji Lampoh. Training Institute RBAF

CHIEF OF RMAF AWARDED THE RBAIRF **HONORARY PILOT WING**

29 November 2016, Rimba



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and the Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), consented to award the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) Honorary Pilot Wing to the Chief of Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Roslan bin Saad. This was in recognition for his service in advancing the ties between the RBAirF and RMAF. The award was presented by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, the Commander of RBAF.

THREE RBAIRF OFFICERS RECEIVE PILOT WINGS

25 November 2016, Rimba



The Commander of the RBAirF, Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah presented pilot wings to three Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) officers this month for competing their Flying training. They were 1062 Lieutenant (U) Amir Dawod bin Shahrul Zaman and 1063 Lieutenant (U) Norasiah binti Hussin; both completed their Flying Training, Fixed wing and Rotary Wing, at the RBAirF. Meanwhile, Lieutenant (U) Muhd Nazmi bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Shaminan completed the Elementary Flying Training and Single Engine Rotary Wing Training at the Royal Air Force Cranwell and Shawbury in the United Kingdom. To date, seven officers underwent the flying training this year and are now qualified pilots.



DA RBAF CELEBRATED 6TH ANNIVERSARY

25 November 2016, Tanah Jambu

The 6th Anniversary of the Defence Academy Royal Brunei Armed Forces (DA RBAF) was celebrated with a parade participated by DA RBAF personnel, Officer Cadets Intake 16 and course participants of Junior Staff Course 2016. The Commandant of the DA RBAF, Lt Col Saiful-Akhmar bin Hj Mohd Shariff also presented two best DA RBAF personnel for their achievements, performances, discipline and contributions throughout 2016. Those awards were Best Senior Rank Award which was presented to 12977 Sgt Suaidi bin Haji Donglah and Best Other Rank Award presented to 18465 Cpl Noralisham bin Osman.

15th BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-**AUSTRALIA JDWC MEETING**

29 November 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan



The 15th Brunei Darussalam-Australia Joint Defence Working Committee (JDWC) Meeting was held in which both sides conducted discussions towards enhancing the bilateral defence ties as well as exchanged views on regional and international security issues of mutual concern. The meeting was co-chaired by the Acting Director of Defence Policy at the Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam, Mr Haji Adi Ihram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud; and Director Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Brunei and Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA), International Policy Division, Department of Defence, Australia, Ms Anita Lewan.

TI RBAF WINS THE LADIES RBAF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

1 December 2016, Berakas Garrison



The Training Institute Royal Brunei Armed Force (TI RBAF) team came in first place in the Ladies RBAF Cross Country Competition for 2016, beating the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) in second and third place respectively. The competition contested in three categories - the individual 8km open, 5km open and the 8km team. Participants also included teams from the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF), Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF). The cross-country championship is an annual event aimed to improve the fitness and also to foster healthy competitiveness for ladies in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

ROYAL BRUNEI NAVY CELEBRATES 51ST ANNIVERSARY

2 December 2016, Muara, Naval Base



On the 51st anniversary celebration of the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), the Commander of RBN, First Admiral Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pengiran Haji Muhammad, RBN awarded 17 officers and other ranks, and this year 890 Lieutenant Nazurah binti Haji Mahaleh, RBN became the first female officer in RBN's history to receive the Command Badge. She is currently in command of the RBN Fast Interceptor Boat KDB MUSTAED. The RBN Commander underscored that reaching 51 years represents an important milestone. However though, an organisation is not only viewed by its longevity but also towards what it has achieved and contributed towards its current transformation.

MINDEF AND RBAF OFFICERS **PARTICIPATES IN ARDEX-16**

1 December 2016, Berakas



Officers from the Ministry of Defence and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) participated in ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise 2016 (ARDEX-16). The three-day large-scale simulation exercise aimed to test the regional mechanism and enhance interoperability in dealing with disasters as well as provide an opportunity to practice, evaluate and review the ASEAN Standby Arrangements and Standard Operating Procedures (SASOP). Regional militaries have over the years seen a more enhanced role in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations given its capability in providing quick responses, especially in the initial stages of disaster relief as well as search and rescue operations. ARDEX saw the involvement of over 150 local and international participants, was jointly organised by Brunei Darussalam through the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).

JAMA'AT ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **PROGRAMME**

9 December 2016, Penanjong Garison



To keep children occupied during the school holiday, JAMA'AT ran an integrated 5-day programme for the children of the Ministry of Defence and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) at the Transit Camp in Penanjong Garrison from 5 December to 9 December. The annual programme which is called Syababul Watan (Tunas Bangsa) was participated by 16 boys and 17 girls between the age of 10 to 15. The programme was designed to nurture the children to be independent, encourage them to participate in recreation and sports, to gain experience and knowledge mentally, physically and spiritually. Throughout the program participants have the opportunity to strengthen the bonds between the children of RBAF personnel and learn to work with one another.

JUNIOR STAFF COURSE 2016 CONCLUDES

9 December 2016, Kg Tanah Jambu



The Junior Staff Course (JSC) held at the Defence Academy of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (DA RBAF) this year was participated by nineteen officers from the RBAF, Royal Brunei Police Force and eight international students from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The 14-week course was targeted for mid-level officers as part of their development in professional knowledge, leadership, management, communication and operational planning. Best students were given awards upon the course completion. Captain (U) Awang Abdul Hamid bin Awang Moslim of the Directorate of Force Capability Development of the Ministry of Defence achieved the Best Service Paper Award. Meanwhile the Overall Best Student Award and the Best Research Essay Award went to Captain Cai Jinde Lincoln of the Singapore Armed Forces.

BOLKIAH GARRISON MEDICAL RECEPTION STATION PROJECT SITE VISIT

15 December 2016, Bolkiah Garrison



Bolkiah Garrison will soon have its new Medical Reception Station (MRS) building. A visit to the project site was led by the Deputy Minister of Defence, First Admiral (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit with members of the Defence Executive Committee. At the outset of the visit, the Deputy Minister of Defence was briefed on the status and progress of the construction works. The project began in June 2016. When complete, the MRS Bolkiah Site will house four buildings, the Medical Clinic; the Medical Headquarters; the Medical and DRASH Store; and the Hygiene Unit.

MINDEF AND RBAF JOIN THE NATIONAL MAULIDUR RASUL CELEBRATION AND PROCESSION

27 December 2016, Brunei Garrison



Officers and personnel of the Ministry of Defence and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) joined His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Of Brunei Darussalam and the thousands in the mass gathering and procession to commemorate the birthday anniversary of Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wassalam (pbuh) at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien. This year saw a participation of 100 personnel from the Ministry of Defence and 1934 RBAF personnel from the RBAF. The theme for this' year celebration was "Berwawasan Yang Berkat Dengan Bercontoh Kepada Rasullulah Sallallahu Alaihi Wassalam".

157TH RBAF MALE RECRUITS COMPLETED BMT

23 December 2016, Penanjong Garrison

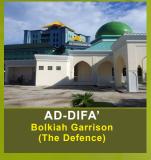


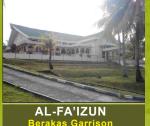
A total of 152 male recruits of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) 157th Intake concluded their Basic Military Training (BMT) at the Training Institute of the RBAF. At the Passing Out Parade, the guest of honour, Shaikh Haji Fadilah bin Shaikh Haji Ahmad, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in his speech, lauded the RBAF's involvement in defence diplomacy efforts such as the deployments as part of UNIFIL and IMT. He also emphasised the significant contributions of the RBAF in regional and international exercises under various platforms including the ADMM and the ADMM Plus. The successful recruits, he further emphasised, would be the bearers of those responsibilities in promoting and achieving peace and stability of the country, the region and globally.



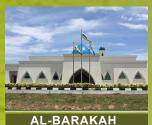
MINDEF AND RBAF SURAUS GET OFFICIAL NAMES

12 December 2016, Bandar Seri Begawan





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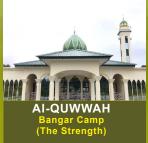


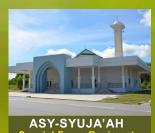
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y the consent of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces, with effect from 12 Rabiulawal 1438H corresponding to 12 December 2016M, all the surau at the Ministry of Defence and the camps of the RBAF are now formally known by their given names in Arabic. The names emulate Islam, knowledge and defence. The official naming of the suraus were done in commemoration the birth of the Prophet Muhammad Salallahu Alaihi Wasallam (pbuh).

KDB PEMBURU DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

30 December 2016, Muara

The Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) bade farewell to one of the Coastal Patrol Crafts, KDB PEMBURU in a Decommissioning Ceremony held at the Muara Naval Base. Present as the Guest of Honour was the Commander of RBN, First Admiral Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pengiran Haji Muhammad, who declared the Decommissioning of KDB PEMBURU.

The Squadron Commander of RBN's Coastal Patrol Craft Squadron, Lieutenant Mohammad Aliashim bin Alias, RBN, led the ceremony and presented the Brunei Darussalam flag, the Navy Ensign and the commissioning pennant to the Commander of RBN to mark the completion of KDB PEMBURU's four decades of service. Commissioned on 17 June 1975, KDB PEMBURU was built by Vosper Thornycroft in Singapore and has served for 41 years, 6 months and 14 days. Throughout its service, she was involved in patrols, operational deployments in the region, multilateral exercises with other navies and made vital contributions to the roles of the RBN. The sister ships KDB PERWIRA and KDB PENYERANG are still in service with the RBN.







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