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Words from the editorial board

RBAF and Mindef has done us proud this year with the hosting of the regional exercise involving military forces from all over the world.

What was most definite, above all else, during this time was our capacity to coordinate and handle the range of languages, skills and of course, capabilities into a combined strength that functioned under one purpose and one purpose alone, that is to save lives, alleviate burden and help make better the devastation of others.

On the role of diplomacy, Mindef made a big contribution to the country by hosting the ASEAN meet particularly the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meetings and retreats among the member countries and, an accomplishment still talked about among defence policy makers across the globe.

This was a good year, not just for Brunei, but also for our security and defence industry which reinvigorated many alliances and established new ones.

This issue takes us back to the events and marks them in the annals of our military capabilities.

From the editorial board, we say congratulations for the work well done.

Give us your thoughts on any of our stories. We also welcome contributions of stories or ideas.

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CROWN PRINCE NAMED HONORARY MEMBER OF SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin 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) has consented to award the Honorary Member of Special Force Regiment RBAF Badge to His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the RBAF.

The presentation of honorary award covers the Special Force Regiment badge of the RBAF which symbolise sovereignty and loyalty to religion, Sultan, nation and race and also the Brown Beret known to the world as a special unit. The award includes the Commando Dagger. The history of Commando Dagger begun during the Second World War when it was used as a weapon for close combat. The Special Force Regiment of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces adopted the Commando Dagger as part of its elite unit uniform.


The award was conferred to His Royal Highness for the role, leadership and contributions of His Royal Highness towards the development of the RBAF since His Royal Highness was bestowed the rank of General of the RBAF on March 25, 2004.

As a General of the RBAF, apart from being consistently aware of current trends and welfare of RBAF members, HRH also plays an important role in enhancing the image

and profile of the RBAF through his visits to military and defence institutions overseas as well as receiving audiences from foreign military and defence senior officers, the statement added.

This role supports the efforts of the Defence Diplomacy between Brunei Darussalam and neighbouring countries from around the world. His Royal Highness is a leader who is committed to uphold the integrity, wise and sovereign leadership of His Majesty particularly in the field of defence,

The ceremony was held at the Binturan Shooting Range Complex, Penanjong Garrison in the Tutong District on 4 November 2013.



Struggles and Sacrifices Made In The Name of The Nation And People

The Sovereign's Parade is the climax of one of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces' (RBAF) initiatives towards upgrading the skills, capabilities and professionalism as well as leadership qualities of its officer cadets.

The challenges face by the officer cadets who go through the 42 week-long training at the RBAF Officer Cadet School (OCS) at Sungai Akar Camp exposes them to various military aspects with the aim of equipping them with knowledge, faith and leadership skills. Their commissioning as military officers constitutes a responsibility, trust and confidence that must be shouldered with full commitment as leaders and managers in the various units of the RBAF.

It is a joyous day for those who graduate the training and see it to the very end. The most memorable moment is always the presence of His Majesty

Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the RBAF and 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 RBAF to personally commission the newly graduated officer cadets at the Sovereign's Parade.

Highlight of the Sovereign Parade is the conferment of awards particularly the Sword of Honour, the highest honour for an Officer Cadet. The Sword of Honour signifies a pillar of utmost brilliance for those who attain apex achievements in basic military training, academic, physical, and all aspects in the second phase of training. To even be considered for this award, the Officer Cadet



“The invaluable experience is immensely influential to oneself and is capable of heightening the spirit of camaraderie, for which reason at these moments of achievements, the feelings of sadness do arise easily among the officer cadets who will shortly be leaving this school and return to their respective places. In a short while, they will also begin their careers as military officers, and they will also not easily forget the experiences they had gone through. Among such experiences is the sorrow over the loss of 12 officer cadets and military officers during a training operation. Their loss is most felt because they were among the finest and most outstanding in their respective fields. May they be placed in an exalted place by the side of Allah the Almighty.”



must possess strong and exemplary characteristics as an excellent Officer in terms of leadership, commitment and positive personality from beginning to the end of at the Officer Cadet training at the RBAF OCS.

The 7th, 8th and 9th Sovereign's Parade were graced by His Majesty. During the 9th Sovereign Parade His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a titah expressed gratitude for the achievement of the Officers Cadet School of the RBAF in producing more commissioned cadet officers. The achievement, His Majesty said, is undoubtedly significant for the future of the nation and people, and for the continuity of national defence and security. "We are hopeful that every officer cadet who completes their training will prove worthy of this



fact with sincerity in service with the RBAF," His Majesty said.

His Majesty advises the officer cadets to continuously and relentlessly upgrade their skill and knowledge based on the concept of Malay Islamic Monarchy, MIB, and in line with the current development. They are also urged to forge inner values which were instilled during their training courses as the sources of their inner strength to become leaders with noble moral behaviour, and who are knowledgeable, innovative while contributing to the development of the RBAF.

Training equips military officers with much-needed qualities in terms of knowledge, ability and skills. Emphasizing the aspects of training at the 7th Sovereign



Parade, His Majesty said, “without quality training, it is impossible to produce quality officers.” Meanwhile at the 8th Sovereign Parade His Majesty urged for the quality of training at the Officer Cadet School of the Defence Academy of the RBAF be enhanced, and that all aspects of security be given special attention as appropriate.

Nonetheless, His Majesty appreciates the role of parents and families in providing encouragement and support to their children in their career. In the titah, His Majesty highlighted that every military officers are required to carry out the duties and responsibilities carefully and diligently while preserving order in accordance with the principles of legislation and regulations.

Meanwhile it was a rare and momentous occasion yet during the 8th Sovereign Parade; a mixture of joy and sorrow hung heavily over the crowd as the atmosphere took a back seat that day as their hearts were with the loss of 12 officer cadets and military officers during a training operation.

In reflecting on the nation’s loss, His Majesty in a Titah underlined that the struggles and sacrifices made in the name of nation and people including in the field of defence constitute a right that cannot be viewed lightly. On the contrary, they are pure and noble in the grace of Allah the Almighty. Thus, His Majesty urged newly commissioned Officers who had just completed their training to prove this reality through their services.





RBAF 52ND ANNIVERSARY

Supreme Commander Highlights on Human Resources Welfare, Regional, International Cooperation

Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) being at the age of 52 years need a new organisational structure as it is mature enough to establish appropriate defence integrity as the defence pillar according to 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 Negara Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the RBAF.

The need for implementation of the doctrine and warfare centre was also being emphasized. His Majesty made this Titah at the 52nd anniversary celebration of the RBAF at the Ministry of Defence, Bolkiah Garrison on June 1st 2013. Accompanying His Majesty was 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 RBAF and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.



Titah 1

“One of the mechanisms is the military training in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and military medicine which will be held in the country soon. This training is a landmark to the ASEAN cooperation with dialogue partner states which will be the first ever held in the region. Apart from the aim to foster friendship, this training course will also benefit all the countries involved as a new experience in the aspect of joint operation. The Royal Brunei Armed Forces at its age of 52 years should be mature enough to secure appropriate defence integrity as a pillar of defence. The RBAF role will continue to undergo several changes and development such as in humanitarian assistance peace operations and the law enforcement. In line with this development, and to further strengthen RBAF’s effectiveness, I have consented to a new organisational structure of the armed forces, with effect from the 31st of May 2013. The phased out structure aims to form a more robust and focused military force, in line with the military assets, by benefitting from the development of technology and capability of the military personnel as the main catalyst.”

His Majesty, in his Titah, stressed that the effectiveness of an operation very much depends on careful and detailed planning and preparations. In this regard, His Majesty welcomed the effort in providing well-directed guidelines, specifically in the implementation of combined operations and training for the whole Royal Brunei Armed Forces and public security agencies.

Titah 2

“In this regard, in my opinion, the establishment of a doctrine and warfare centre as a joint operation institution needs to be implemented as soon as possible. I am confident this development can bring about a change of mind and a paradigm shift, and so every camp development should better conform to the military standard and guidelines, so that it can create an atmosphere and environment that are conducive to the values of religion and health and are environmentally friendly, and importantly, produce a solid professional culture. The desire to bring about holistic modernisation needs to take into consideration systematic planning and research as well as a long-term concept of full life circle. Defence research centres need to be active in identifying and studying in detail the technological development as well as wise in selecting the suitable equipment. With a clear vision, it is not impossible for the nation to form its very own system. Towards that, it is imperative to distance from disciplines and social trends that are contradictory to the RBAF ethics. The authority of the military court is wide enough to handle cases related to the policy and law as stipulated. The step in enforcing this law is the best way to control any issue from spreading. The welfare of the army personnel is never neglected right from the start of their service until their retirement when they receive benefits such as gratuity and pension; however there are still many former army personnel who are left behind. The approach towards increasing the capacity of the retiring army personnel should focus on making them more self-reliant and capable to adapt themselves to a different situation and environment. The time has come when the executives and the RBAF need to think of the best way to encourage them to be able to own the basic necessities such as housing. Finally, I would like to congratulate the whole RBAF community wherever they may be, including those who are on duty in the peacekeeping operations in Lebanon and the Philippines, and wish them a Happy 52nd Anniversary. May all their service contributions receive rewards and blessings from Allah SWT.”



Emphasizing to engage in the cooperation with understanding and solidarity to face the global atmosphere is Brunei’s commitment. In ASEAN, His Majesty said, such cooperation includes collaboration through the framework of the ASEAN Defence Ministerial Meeting or ADMM and ADMM Plus as well as ASEAN Military Chiefs.

Whilst it is a challenging responsibility in drafting the strategy to uphold the sovereignty of the nation, maintaining political stability and strengthening the defence capability of Brunei Darussalam, RBAF although a small military force has the capabilities to further strengthen the effectiveness of its assets and become more robust through the development of technology and personnel.

It is our obligation to all RBAF personnel, to show our appreciation for their duties and sacrifices to the country in their efforts to uphold the peace and sovereignty of our nation. We believe that solemn contributions devoted to religion, nation and the country is a great and noble task according to Islam.

The theme of the RBAF’s 52nd anniversary - “Defending My Country, Brunei Darussalam,” contains heroic values pertaining to the military field. An excellent state of Unity and understanding among RBAF personnel is vital in upholding proactively, sincerely and honestly the duty and responsibility entrusted upon them. Members of the RBAF of quality possess the credibility in together gaining knowledge and skills in this era of technology.



S-70i BLACK HAWKS

NEW MILESTONE IN MODERNISATION OF RBAF

The Royal Brunei Air Force will further strengthen its troop deployment capabilities in military and humanitarian and disaster relief operations in the region with the new delivery of the S-70i BLACK HAWK helicopters. The delivery of these advanced new aircrafts marks another milestone in the modernisation of the RBAF.

The new fleet will replace the current fleet of Bell 212 and BO105 helicopters and enhance the Royal Brunei Air Force's rotary wing capabilities in air mobility to meet the requirement for a single wave tactical air lift, Search and Rescue (SAR) and enhance surveillance of Brunei's waters and borders.

The Sikorsky S-70i Black Hawk is modified for the unique Brunei configuration. This version of the Black Hawk represents the most advanced upgrades that have been made to the aircraft over its history to include upgraded engines, transmissions and rotor blades for improved performance; state-of-the-art avionics with dual-digit flight control computers, a four-screen glass cockpit, digital map displays, integrated vehicle health monitoring systems, active vibration control system, and terrain warning

system; and a fully coupled four-axis autopilot to greatly reduce cockpit workload for the pilot.

Powered by two GE T700-701D engines producing at total of 4000 shaft horsepower, the Black Hawk is capable of lifting an external load of 9000lbs (4082kg).

It has a top cruise speed of 162knots (300km/hr), and a maximum speed of 193knots (357km/hr).

With unmatched maneuverability, the Black Hawk is recognized world-wide as the premier utility helicopter for troop transport, cargo, medical evacuation, and search and rescue missions.

First batch of the uniquely configured aircraft have been delivered last year while the remaining aircraft will be transported over the following year. RBAiF pilots have also been trained to fly the S-70i at the West Palm Beach facility.

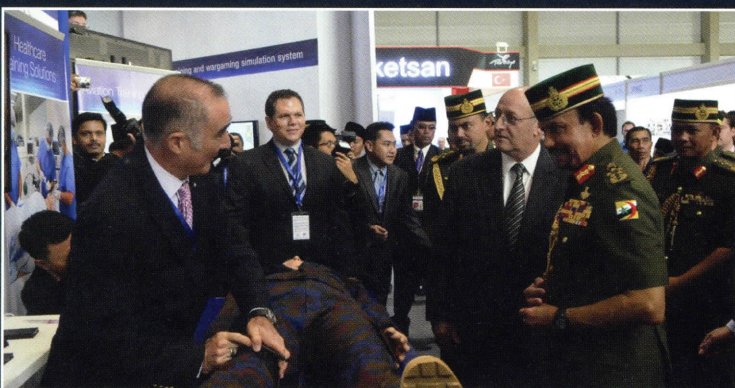
BRIDEX AN EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION WORTH VISITING



The premier defence & security event in South East Asia BRIDEX 2013 or the 4th Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition and Conference was the talk of town for many who followed the country's development in the field of defence. Above all else, BRIDEX has always been another opportunity for members of the public to personally view and get up close and personal with the country's military firepower.



As one of the country's prestigious events, taking place biennially, the occasion is most often launched by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and 2013 was no exception when it opened on 3 Dec.



The displays and demonstrations at 4th BRIDEX allowed Brunei and other nation's military officials and companies to showcase defence equipment and capabilities across land, sea, air and security spectrums. Over 90 international exhibitors from 30 countries showcased their wares, services and security solutions to visitors from all over the world.



Marking another milestone in the modernisation of the RBAF was the unveiling of the S70i Sikorsky BlackHawks witnessed by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of RBAF.

Allowing the public to visit the static aircraft display was crucial to build new bonds. Members of the air forces participating in the air show allowed them to demonstrate the capabilities and versatility. They spent hours meeting thousands of community members, taking time for group photos, and answering many questions.

The demonstration flights consisted Royal Brunei Air Force with the PC-7 Alap-Alap, KT-1 Woongbi Fixed Wing from Indonesia National Air Force, United States Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey, Republic of Singapore Armed Forces F-15 and finally France with its UAV.

4th BRIDEX Conference: Close military interaction leads to stability, security



Meanwhile 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 RBAF has called for constant vigilance against growing regional and international security challenges, including ethnic insurgencies, religious extremism and terrorism.

In his opening address at the 4th BRIDEX Conference on 2nd December 2013 His Royal Highness said: "We must also remain alert to new challenges", such as cyber security and the spread of dual-use technologies. "Official interaction through regional dialogues and conferences would play a vital role in doing so, said the Crown Prince.

"As we work ever more closely together as a prosperous region with closer economic and social collaboration, security becomes of paramount importance, but the breadth and complexity of security challenges require a comprehensive assessment and strategy," His Royal Highness said during the launch of the BRIDEX conference.

His Royal Highness said the role of defence in regional affairs will remain increasingly important in ASEAN's community-building efforts with a focus on shaping and sharing of norms, conflict prevention and peace-building to achieve the aims of its Political Security Community.

The Crown Prince pointed out how close cooperation among defence and military officials had been instrumental in contributing towards the development of trust and confidence, which has been crucial in setting regional priorities for peace and prosperity.

The biennial conference, organised by the Sultan Hj Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, featured eight high-profile personalities and experts, including two keynote speakers.

As 4th BRIDEX came to an end, many participants leave knowing that this biennial event continues to be important for all involved and has developed long lasting relationships. The educational exhibition is surely something that many have never had a chance like before.

HADR & MM EX

Testing the Limits of ADMM-Plus Teamwork



What began as a light drizzle quickly turned into a thunderstorm the likes of which none in Brunei has ever seen.

Harsh winds carrying jetstreams of water droplets struck a devastating blow on the population of Temburong and parts of the Brunei-Muara District.

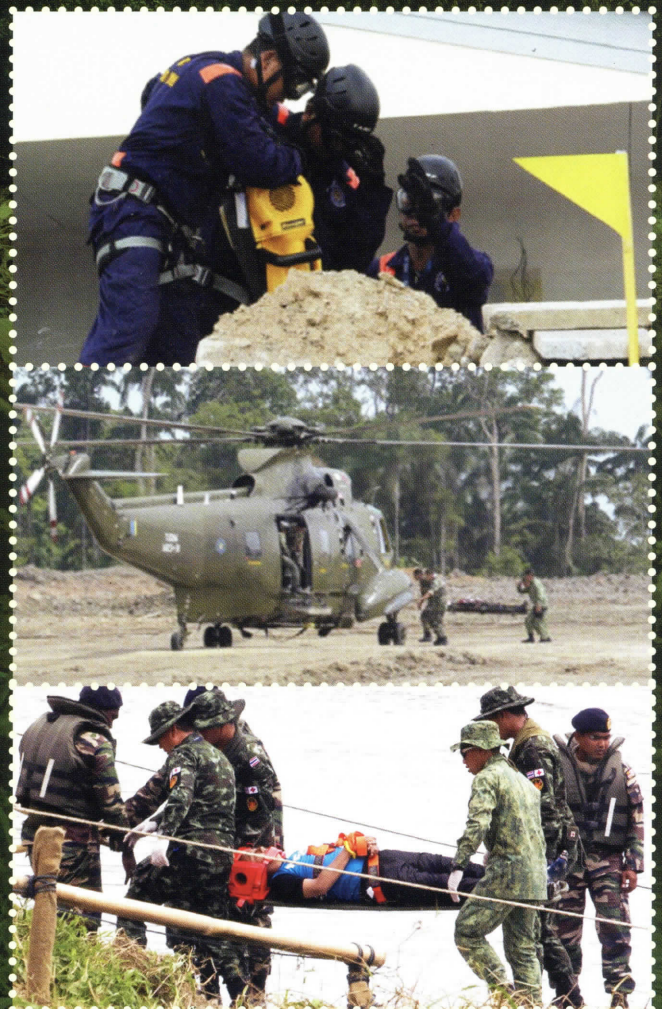
In the blink of an eye, the once lush green landscape was torn to shreds and made to look like nothing more than a compost heap.

With winds reaching speeds of up to 135km/h and rain calculated over 50mm, landslides and floods was to be more than expected.

Hundreds upon thousands were at risk, and as reports of death and devastation started piling up, local Emergency Response Aid Team were more than overwhelmed to cope with the magnitude of the situation.

In a situation like this, the only option left was to seek help from outside forces.

And come it did. Picking up on the news from international media, troops from across the region immediately deployed to Brunei waters to provide the much needed assistance.





With the disaster scenario all set, Brunei, as chairman and host of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and Military Medicine Exercise (ADMM PLUS HADR & MM Ex), prepared itself to engage in one of the biggest military coordination operations in the region.

The exercise, considered as 'one for the books' was made even more intense as His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personally came to inspect preparations for the participating ASEAN members.

The disaster scenario was spread over two districts with Mentiri and Muara as focal points for the Brunei-Muara District while Biang and Selangan hosted operations in the Temburong District.

At the Multi National Coordination Centre (MNCC) at Muara Royal Brunei Navy base, the Supreme Commander was given a situation update by Joint Force Commander cum Exercise Director, First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit.

Working off the OPERA system, a Command and Control Information System (CCIS) facilitating data communication and information sharing between operation centre and deployed units provided His Majesty with a detailed overview of the exercise.





His Majesty's tour then turned to the Mentiri Exercise site where an Urban Search and Rescue (SAR) exercise operation took place.

The disaster scenario for the exercise was civilians trapped and injured under collapsed houses in the Mentiri Housing area caused by soil erosion.

The SAR simulations involved K-9 units, helicopter evacuation, medical teams from Brunei, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, United States of America, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Mounting the SAR team was Thailand, Malaysia, People's Republic of China and Socialist Republic of Vietnam; while the engineering team involved Brunei and Thailand.

On the operational aspect, participating aircrafts included Brunei, India, Japan, Malaysia, People's Republic of China, Singapore and United States of America medical teams.



The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy hospital ship "PEACE ARK" or called a 'ship of life', is responsible for the wartime casualty treatment and evacuation at sea, international humanitarian and disaster relief, and military foreign exchange. The ship is 4,000 square meters in size, including seven offices for doctors and nurses and eight nurse stations, in addition to 300 beds. During the exercise, hundreds of local people had their medical checkups, including blood and X-ray tests.



Enhanced commitment, friendship and cooperation were among the major achievements of this ADMM-Plus HADR & MM Exercise said the Deputy Minister of Defence, Dato Paduka Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat Dato Mustappa who had been greatly impressed by the high level of commitment shown by participating nations. Dato Paduka Hj Mustappa praised the personnel involved in the joint exercise, which he said was significant to regional unity.

The deputy minister expressed the hope that regional forces would be able to forge closer cooperation as a result of the exercise to better tackle the effects of natural calamities. The inaugural exercise, the first ever practical collaboration involving eighteen ADMM Plus countries, brought together more than 3,000 personnel, making it one of the biggest multi-lateral joint exercises of its kind in the region.



TITAH KDYMM Pada Sambutan Ulangtahun ke 52 ABDB

SABTU 1 JUN 2013

Alhamdulillah, Beta bersyukur kehadiran Allah kerana dapat bersama di majlis sambutan hari ulang tahun Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei ke 52. Beta juga ingin melahirkan rasa syukur yang mendalam kerana negara kita dapat terus menikmati keamanan dan keselamatan dalam suasana global. Kita juga komited untuk melibatkan diri dalam kerjasama persefahaman dan perpaduan. Dalam ASEAN kerjasama tersebut termasuklah melalui rangka mesyuarat menteri-menteri pertahanan ASEAN atau ADMM dan ADMM plus serta ketua-ketua tentera ASEAN. Salah satu mekanismanya ialah latihan kententeraan 'humanitarian assistance' dan 'disaster relief' dan 'military medicine' yang akan diadakan dinegara ini dalam sedikit masa lagi. Latihan ini adalah merupakan mercu tanda kepada kerjasama ASEAN dengan negara-negara rakan dialog yang julung-julung kali diadakan di rantau ini. Selain dari tujuan menjalin persahabatan, latihan ini juga akan di manfaatkan oleh semua negara yang terlibat sebagai pengalaman baru dalam aspek operasi bersama.

Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei, dalam usianya 52 tahun sudah seharusnya masak untuk mewujudkan kewibawaan pertahanan yang wajar sebagai tunggak pertahanan. Peranan ABDB akan terus melalui beberapa perubahan dan perkembangan seperti operasi2 keamanan bantuan kemanusiaan dan penguatkuasaan undang2. Selaras dengan perkembangan ini, dan bagi memantapkan lagi keberkesanan ABDB, Beta telah memperkenalkan struktur organisasi angkatan angkatan tentera yang baru yang mula berkuatkuasa pada 31 Mei tahun 2013. Penyusunan secara berfasa ini, bertujuan untuk membentuk satu kerahan tentera yang lebih robus dan fokus. Selaras dengan perolehan aset aset ketenteraan dengan memanfaatkan perkembangan teknologi dan keupayaan anggota sebagai pemangkin utamanya.

Namun, keberkesanan sesuatu operasi itu, banyak bergantung kepada perancangan dan persediaan yang teliti dan rapi. Maka untuk ini beta adalah menyambut baik usaha menyediakan garis panduan yang lebih tearah khasnya dalam pelaksanaan operasi dan latihan secara gabungan bagi seluruh Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei dan agensi-agensi keselamatan awam. Sehubungan ini, pada hemat Beta, penubuhan Pusat Doktrin dan Peperangan atau Join Doctrin dan Warfare Centre, sebagai sifatnya institusi operasi bersama adalah perlu dilaksanakan dengan seberapa segera.

Beta yakin, perkembangan ini mampu untuk mencetuskan perubahan minda dan anjakan paradigma. Demikian juga setiap pembangunan ,sebaiknya mengikut piawaian dan garispandu tentera, agar ia dapat melahirkan suasana dan persekitaran yang kondusif pada nilai-nilai ugama, kesihatan, mesra alam dan yang penting melahirkan budaya professional yang mantap. Hasrat untuk mengadakan permodenan secara holistik perlulah mengambil kira perancangan dan penyelidikan yang bersistematik, serta konsep pemeliharaan berpanjangan atau full life circle. Pusat-pusat penyelidikan pertahanan diperlukan aktif dalam mengenal pasti dan mengkaji secara terperinci perkembangan teknologi serta bijak memilih alat kelengkapan yang bersesuaian.

Dengan mempunyai wawasan yang jelas, tidak mustahil kita akan dapat membentuk sistem kita yang tersendiri. Maka untuk itu, sangat lah mustahak mejauhi disiplin dan trend sosial yang bertentangan entika ABDB. Bidang kuasa mahkamah tentera adalah cukup luas untuk menangani kes-kes yang berkaitan berdasarkan peruntukan perundangan yang ditetapkan. Langkah menguatkuasakan undang-undang ini, merupakan cara terbaik untuk menangani sebarang isu daripada menular.

Kebajikan anggota tentera adalah tidak pernah diabaikan, bermula dari awal perkhidmatan sampailah menjelang persaraan. Mereka ini menerima keistimewaan seperti bukses dan pencen. Namum masih ramai juga BEKAS para jurit yang tercicir. Pendekatan kearah meningkatkan kapasiti anggota tentera yang akan bersara, perlu ditumpukan kepada menjadikan mereka itu lebih berdikari dan berupaya untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan keadaan dan persekitaran yang berbeza. Sudah sampai masanya pihak eksekutif dan ABDB, perlu memikirkan cara baik untuk menggalakkan mereka ini, supaya dapat memiliki keperluan asas seperti perumahan.

Akhirnya beta sukacita mengucapkan tahniah dan selamat menyambut hari ulang tahun yang ke 52, kepada seluruh warga ABDB dimana saja mereka berada, termasuk juga mereka yang sedang bertugas dalam operasi pengamanan di Lubnan dan Filipina. Semoga segala khidmat bakti mereka itu akan dapat ganjaran dan berkat daripada ALLAH SWT.

Sekian.



Mempertahankan Negaraku Brunei Darussalam



HIS MAJESTY GRANTS AUDIENCE TO ADMM PLUS LEADERS

On 29 August 2013 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 Negara Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence, consented to receive in audience the ASEAN Ministers of Defence who were in Brunei Darussalam for the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting and 2nd ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (2nd ADMM-Plus). Present during the audience was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.



HIS MAJESTY IN AUDIENCE WITH ASEAN CHIEFS OF DEFENCE FORCES

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) has consented to receive in audience from the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces at the Istana Nurul Iman this afternoon.

The ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces are in the sultanate for the 10th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (10th ACDFIM) held today. Accompanying the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces was the Commander of the RBAF, Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin.



ASEAN Defence Ministers and their Plus Counterparts Reaffirm Commitment for Regional Peace and Security at the 2nd ADMM-Plus



The Ministry of Defence recorded a historic milestone in 2013 when it successfully hosted and chaired the ASEAN Defence Ministers-Plus Meeting. Defence Ministers met for the second time with the eight 'Plus' countries of the East Asia Summit, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, and the United States in Bandar Seri Begawan on 29 August on 28-29 August.



The Ministers reaffirmed the strategic importance of the ADMM-Plus and the need to cooperate closer together. The Ministers agreed for relations to be guided by the fundamental principles enshrined in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, especially the renunciation of the threat or use of force and exercise of self-restraint.

The Ministers re-emphasised their commitment to strengthen defence cooperation in promoting peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region based on the enduring principles of equality, mutual respect, mutual benefit and respect for international law.

In doing so, the Ministers agreed to promote capacity-building through greater engagements and interactions, enhance interoperability through training and joint

exercises, and establish mechanisms for effective response. The Ministers also agreed to establish practical measures that reduce vulnerability to miscalculations, and avoid misunderstanding and undesirable incidents at sea.

Meanwhile practical cooperation which have successfully forged under the ADMM-Plus occurs through the five Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, maritime security, military medicine, counter-terrorism and peacekeeping operations.

Defence Ministers also welcomed the establishment of a new ADMM-Plus EWG's co-chairs, Vietnam and India on Humanitarian Mine Action, which will promote practical and effective cooperation among member states in dealing with the remnants of war in the region.

2013 was an eventful year for the ADMM-Plus as they have recognized four key exercises. The very first ADMM-Plus HADR and MM Exercise was held in Brunei Darussalam in June



involving the full participation of the ADMM-Plus countries. The ADMM-Plus Counter terrorism Exercise (CTX) conducted in mid-September in Indonesia, the Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (MS FTX) at the end of September in Australia, and the peacekeeping tabletop exercise in the Philippines.

The Defence Ministers also discussed the ways and means the defence sector can contribute to addressing the new and emerging non-traditional security issues such as cyber security, bioterrorism, transnational trafficking, and pandemic diseases and agreed that the defence establishment must play a strong supportive role to their civilian law enforcement counterparts. Chairman of the 2nd ADMM-Plus, Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohd Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office in his press statement during the Press Conference of the ADMM-Plus Meeting, said "We review our work in the ADMM-Plus. We are pleased with the substantial achievement, especially on the five ADMM-Plus expert working



groups, which have successfully forged political cooperation among our defence forces. This is evident with the first-of-its-kind ADMM-Plus HADR & MM Exercise held in Brunei Darussalam last June." Yang Berhormat stressed that in line with 2013 ADMM theme, "Securing Our People, Our Future Together", ADMM-Plus leaders reaffirmed further the principle of ASEAN centrality where ASEAN is the primary driving force in the ADMM-Plus processes.

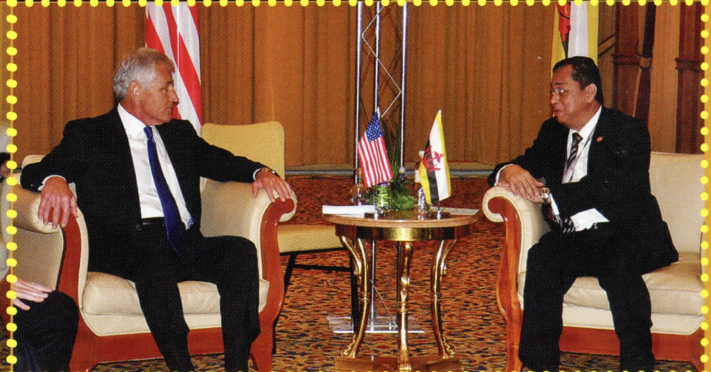
The 2nd ADMM-Plus was preceded with the ADMM Retreat on 28 August 2013 where the ASEAN Defence Ministers discussed future directions of the ADMM and ADMM-Plus in an informal setting. An informal meeting between ASEAN Defence Ministers and the United States' Secretary of Defence, Mr. Chuck Hagel, also took place at the sidelines of the 2nd ADMM-Plus. The 3rd ADMM-Plus will convene in Malaysia in 2015.

BILATERALS HELD ON THE SIDELINE OF ADMM-PLUS

Generally, the ADMM and the ADMM-Plus processes have so far developed steadily, materializing in an incremental way the original visions to promote institutionalization and practical cooperation. The participants in the ADMM Plus not only conduct meetings at various levels of defence officials and joint exercise, but also deeper cooperation of defence and security through a regular meeting venue of relevant defence ministers.

The Chairman of the ADMM Retreat/ 2nd ADMM Plus, Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Retd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, Brunei Darussalam, held bilateral meetings with Defence Ministers and representatives on the sideline of the ADMM Retreat and the 2nd ADMM-Plus. Among them were counterparts from China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the United States, Singapore and Russia.

These strategic discussions among defence ministers and senior defence officials have a distinct value. It facilitates bilateral cooperation on top of cooperation involving all the countries through the system of ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) co-chair pairs between an ASEAN country and a "Plus" country. Hence new bilateral partnerships emerge out of the ADMM-Plus process.



MINDEF STEPS UP DEFENCE DIPLOMACY

The year 2013 was a hectic, yet fruitful year for the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) in the context of Brunei Darussalam's international relations and diplomacy in defence and military. It saw series of inaugural, biennial, annual meetings, conferences, workshops, exercises and exhibition conducted actively and rigorously such as ADMM Retreat, ADMM Plus, ADSOM, ACDFIM, AMIIM, AMOIM, NADI, ARF-DOD, ARF HDUCIM, HADR & MM EX, AHX, CARAT EX, and JDWC.

Defence diplomacy interactions initiated at goodwill calls with old and new friends from a range of regional counterparts. Opportunities continue to increase for exploring and enhancing further the scope and areas of defence cooperation that is mutually beneficial for Brunei Darussalam with respective countries although it has already brought together the militaries of different countries for unique, multilateral initiatives, and Brunei's sentiments toward it are overwhelmingly positive. The ADMM-Plus is making a strong and lasting contribution to this through practical defence-to-defence and military-to-military cooperation. By fostering a strategic environment around these themes all countries of the Indo Pacific will benefit from peace, stability, investment and prosperity.

And for the first time, apart from the 100 over local media registered, the Ministry of Defence welcomed over 200-300 press members that poured in from the international media and gave generous coverage for 2013 events especially during the ADMM, ADMM-Plus meetings and the ADMM PLUS HADR & MM Ex. All the media shared common media objectives promoting Ministry of Defence Brunei Darussalam during ADMM related activities both meetings and exercises, and at the same time forged close and warm working relationships with one another.



ABBREVIATION

- ADMM- Plus** - ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting- Plus
- ADMM** - ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
- ADSOM** - ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting
- ACDFIM** - ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting
- AMIIM** - ASEAN Military Intelligence Informal Meeting
- AMOIM** - ASEAN Military Operations Informal Meeting
- NADI** - Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institution
- ARF-DOD** - ASEAN Regional Forum Defence Officials' Dialogue

- ARF HDUCIM** - ASEAN Regional Forum Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges and Institutions Meeting
- HADR & MM EX** - Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and Military Medicine Exercise
- AHX** - ASEAN Humanitarian Exercise
- BRIDEX** - Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition
- CARAT EX** - Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Exercise
- JDWC** - Joint Defence Working Committee Meeting

INTERNATIONAL DEPLOYMENT - IMT, UNIFIL

INTERNATIONAL MONITORING TEAM (IMT)

As part of regional cooperation, Brunei Darussalam continues to give its support to cause of peace and stability in the neighbouring countries by continuously deploying personnel from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) both to the Philippines for International Monitoring Team (IMT) mission and to Lebanon for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Brunei Darussalam today continues their commitment to protect the ceasefire in Mindanao. Last year May, the Ministry of Defence deployed five RBAF personnel and one Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) personnel in the 9th group of International Monitoring Team (IMT) to the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). The contingents were 633 Major Abdul Mubin bin Haji Timbang composed of 805 Captain(U) Haji Ilhamdi bin Haji Mohd Ali, Deputy Superintendent Mohd Noorani bin Hussain, 10357 WO2 Abdul Majid bin Mohd Salleh, 10496 WO2 (L) Rahim bin Haji Ibrahim and 10862 WO2 Suhardi bin Haji Asli.

Then in December, the Ministry of Defence sent eight RBAF personnel for the 10th time namely 396 Lt Col Khairil bin Haji Ismail, 593 Major (U) Sherpor Nezam bin Abd Gapor; Assistant Superintendent Eric Chin; 787 Lt Mohd Hishamuddin bin Haji Marzoki; 821 Lt (U) Wan Muhd Azem bin Haji Md Aminuddin; 9236 WO2 Suhaimi bin Rajab; 10287 WO2 Abu Bakar bin Abdul Rahman; and 16412 Cpl Amirul Nizam bin Kifli.

These personnel are located at Cotabato City as a single mobile team where they are responsible in observing and monitoring the implementation of cessation of hostilities, as well as the socio-economic development aspects of agreements signed between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and the MILF.



UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL)

Meanwhile, Brunei Darussalam remains committed to its peacekeeping mission with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Also last year July and October, the Ministry of Defence deployed 10 and 16 RBAF personnel respectively to participate in the peace-keeping mission with the UNIFIL.

The UNIFIL mission aims to maintain peace and stability in Lebanon in line with the United Nations' mandate. The contingent joined troops from Malaysia under the command of Malaysian Battalion 850-1 (MALBATT 850-1).

The batch that left in July were Maj Saifullizan bin Mohd Tuah, Capt Mohd Alimin bin Haji Subohi, Sgt Pg Sazali bin Pg Haji Matali, SSgt Saiful Rizal bin Dubahar, Sgt Mohd Yazid bin Kamis, Sgt (U) Mohd Saiful Rizal bin Haji Abdul Hamid, Cpl Mohd Hilhamd bin Haji Johari, Cpl (U) Mohd Fazil bin Mohd Jenin, LCpl Mohd Jalani bin Hamdani and LCpl Khairul bin Haji Latif.

While the batch sent in October were made up of 581 Maj Rudie Asmawai bin Haji Abidin dan terdiri dari 806 Capt Hazimin bin Haji Abdullah, SSgt M. Noor bin Haji Abdullah, 11967 Sgt Ali Rahamin bin Murah, 13014 Sgt Morsidi bin Awang Damit, 14733 Cpl Awang Mohd Azmi bin Haji A. Abdullah, 14317 LCpl Roslan bin Haji Yussof, 16119 LCpl Amzani bin Mail, 16814 LCpl Ak Osman bin Pg Abdul Hamid, 17387 LCpl Amaluddin bin Tinggal, 17754 LCpl Haji Awang Asmat bin Haji Besar, 17836 LCpl Mohd Izuddin bin Awang Bakar, 18325 LCpl Hisham bin Adi, 17284 Sld Mohd Azrol bin Awang Aji, 20446

Warrant Officer1 Hjh Rohayah binti Haji Timbang dan 21328 Cpl Siti Azlina binti Haji Awang Asli.

These overseas operation is a milestone to Brunei Darussalam's continuous commitment in contributing towards regional cooperation in supporting the peace and stability of neighbouring states. This involvement will give opportunities to the RBAF personnel in acquiring the much-needed experiences and exposures in overseas missions. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate RBAF commitment in UN peacekeeping forces. Brunei Darussalam has participated in the peacekeeping mission of UNIFIL since 2008.



THANK YOU MEDIA!

With the year's end well in sight, let us take stock of what we have experienced and accomplished so far.

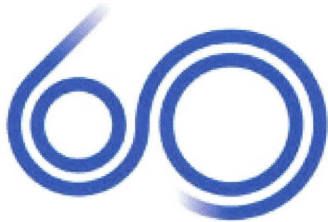
Much has happened these past few months and much more lie in store for us here at the Ministry of Defence and across the country for the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

And as we strive towards excellence in our day-to-day responsibilities, we give thanks to those that work alongside us on our journey into the future.

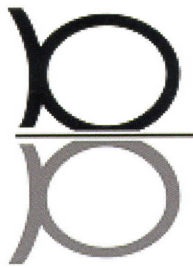
We have been very happy with how much support and attention the media have been giving us! With your support and coverage, it has really helped us spread the word about our events, the key messages conveyed and how important they are.

For your efforts and all your hard work, we at the ministry, sincerely thank you.

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