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# Message from Editor-in-Chief



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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

This issue of the Navy Magazine brings a wave of exciting news and insightful features. First and foremost, we celebrate a momentous occasion – the commissioning of the second ship of the As-Siddiq Class namely KDB AL-FARUQ. This significant milestone marks the successful completion of the Patrol Vessel Transfer Project between the Royal Brunei Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy, further bolstering our fleet's capacity.

On another note, the Navy proudly commemorated its 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. We look back with immense pride on our rich history and unwavering dedication to safeguarding our nation's maritime interests.

In our feature story, we delve into the remarkable journey of one of our officers attending the prestigious Defence Services Command & Staff College (DSCSC) in Mirpur, Bangladesh. This unique opportunity fosters international collaboration and strengthens our ties with regional partners.

Beyond these highlights, this issue is packed with informative articles and captivating narratives that showcase the exceptional work and unwavering spirit of our Navy personnel. From operational updates to human interest stories, we bring you a glimpse into the dynamic world of our maritime guardians.

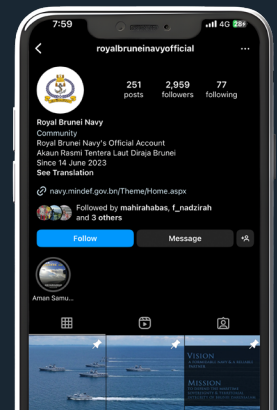
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Fair winds and following seas!

Commander Muhammad Shahmun Azimin  
bin Haji Awang Asli, RBN

Editor-In-Chief

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## Highlight

# Patrol Vessels Transfer Project Completed: A Squadron Arises

In a momentous ceremony held on 13th December 2023, the Royal Brunei Navy proudly welcomed the commissioning of second AS-SIDDIQ Class namely KDB AL-FARUQ into its fleet. Formerly known as RSS DAUNTLESS, this naval vessel was the second ex-Fearless-class Patrol Vessel transferred from the Republic of Singapore Navy to the Royal Brunei Navy. This naval vessel also served with distinction in the Republic of Singapore Navy and now stands as another symbol of robust defence cooperation and enduring defence partnership between Brunei and Singapore.

Presided over by His Royal Highness Prince 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, the commissioning ceremony coincided with the 9th Young Leaders' Programme (YLP) between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore, which Brunei Darussalam hosted this year.

The ceremony was attended by members of the 9th YLP delegation from the Republic of Singapore led by His Excellency Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance. The delegation includes His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security; His Excellency Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Defence and also Ministry of Manpower; Mr Chan Heng Kee, Permanent Secretary (Defence) and Rear Admiral Sean Wat Jianwen, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).

The commissioning ceremony commenced with the grand arrival of His Royal Highness, setting the stage for a momentous event. A full guard formation stood at attention, showcasing the precision and discipline that embodies the naval tradition. Upon receiving the Royal Salute, His Royal Highness then proceeded to inspect the guard of honour comprising of 109 RBN personnel led by Lieutenant Commander Mohammad Shahrul Idham bin Haji Bongsu, RBN with utmost pride.

Amidst an atmosphere filled with anticipation and reverence, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince personally commissioned KDB AL-FARUQ. This symbolic act, accompanied by the national anthem, marked the ship's official entry into service with the Royal Brunei Navy. The commanding officer of KDB AL-FARUQ, Lieutenant Commander Pg. Hj. Khairul Anwar bin Pg. Dr. Hj. Abu Bakar, RBN was then presented with the prestigious commissioning pennant, representing the responsibility and honour bestowed upon the vessel and its crew.



The commissioning ceremony was further enriched with a moment of spiritual significance. The recital of the call to prayer by Lieutenant Ahmad Zubair bin Abdul Nasir, RBN resonated throughout the venue, a solemn reminder of the values and principles that guide the Royal Brunei Navy and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces as a whole.

His Royal Highness, demonstrating his deep commitment, embarked on a tour aboard the newly commissioned ship. This gracious gesture symbolised the trust and confidence placed in the vessel and its crew. The presence of His Royal Highness onboard further strengthened the bond between the monarch and the officers and crew who will navigate the seas in defence of the nation's interests.

Following the tour, His Royal Highness and his distinguished guests convened at the RBN Officer's Mess, where a luncheon was held to celebrate this historic moment. The gathering provided an opportunity for camaraderie and exchange of ideas, fostering the spirit of cooperation and friendship between Brunei and Singapore.

The commissioning of KDB AL-FARUQ into the Royal Brunei Navy signifies a significant milestone in the naval capabilities of Brunei and further strengthens the bond between these two maritime nations. As KDB AL-FARUQ sets sail under the Brunei flag, she carries with her a legacy of excellence and a testament to the enduring partnership between Brunei and Singapore.

The Commissioning Ceremony of KDB AL-FARUQ marks the completion of the Patrol Vessel Transfer Project between the RBN and RSN involving the handing over of two RSN Fearless-Class patrol vessels, where the first patrol vessel transfer, KDB AS-SIDDIQ was commissioned on 21 March 2023. The success of this endeavour marked a significant milestone in developing and enhancing cooperation and defence diplomacy between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore, whilst becoming a core part of the historic development of the RBN in particular, and RBAF as a whole.



Prior to receiving the Masthead Pennant from His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Lt Cdr Pg Hj Khairul Anwar bin Pg. Dr. Hj. Abu Bakar, RBN presented the following:

**“Beribu Ampun,**

**AL-FARUQ bermaksud pembeza antara yang hak dan yang batil. Dalam erti kata yang lain, seorang yang menguatkuasakan keadilan. Ini merupakan satu sifat yang penting untuk diterapkan kepada tentera bagi melahirkan perwatakan yang berintegriti dalam melaksanakan perintah Allah Subhanahu Wata’ala, setia kepada raja serta amanah dalam mempertahankan kedaulatan maritim Negara Brunei Darussalam.**

**Beribu Ampun.”**

Translated: AL-FARUQ means the differentiator between truth and falsehood. In other words, it refers to someone who upholds justice. This is an important characteristic to instill in the military to cultivate integrity in carrying out the commands of Allah Subhanahu Wata’ala, loyalty to the Monarh, and trustworthiness in defending the maritime sovereignty of the Nation of Brunei Darussalam.

**As KDB AL-FARUQ sets sail under the Brunei flag, she carries with her a legacy of excellence and a testament to the enduring partnership between Brunei and Singapore.**





# HONOURING EXCELLENCE: CELEBRATING THE ROYAL BRUNEI NAVY'S 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The vibrant cadence of command resonated through the air as Lieutenant Commander Pg Putera Muhammad Amir Osman bin Pg Metussin, RBN, orchestrated a flawless display of precision and unity. Against the breathtaking backdrop of the Muara Channel, over 200 navy personnel stood tall, their hearts swelling with pride as they marked the auspicious occasion of the 58th Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) Anniversary on June 14, 2023.

At the heart of the celebration stood Captain Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudin bin Matserudin, Acting Commander RBN, radiating authority and reverence as the esteemed Guest of Honour. With eloquence and fervor, he delivered a stirring address, reflecting on the RBN's remarkable journey of growth and achievement. From advancements in capability development to strides in defence diplomacy and training initiatives, Captain Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudin underscored the pivotal role of cooperation and cohesion in steering the RBN towards even greater heights.





Amidst the palpable sense of camaraderie and pride, the ceremony unfolded with a series of prestigious awards and commendations, honouring the exemplary dedication and professionalism of RBN's officers and sailors. Among the most coveted accolades was the prestigious RBN "Command Badge", presented to Ship Captains such including Lieutenant Commander Mohamad Husaini bin Haji Mohd Sofian, RBN, Lieutenant Commander Mohamad Shahrul Idham bin Haji Bungsu, RBN and Lieutenant Nur Mazarina binti Marzlan, RBN. As these individuals stood tall, adorned with their badges of honour, they embodied the essence of Command leadership and excellence that defines the RBN's ethos.

But the accolades did not end there. The ceremony also saw the presentation of the Principal Warfare Officer (PWO) badge to distinguished recipients, including, Lieutenant Commander Nazurah binti Mahaleh who completed her PWO training at HMS COLLINGWOOD, UK, Lieutenant Commander Shamshu Nuzli Wazri bin Haji Tujuddin, RBN, and Lieutenant Commander Abdul Azim bin Haji Abdul Rahman, RBN, both completing their PWO training at KD SULTAN IDRIS 1, Malaysia. The PWO badges serve as a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence and proficiency in 3-Dimensional warfare.

Furthermore, the Commanding Officer's certificate was bestowed upon a select group of leaders, recognising their exemplary leadership and stewardship. Among the esteemed recipients were Commander Pg Md Faren bin Pg Mohd Noor, RBN, Lieutenant Commander Ade Roddiane bin Haji Mohd Rosdi, RBN, Lieutenant Commander Haji Mohammad Arnold bin Haji Osman, RBN, Lieutenant Commander Pg Haji Khairul Anwar bin Pg Dr. Hj Abu Bakar, RBN, and Lieutenant Commander Nazurah binti Mahaleh, RBN. These leaders, along with their peers who were newly adorned with the Command Badge, stood as beacons of inspiration and integrity within the RBN.

As the ceremony progressed, the spotlight shifted to the Coxswains of RBN's landing craft, who were lauded for their invaluable contributions to maritime operations. The dedication and expertise of WO2 Jaafar bin Mohd Zulkipli, RBN, WO2 Fadhillah bin Mohamed Yassin, RBN, and Chief Petty Officer Norafendy Syaib bin Rusli, RBN were duly recognized with the Landing Craft Coxswain's certificate, symbolising their pivotal role in ensuring the smooth execution of maritime missions. Beyond the realm of command and operations, the ceremony also celebrated individual achievements and contributions in various domains. From mastering the Rules of the Road to exemplifying exceptional engineering prowess, recipients of awards such as the Rules of the Road Masters award to Lieutenant Mohammad Syafiee bin Othman, RBN, the Sauh Emas award to WO2 Mohammad Izam bin Hj Othman, RBN, and the Bintang Harapan award to Leading Hand Amir bin Julai, RBN, were honoured for their outstanding contributions to the RBN's mission.

Moreover, the celebration extended to individuals who displayed exceptional fitness prowess, with awards presented to those who excelled in various categories. From officers to non-commissioned officers, each recipient epitomised the RBN's commitment to physical excellence and readiness. Yet amidst the pomp and grandeur, the essence of the ceremony remained deeply rooted in tradition and reverence. A solemn Doa Selamat, recited by Ustaz Muhammad Sabqi bin Nasar, RBN Religious Officer, imbued the proceedings with a sense of spirituality and gratitude. A collective group photo captured the camaraderie and unity that defined the RBN's spirit, serving as a timeless memento of the occasion.

In a momentous gesture, the inauguration of RBN's official Instagram account heralded a new era of connectivity and engagement, offering a platform for sharing stories and experiences from within the RBN's ranks. The celebration concluded with a festive gathering at each of RBN's messes, where camaraderie flowed freely, and memories were forged to last a lifetime.

Guiding the proceedings with grace and dignity was Commander Pg Norkumilasari binti Pg Haji Azahari, RBN, whose unwavering leadership ensured that the 58th RBN Anniversary celebration was a resounding success. As the echoes of command faded into the horizon and the festivities concluded, the legacy of excellence and camaraderie that defined the RBN's spirit endured, serving as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.



The prestigious Sauh Emas is awarded to an outstanding Royal Brunei Navy personnel who has shown distinctive character, leadership, discipline, knowledgeable and credible skills in his or her field of expertise at work.





Feature

# Navy Warriors: Champions of the Silat Martial Arts

Celebrations were in full swing on July 29, 2023, as the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) proudly cheered on four of its own at the Pencak Silat Competition. Held during the vibrant 77th Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, this event showcased the exceptional talent within our ranks. Among the standout performers was Lieutenant Junior Grade Dk Nur Amrina binti Pg Abd Aziz, RBN, who clinched the Champion title and brought home the prestigious Gold Trophy in the Adult Women’s Seni Cakak Asli category. Her remarkable achievement not only reflects her dedication but also highlights the caliber of individuals serving in the navy. Joining her in the spotlight Able Rate Noorsuriani binti Rusman, RBN, who secured a joint Bronze medal in the Women’s Class C Sparring Competition, and Able Rate Muhd Shafiq bin Ali Hassan, RBN, who also claimed a joint Bronze in the Men’s Class I Sparring Competition. Their impressive performances underscore the navy’s commitment to excellence in every endeavor.

Adding to the triumph was Ordinary Rate Md Reduan bin Sofian, RBN, who proudly brought home the Silver Medal in the fiercely contested Men’s Class A Sparring Competition. His dedication and skill exemplify the navy’s ethos of perseverance and determination. These remarkable achievements not only bring pride to the navy but also serve as an inspiration to aspiring sailors. As we continue to uphold the values of courage, discipline, and teamwork, we invite individuals with a passion for adventure and a desire to serve their country to join us in writing the next chapter of our storied legacy.



**Lieutenant  
Junior Grade  
Dk Nur Amrina  
binti Pg Abd  
Aziz, RBN**



Embarking on my silat journey, I found myself devoid of any silat background. Everything was new, and a myriad of emotions coursed through me—excitement, anxiety, and a competitive spirit that made me feel like a true martial artist on the ground. It was more than just an opportunity; it was a chance to showcase skills I had yet to explore. Pushing through the pain of rigorous training, I realised that having come this far, winning seemed not only plausible but necessary. The prospect of continuing this journey felt invigorating, akin to a hero proudly bringing a trophy in the name of the Royal Brunei Navy—a testament to the resilience and dedication that fueled my pursuit. I am profoundly grateful to my martial arts coach, whose exceptional skill and unwavering patience guided me from a novice to a champion, embodying the essence of mentorship and dedication. In addition, the support from new friends and colleagues made along the way has been an invaluable source of motivation, propelling me to strive harder until the very end.

## Able Rate Muhd Shafiq @ Amir Farid bin Ali Hassan, RBN

“ In the pursuit of mastering the art of self-defence, the journey unfolds with a mix of emotions. Amidst the persistent body aches, there is an underlying sense of joy and fulfillment, a testament to the enjoyment derived from the process. Acknowledging the need for additional time to seamlessly execute the acquired techniques, the learning phase becomes a pivotal aspect of the endeavor. Delving into the intricacies of attack and throw techniques, each session is a step toward proficiency. The familial support serves as a beacon of encouragement, urging the elevation of skills and the unwavering commitment to the pursuit of martial knowledge. In the face of time constraints, a collective voice emerges, highlighting the importance of expressing the need for more dedicated training time—an essential component in the relentless quest for self-improvement. ”



## Ordinary Rate Md Reduan bin Sofian, RBN

My feelings during my involvement in Pencak Silat evoke a sense of excitement. Throughout my training with the team, it demands considerable resilience and capabilities, both physically and mentally. Discipline, especially in terms of diet for someone like me, remains a high priority leading up to the competition day. Securing a medal signifies a valuable achievement for me, a tangible testament to the dedication invested. The lessons gleaned extend beyond the physical realm, nurturing self-confidence. I firmly believe in my capabilities, bolstered by the guidance of coaches and the support of experienced peers. Remarkably, my family not only refrains from impeding my aspirations but actively supports my continued pursuit. Their encouragement fuels my determination to forge ahead in this exhilarating journey.



The recent Pencak Silat Competition marked a momentous occasion in the celebrations surrounding the 77th Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. For the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), it was a time of pride and reflection as four of its own showcased their remarkable talents on the martial arts stage.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Dk Nur Amrina stood out not only for her victory but also for the emotional journey she shared—a testament to the fulfillment found in overcoming challenges, even without prior experience in silat.

Able Rate Noorsuriani expressed heartfelt gratitude to the coaching team for their unwavering support, highlighting the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity.

Meanwhile, Able Rate Muhd Shafiq offered insights into the joys and obstacles encountered in his self-defence journey, emphasizing the invaluable role of family encouragement along the way.

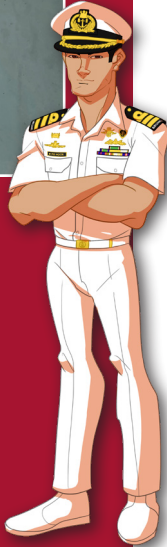
Ordinary Rate Md Reduan reflected on the transformative power of Pencak Silat, speaking of newfound excitement, resilience, and self-confidence nurtured through dedicated training and steadfast family backing.

Their triumph not only brought home medals but also painted a vivid picture of dedication, resilience, and familial support—a reflection of the ethos that defines the Royal Brunei Navy.

Beyond the accolades, their success serves as a beacon of the navy's commitment to self-improvement and martial prowess. As these individuals continue to forge ahead, their stories stand as inspiring narratives of triumph, embodying the spirit of perseverance that defines the navy's ethos.



# Senior Enlisted Lead



Ahoy, readers! Commander Zayn here, ready to delve into the fascinating world of maritime traditions, specifically the time-honoured custom surrounding the Ship's Bell.

The ritual begins with the Coxswain's call, "Eight O'clock Sir!" to which the deck officer responds with a resounding, "Make it So!" Ding-ding, Ding-ding, Ding-ding, Ding-ding—eight strikes of the ship's bell reverberate through the air as the ship's ensign is hoisted, signalling the start of a new day.

This timeless tradition, observed at 0800 on the hour, is a shared practice among navies worldwide, symbolising unity, discipline, and the passage of time.

But let's rewind a bit and explore the origins of this maritime custom. Bells cast from metal date back to the Bronze Ages, with China achieving remarkable sophistication in their craftsmanship. However, it wasn't until 1485, aboard the Grace Dieu of King Henry V, that one of the earliest mentions of a shipboard bell surfaced.

In the age of sail, bells served multifaceted roles. They acted as warnings and signals, as noted by chaplain Henry Teonage in 1676, recounting a dense fog scenario where bells, drums, and muskets were employed to prevent collisions. Eventually, in 1858, British Naval Regulations mandated the ringing of bells as a safety measure, a practice upheld to this day under maritime law.

Beyond their signalling function, ship's bells played a crucial role in timekeeping—a vital task aboard vessels where adherence to schedules was paramount. Divided into four-hour watches, crew members relied on the ship's bell to mark the passage of time. Coupled with a 30-minute hourglass, each strike of the bell served as a reminder of their watch duties, ensuring seamless coordination and operational efficiency.

Indeed, it's a marvel how such a simple yet indispensable instrument facilitated the rhythm of life at sea, keeping sailors attuned to the cadence of the maritime world.

So, the next time you hear the resonant chime of a ship's bell, take a moment to reflect on its rich history and the enduring legacy of maritime traditions that continue to shape seafaring culture to this day.

## CHIMING THROUGH TIME: THE SHIP'S BELL TRADITION

Strikes	Hour (am & pm)		
1 bell	12:30	4:30	8:30
2 bells	1:00	5:00	9:00
3 bells	1:30	5:30	9:30
4 bells	2:00	6:00	10:00
5 bells	2:30	6:30	10:30
6 bells	3:00	7:00	11:00
7 bells	3:30	7:30	11:30
8 bells	4:00	8:00	12:00



## Leadership Style of the next Generation



# Leaders Reach Beyond Horizons



On December 5, 2023, senior enlisted leaders from the Western Pacific Navies convened in Tokyo, Japan for the Western Pacific Naval Symposium for Senior Enlisted Leadership Working Group (WPNS SELWG).

Under the theme “Leadership Styles for the Next Generation,” the symposium provided a platform for senior enlisted leaders to explore and discuss leadership styles conducive to navigating the increasingly complex and evolving security landscapes.

Representing the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) were Warrant Officer 1 Fauzillahrahime bin Hj Awang Damit, the Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL), and Warrant Officer 2 Mohammad Izam bin Hj Othman, the Assistant SEL. Their participation in the WPNS SELWG allowed them to engage with senior enlisted leaders from across the Western Pacific region, fostering exchange of experiences and best practices in leading naval personnel within the context of the RBN.

Discussions at the symposium delved into a range of topics, including strategies to enhance the preparedness and effectiveness of defence forces in response to evolving security threats. Moreover, participants explored current policies and guidelines in defence education and training, with a focus on nurturing professional and efficient forces capable of meeting contemporary challenges.

The event underscored the significance of international cooperation in advancing global security objectives. SEL Fauzillahrahime expressed optimism for continued collaboration among WPNS member countries, highlighting the importance of knowledge and experience exchange in leadership and training within national defence forces.

The Royal Brunei Navy’s participation in the WPNS SELWG reaffirmed its commitment to upholding regional security and promoting cooperation among navies in the Western Pacific. By actively engaging in discussions and sharing insights, RBN senior enlisted leaders contributed to the collective efforts aimed at addressing the complex security dynamics of the 21st century.







## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER King Charles III The Coronation Procession

In a historic and proud moment for the Royal Brunei Navy, on the 6th of May 2023, a contingent of 10 dedicated personnel proudly represented the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) in the grand procession honoring the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in London, United Kingdom.

This significant participation underscored Brunei's steadfast commitment to international cooperation and alliances, as the RBAF contingent stood shoulder to shoulder with 400 troops from 40 other armed forces across the Commonwealth and the British Overseas Territories.

Among the distinguished members of the RBAF contingent, Petty Officer Mohammad Arif bin Haji Emran and Leading Hand Mohammad Safwan bin Sabli exemplified the navy's dedication, professionalism, and spirit of service. Their presence symbolized the navy's integral role in upholding Brunei's values on the global stage.

Following the Coronation service, the Coronation Procession, comprising 4,000 participants, escorted Their Majesties in the majestic Gold State Coach back to Buckingham Palace. This iconic procession, divided into eight groups and 19 bands, traversed the historic streets of London, evoking a sense of tradition and reverence.

As the procession made its way, adorned with banners and heraldic symbols, over 1,000 Armed Forces street liners paid homage to the occasion, lining the route with pride and respect.

The significance of Brunei's participation in this momentous event was further highlighted by the presence of approximately 200 personnel providing a Guard of Honour at Buckingham Palace. This notable contribution marked a historic milestone, contributing to the largest UK military ceremonial operation in 70 years.

In the serene surroundings of the palace garden, massed troops from various armed forces formations assembled to deliver a heartfelt Royal Salute, reaffirming their loyalty and allegiance to The King as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

With heads respectfully bared, these brave men and women, representing the finest traditions of the Royal Brunei Navy, joined in a collective chorus of 'Three Cheers,' expressing their profound respect and admiration for Their Majesties.

The participation of the Royal Brunei Navy in the Coronation Procession was not only a moment of pride for the navy but also a testament to Brunei's commitment to fostering international friendships and cooperation. It served as a poignant reminder of the navy's vital role in promoting peace, security, and goodwill on the global stage.

As the RBAF contingent returned home, they carried with them cherished memories and a profound sense of honor, knowing that they had played a pivotal role in a historic event that would be remembered for generations to come.

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## CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILLA SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023



## Feature Command Changeovers



The handover ceremony for the Commanding Officer of KDB DARUSSALAM between the outgoing Commanding Officer, Commander Pg Mohd Faren bin Pg Mohd Noor, RBN and the new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Hj Mohd Arnold bin Hj Osman, RBN on 03 July 2023.



The handover ceremony for the Commanding Officer Base, Commander Malai Haszahrin bin Malai Yusoff, RBN and the new Commanding Officer Base, Commander Nazrin bin Haji Sabli, RBN on 07 July 2023.



The handover ceremony for the Fleet Commander of Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) between the outgoing Fleet Commander, Captain Khairil Haji Abdul Rahman, RBN, and the new Fleet Commander, Captain Sahibul Bahari bin Haji Zainal Abidin, RBN, took place in front of the Fleet Headquarters, Royal Brunei Navy on 03 November 2023.



# Current Affairs: A New Chapter for Regional Naval Cooperation



The inaugural ASEAN Solidarity Exercise – 01 Natuna (ASEX-01N) 2023 officiated on the 18 September has concluded on 23 September 2023 in which the exercise between ASEAN Member States’ armed forces hosted by the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) was held in Batam and Pulau Natuna, Republic of Indonesia. This exercise involved five (5) naval ships and representatives from the ten (10) ASEAN member states: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as well as representatives from Timor-Leste.

The ASEX-01N 2023 revolved around Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) and Maritime Security (MARSEC) that aims to strengthen relationships among participating ASEAN countries in the scope of disaster relief efforts and maritime security. The Royal Brunei Armed Forces’s (RBAF) participation through RBN is a testament to the commitment towards enhancing naval cooperation, confidence building and fostering friendship and strong ties at all levels amongst its ASEAN counterparts. To that end, KDB DARULEHSAN, captained by Lieutenant Commander Mohd Zulyamin bin Mohd Noor, RBN with a crew of sixty-eight (68) personnel, departed Muara Naval Base, Brunei Darussalam and embarked on 11-day deployment beginning 15 September 2023.

KDB DARULEHSAN arrived at Batam Port, Republic of Indonesia on 18 September 2023 and participated in the opening ceremony of ASEX-01N officiated by Admiral Yudo Margono, Commander-in-Chief of TNI on 19 September 2023. The ceremony was attended by Lieutenant Colonel Pengiran Aeddie Masjaffrie bin Pengiran Haji Md Jaafar, Defence Attaché of Brunei Darussalam to Republic of Indonesia, as well as the Commanding Officer of KDB DARULEHSAN, together with participating Armed Forces Chiefs and representatives. The opening ceremony was then followed by Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE) and Operation Discussions which serves as a platform to share their views and best practices in maintaining maritime security in the region at the Utama-4 Main Naval Base before ASEX-01N Sea Phase. The Sea Phase of ASEX-01N, focusing on MARSEC was held from 22 to 23 September 2023 in vicinity of Natuna Island, Republic of Indonesia. This segment consisted of ships from the RBN, Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Laut (TNI-AL), Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN). The exercises conducted during this phase consisted of Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres, Tracking exercise, Maritime Interdiction Operation exercise, Replenishment at sea, Search and rescue exercise, and medical evacuation exercise.

ASEX-01 N 2023 was concluded with After Action Review (AAR) and followed by closing ceremony that was held at Sabang Mawang and was attended by



Commanding Officers, officers, and personnel from respective participating ships. With that, it helps to further strengthen existing relations between the participating countries armed forces, all participating nations have contributed to the successful conduct of ASEX-01N 2023, thus enhancing the degree of cooperation and interoperability between navies. The RBAF’s participation in ASEX-01 N 2023 highlights its continued commitment to regional security and stability and its readiness to work with other regional navies towards achieving common goals.





# Lebanon Mission: Devoted Towards Peace

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) delegation of MALBATT 850-10 contingent has concluded its United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) mission with distinction. Comprising 3 officers and 27 other ranks, the contingent served under the United Nations from October 27, 2022, to November 17, 2023, completing a remarkable period of 387 days.

In a momentous ceremony, the United Nations' Service Medal was awarded to the 84 officers and 770 personnel of the Malaysian Battalion (MALBATT) 850-10, including the RBAF contingent. The award, bestowed by Brigadier General Roberto Vergori, the Sector West Commander, serves as a testament to the Malaysian battalion's unwavering commitment to maintaining peace in Lebanon.

The Brunei contingent, received further recognition for its dedication and service. They were honored with the prestigious Perkhidmatan Negara Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (P.N.B.B.) award, presented by General Tan Sri Mohammad Ab Rahman, the Chief of Defence Force Malaysia. The ceremony took place at the PUSASDA Parade Square in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, underscoring the significance of their contribution to the mission's success.

The completion of the UNIFIL mission marks a significant milestone for the RBAF contingent, highlighting their professionalism, resilience, and commitment to upholding peace and security in Lebanon. As they return home, they carry with them the pride of serving their nation and the international community, exemplifying the ethos of service and sacrifice upheld by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.



"A moment I will not forget from my deployment was spending 12 hours in a bunker during Ramadhan. From breaking fast to 'sahur,' time seemed to fly by. Adapting to the changing climate was tough, but I persevered and even learned Arabic and French through social interactions. Despite the ongoing conflict and tense geopolitical situation, I'm grateful to Allah SWT for protecting us. The UNIFIL mission is challenging, requiring constant alertness even during routine tasks. However, it's through such trials that we develop resilience and fortitude, essential for modern peacekeeping missions"

Able Rate Sufyan bin Awg Jasni





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We live in a maritime century in which the ocean is central to how open societies prosper and progress

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Professor Alessio Patalano,  
Kings College London



**The Royal Australian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel User Sharing Group visit to Royal Brunei Navy**  
26 - 28 June 2023



**Exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation & Training (SEACAT) held in Republic of Singapore**  
14 - 18 August 2023



**9th Navy-to-Navy Talks with the Royal Malaysian Navy hosted by the Royal Malaysian Navy**  
25 - 27 October 2023



**11th Navy-to-Navy Talks with the Republic Singapore Navy held at Naval Training Center, Royal Brunei Navy**  
12 - 14 November 2023



**QI JIGUANG of the People's Liberation Army-Navy goodwill visit to Brunei Darussalam 5 - 8 June 2023**



**Final Planning Conference for Exercise PELICAN 41/2023 hosted by Royal Brunei Navy 5 September 2023**



**Exercise PELICAN 41/2023 between the Royal Brunei Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy 4 - 9 November 2023**



**2nd Navy-to-Navy Talks with Royal Australian Navy held at Naval Training Center, Royal Brunei Navy 22 November 2023**



**Western Pacific Naval Symposium for Senior Enlisted Leadership Working Group in Tokyo, Japan hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force 5 - 8 December 2023**



## Growth Amidst Time's Echoes

# DHAKA UNVEILED

By Lt Cdr Arif bin Tajuddin, RBN

Reflecting on DSCSC, Mirpur, the last recorded attendance from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) dates back to 2009, a moment encapsulated by Captain Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudin bin Matserudin, now the Acting Commander of the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN). In the span of 14 years, substantial transformations have unfolded within the institution. Notably, the course has expanded, witnessing an uptick in both domestic and international participants. Concurrently, the college has evolved, introducing modern facilities like the Sheikh Hasina Complex and adapting the curriculum to meet contemporary demands. However, amidst these advancements, certain elements have remained constant. The living environment preserves a familiar semblance to that of 14 years ago, maintaining aspects of continuity amid progress. A poignant illustration of this continuity lies in a playground. Once shared by international families, this space persists today, potentially serving as a central gathering point fostering interactions among families within the vicinity. This narrative paints a picture of evolution and preservation at DSCSC, a story of growth in participation, infrastructure, and curriculum, balanced by a sense of familiarity, signified by the endurance of certain communal spaces, offering a thread of continuity amidst the changes over the years.



## Analogue Depth, Tactical Excellence



At DSCSC, Mirpur, the educational approach stands distinct from other institutions of its kind. A notable feature is the stringent prohibition of digital devices like laptops and mobile phones during central lectures and syndicate discussions. This policy fosters an environment where handwritten notes prevail, encouraging active engagement and deeper understanding of the lectures. Meanwhile, a hallmark of the curriculum lies in its emphasis on interactive learning, as discussions revolve around individual

interpretations of lectures, promoting critical thinking and personal analysis. This intentional absence of digital aids stimulates active participation, nurturing a thorough comprehension of the subject matter. Moreover, the programme places a significant focus on honing writing and analytical skills. Each of the four terms commences with the task of crafting analytical and argumentative papers. This deliberate emphasis cultivates a deeper comprehension of concepts and effective communication abilities among participants. Complementing theoretical learning, the curriculum integrates practical exercises extensively. The decision-making process (DMP) and military appreciation exercises are integral components. These exercises progress from single-service scenarios, like the Navy Planning Process (NPP), towards comprehensive joint-service exercises. The pinnacle of this educational journey culminates in a grand joint service exercise, which serves as a platform to showcase the acquired expertise and collaborative capabilities. It synthesises all learned skills, placing participants in an integrated and comprehensive operational setting. In essence, the educational landscape at DSCSC, Mirpur, stands as a testament to its practical, hands-on approach, fostering critical thinking, writing proficiency, and collaborative prowess among military professionals preparing for the challenges of real-world operations.



## Unity in Cultural Diversity

DSCSC operates primarily as a joint institution, structured with three wings for the Army and one each for the Navy and Air Force. This setup inherently fosters collaborative learning and interaction among various military branches, enriching the course experience. Throughout the duration of the course, each wing takes turns organising cultural programs. Commencing with the Navy, these events showcase performances not only from course participants but also from their families and children. This inclusive approach emphasises a broader sense of community, extending beyond the confines of the classroom. In addition, international course participants had the chance to curate their own unique cultural program. Furthermore, this privilege significantly contributed to the diverse cultural tapestry woven within the institution, fostering a rich exchange of traditions and perspectives. The highlight of this cultural amalgamation was the vibrant 'International Night' which served as a vibrant mosaic of colours, sounds, and diverse cultural experiences. As the course progressed, these individual wing-based performances crescendoed into the grand culmination known as the 'Gala Night.' Symbolising the completion of the exhaustive 45-week course, this gala celebration encapsulated the collective efforts, camaraderie, and achievements of the entire cohort.



## Culinary & Cultural Showcase



In an endeavor to foster cultural appreciation among the local participants and the faculty at DSCSC, initiatives were implemented to introduce the traditions, values, and norms of international attendees. These efforts were dispersed across the course calendar through organised country briefs, as well as a special event aimed at highlighting the cultures and culinary traditions of international families. DSCSC 'International Day' emerged as a vibrant half-day affair where representatives from 24 participating countries set up booths adorned with traditional items, historical artefacts, and most notably, featured an array of local dishes, drawing considerable interest and delight from attendees. The event served as a vivid mosaic of global cultures, allowing each nation to present its unique heritage. Particularly, the representation of diverse local cuisines became a central attraction, enticing exploration and appreciation among visitors. Notably, the active involvement and support from the High Commission Office of Brunei Darussalam in Dhaka significantly contributed to the remarkable representation of Brunei Darussalam during this cultural celebration. Such initiatives, from the country briefings to the lively DSCSC International Day, served as bridges connecting diverse cultural facets, fostering understanding, and celebrating the rich tapestry of global traditions within the educational fabric of DSCSC.

Amidst our time in Dhaka, an unexpected gem emerged, the deep bonds woven with fellow international families. Our shared residency within the college premises kindled daily encounters, turning acquaintances into a tight-knit community. As our children frequented the playground in the afternoons, our connections grew beyond formal settings, transforming into a support network where shared struggles forged stronger relationships. The triumphs we celebrated together held a deeper meaning, cherished for the collective efforts behind them. The beauty of our international camaraderie bloomed through events organised exclusively by our diverse community. One such event, curated for international spouses, became a vibrant canvas of cultures, a mosaic of ideas, and a celebration of diversity, imbuing our stay with a tapestry of colours and experiences. However, it was during departures that the true depth of our connections surfaced.



## Family Departures, Enduring Bonds

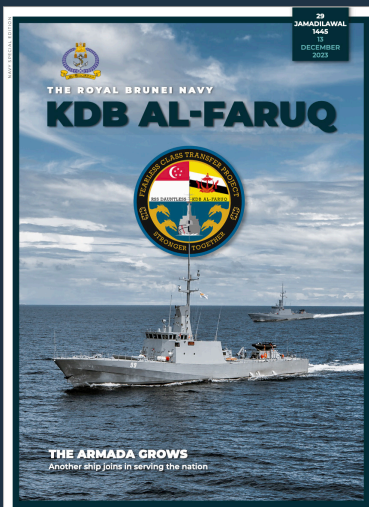
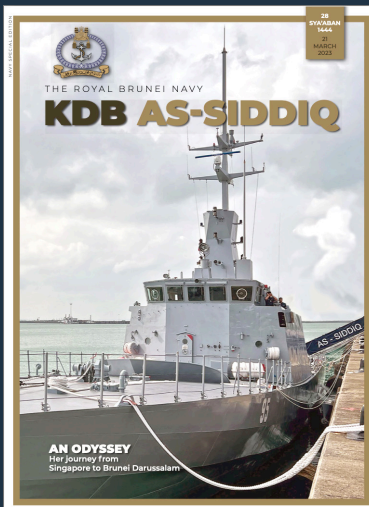


As families bid their farewells and stepped onto buses bound for the airport, the emotions ran high, unveiling the profound impact of our shared experiences. The closeness we fostered throughout our time together became palpable, leaving an indelible mark as each family departed. In Dhaka, amidst our military studies, the unexpected treasure was not solely the knowledge gained but the priceless relationships formed within our international community. Our bonds, forged through shared spaces, events, and the trials of departure, stand as a testament to the resilience and warmth of our collective journey.



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# PELITA BRUNEI

## PELANCHARAN DUA BUAH KAPAL RONDA UNTUK A.M.D.B.

SINGAPURA, 18 September - Semasa Brunei dan Britain terus mengadakan perundingan mengenai nasib depan tentera British di-rantau ini, sejarah telah di-chipta dalam perusahaan pembenaan kapal di-Singapura apabila dua buah kapal ronda yang laju bagi Askar Melayu Di-Raja Brunei telah di-lancarkan serentak di-sebuah limbungan di-sini.

Vosper Thornycroft Uniteers Sendirian Berhad telah membenakan dua buah kapal tersebut sepanjang 62 kaki dengan menelan belanja \$1.3 juta bagi kegunaan rondaan yang jauh.

Pelancaran itu telah di-lakukan oleh Datin J.J.H. Simpson, isteri Pemerintah Pasokan Askar Melayu Di-Raja Brunei yang telah pergi ka-Singapura khusus untuk melakukan upacara pelancaran tersebut.

Sa-juru sa-lepas Datin Simpson berucap dalam bahasa Melayu dengan mengucapkan selamat sejahtera kepada mereka yang belayar di-dalamnya. dua biji botol yang berisi ayer suchi telah di-pecahkan - sa-buah bagi satu haluan dengan di-ikuti tepokan gemuruh dari para jemputan khas

Di-antara yang hadir menyaksikan upacara tersebut ia-lah Setia Usaha Kerajaan Brunei, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Dipa Negara Pengiran Momin bin Pengiran Haji Ismail, wakil2 kerajaan



Gambar atas menunjukkan Datin Simpson (No. 2 dari kanan) sedang memecahkan botol yang berisi ayer suchi ka-atas haluan kapal ronda KDB Saleha.

Singapura dan Malaysia.

Terdahulu sa-belum itu, Kadzi Besar Brunei, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Di-Raja Dato Utama Haji Awang Mohammad Zain, bin Haji Seruddin telah membacakan do'a selamat.

Kapal2 tersebut di-beri nama KDB Saleha dan KDB Masna untuk menghormati keluarga Di-raja.

## IN THE WAKE OF THE NAVY

# Raja Isteri Class Coastal Patrol Boat

By Cdr Pg Mohd Faren P M N



K.D. SALEHA arrives in Brunei waters in February 1971

In a landmark development for Brunei's maritime capabilities, two new Raja Isteri Class Patrol Boats were constructed by Vosper Thornycroft of Singapore for the Royal Brunei Military Regiment (RBMR). Named K.D. SALEHA and K.D. MASNA, these vessels, launched in September 1970, were poised to arrive in Brunei in January 1971, heralding a new era in naval defence.

The completion of a state-of-the-art jetty at Muara in 1970 served as a pivotal addition to Brunei's maritime infrastructure, providing crucial support for the incoming patrol boats and streamlining operational activities.

Scheduled for departure from Singapore on January 21, 1971, the patrol boats were to embark on their journey escorted by the regiment's fast patrol boat, K.D. PAHLAWAN. Addressing the media at a press conference in Berakas Camp, Dato Col J.J.H Simpson underscored the significance of these new vessels, emphasizing their specialized design tailored for the unique waters of Brunei. K.D. SALEHA would be commanded by Captain Kefli bin Orang Kaya Setia Razali, while K.D. MASNA would be under the leadership of Captain (Lt.) Ross Canning-Ure, an Australian serving under a short service commission in the Royal Navy and on loan to the RBMR.

A momentous occasion was planned for January 25, as His Highness The Sultan was set to officially

receive the two 62-foot Raja Isteri Class Coastal Patrol Boats at the Bandar Seri Begawan jetty, symbolizing Brunei's unwavering commitment to strengthening its maritime capabilities. Unfortunately, due to technical flaws, both boats departed Singapore in late February, finally arriving on Brunei shores on February 17, 1971.

Described as "mini boats carrying a maxi punch," the arrival of the patrol boats, along with the SRN 6 hovercraft in May 1971, meant the flotilla now boasted sufficient craft for effective coastal surveillance, enhancing Brunei's ability to safeguard its waters against potential threats.

In a transition of command, Colonel Dato B.F.L. Rooney D.P.M.B., O.B.E., succeeded Colonel Dato J.J.H. Simpson P.S.P.N.B., D.S.N.B., D.K.G., as Commander of the Regiment on December 4, 1971. Meanwhile, the Officer Commanding First Flotilla was Major P.G. King, marking a new chapter in the leadership of Brunei's flotilla.

The expansion of Brunei's naval fleet continued with the launch of the third Raja Isteri Class Coastal Patrol Boat in June 1972. Dubbed K.D. NORAIN and launched by Datin Rosnah, wife of the General Adviser to His Highness The Sultan, the boat sailed together with her sister ships to Brunei in August 1972, further bolstering the country's maritime defence capabilities and solidifying its commitment to maritime security.

# PELITA BRUNEI

## SA-BUAH LAGI KAPAL RONDA UNTOK A.M.D.B.

SA-BUAH lagi kapal ronda untuk pasokan Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei telah di-lancharkan di-Singapura.

Pelancharan kapal tersebut telah di-lakukan oleh Datin Rosnah binte Abdullah, isteri Penasehat Umum Kebawah D.Y.M.M. Al-Sultan Brunei dalam satu upacara yang telah di-adakan di-limbongan benakapal Thornycroft di-Tanjong Rhu, Singapura pada 20hb. Jun yang lalu.

Kapal yang di-beri nama K.D. Nor'ain itu adalah kapal ronda yang ketiga di-bena oleh Sharikat Pembinaan Kapal Vosper Thornycroft. Dua buah kapal ronda yang lain ia-lah K.D. Saleha dan K.D. Masna. Kapal2 tersebut telah tiba di-Brunei dalam bulan Februari tahun lepas.

Hadhir di-upachara pelancharan kapal tersebut ia-lah Pemangku Pemerintah Askar



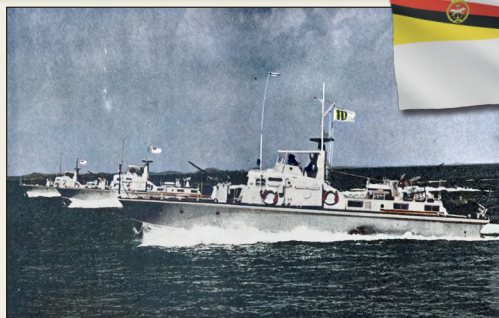
Datin Rosnah kelihatan memotong pita untuk merasmikan pelancharan kapal ronda K.D. Nor'ain.

Melayu Diraja Brunei. Lt. Col Dato Davies dan Datin Davies, Pegawai Pemerintah Pasokan Laut AMDB, Major P.G. King, Wakil Surohanjaya Tinggi British di-Singapura dan pegawai2 kanan Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei.

Kapal ronda K.D. Nor'ain di-juadalkan berlepas dari Singapura ka-Brunei dalam bulan Ogos ini.



Pictured Above: 1976, Men of the First Flotilla, Royal Brunei Malay Regiment, prepare to embark on EXERCISE FLEX, in which the vessels sailors and patrol boats including KDB Norain, "defended" the Muara marine base against an attack by insurgents.

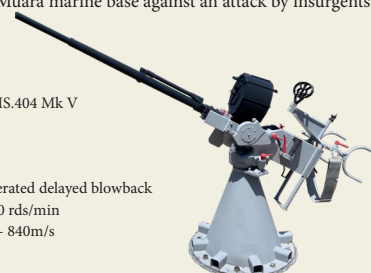


August 1972, KDB Norain (foreground) Sails back to Brunei from Singapore in formation with her sister ships



August 1972, KDB Norain safely arrives on Brunei shores.

Hispano Suiza HS.404 Mk V  
 Mass - 38kg  
 Length - 2.184m  
 Calibre - 20mm  
 Action - Gas operated delayed blowback  
 Rate of Fire - 700 rds/min  
 Muzzle velocity - 840m/s



Twin launching at Vosper  
 Two fast patrol boats built for RBMR worth \$1.3 million were lauched yesterday at the Vosper Thornycroft Uniteers shipyard in Tanjung Rhu Singapore.  
 - The Straits Times 19 Spetember 1970

PELITA BRUNEI, Hari Rabu 3hb. Oktober, 1973.



Empat buah kapal ronda dan sebuah pesawat hovercraft dari Angkatan Laut Pertama Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei telah melakukan lawatan ka-Kuala Belait sa-lama tiga hari baru2 ini.


Lawatan itu ada-lah yang pertama ka-daerah itu sejak pasokan itu di-tubuhkan.

Semasa berada di-sana kapal2 tersebut dan pesawat hovercraft itu telah di-buka untuk kunjongan orang ramai dan mereka juga diberi peluang untuk menaiki kapal2 tersebut.

Gambar atas menunjukkan sa-bahagian dari beratus2 orang yang mengunjongi salah sa-buah kapal ronda (KDB SALEHA) tersebut.



### Askar Melayu Di-Raja Brunei 1971

	Rank: Captain Service No.: 10
Name: Kefli bin Orang Raza Setia Razali	
D.O.B: 06 October 1940	
D.O.E: 01 January 1964	
Service History: 2IC Boat Section SR.N5, SR.N6 Pilot Executive Officer KD PAHLAWAN Commanding Officer KD SALEHA	

### CHARACTERISTICS

Class	- Raja Isteri Class
Saleha	- AMDB112
Masna	- AMDB113
Norain	- P13
Displacement	- 25 tonnes
Dimensions (m)	- 18.9 x 4.8 x 1.4
Guns	- 2x MG 42, 7.62 cal
Main Engines	- 2 GM 16-cyl Diesel - 1250 bhp; 26 knots
Range	- 600 Nm @ 23 knots
Complement	- 8 Crew

Fitted with Decca 202 radar.  
 Armed with 2x Hispano Suiza 20MM

Pennant Revised:	Decommissioned:
Saleha P11 - 1972	1978
Masna P12 - 1972	1978
Norain P13 - 1972	1979

# Brunei Hosts Second ANTEEP



From November 6th to 10th, 2023, the Centrepoint Hotel in Gadong, at the heart of Negara Brunei Darussalam, was abuzz with the successful hosting of the second ASEAN Navy Training Experience Exchange Program (ANTEEP).

Themed “Professional Exchange in Operations and Training,” the program focused on the crucial topic of “Boarding Operation – Visit, Board, Search and Seizure” or VBSS. Delegations from all ASEAN countries, except Lao PDR, participated in the program, which seamlessly blended work and leisure to ensure the comfort of all participants. For many delegates, it was their first time experiencing Brunei’s hospitality and they expressed excitement at the opportunity to explore the country’s rich culture.

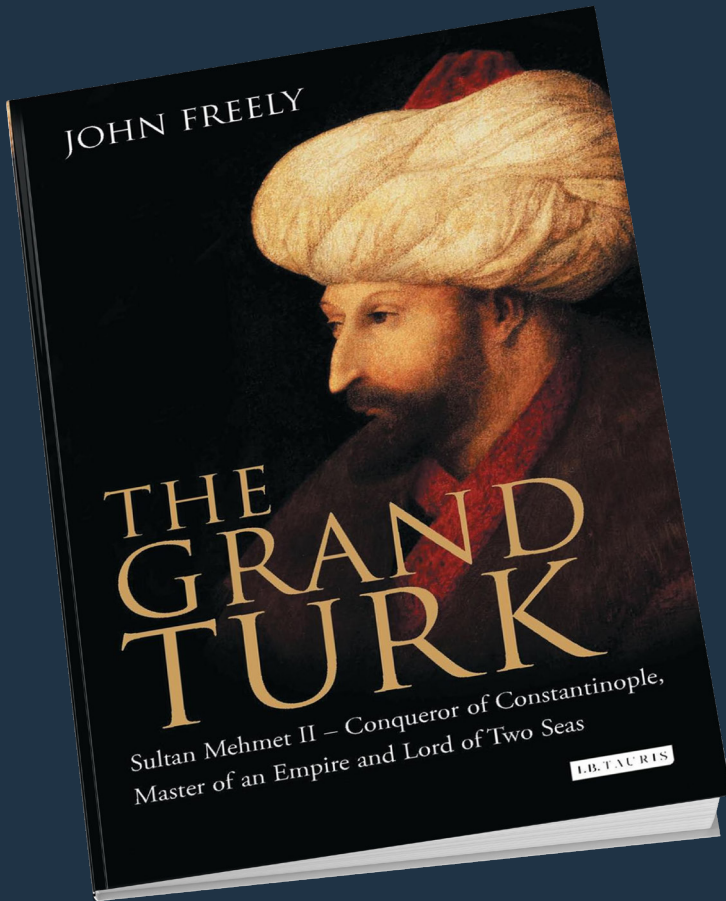
The event kicked off with an opening reception, featuring a warm welcome from Commander Willie bin Padan, RBN, Commandant of Naval Training. Over the next two days, participants engaged in presentations and discussions related to the chosen topic. Captain Khairil Haji Abdul Rahman, RBN, Fleet Commander of the Royal Brunei Navy, delivered a keynote address to initiate the presentation sessions.

Following two days of intensive sessions, delegates embarked on a cultural tour of Bandar Seri Begawan, delving into Brunei’s heritage and the philosophy of ‘Melayu Islam Beraja.’ Highlights included visits to Jame’ ‘Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque, Istana Nurul Iman, Balai Khazanah Islam Brunei, and Kampung Ayer, culminating in a delightful lunch buffet showcasing Bruneian cuisine at Tarindak d’Seni.

The program concluded with a memorable closing ceremony dinner at Jade Gardens, Centrepoint Hotel. Lieutenant Commander Haji Mohd Arnold bin Haji Osman, RBN, Chairman of the 2nd ANTEEP, delivered an Executive Report, expressing gratitude to all participants for their active engagement. Certificates were presented by the Guest of Honour, Captain Khairil Haji Abdul Rahman, RBN, followed by a heartwarming video montage and a gift exchange to commemorate the bonds forged during the program.

As delegates bid farewell and returned to their respective countries, they carried with them cherished memories and newfound friendships, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and cooperation central to the ANTEEP initiative.

# Editor-In-Chief's Reading List

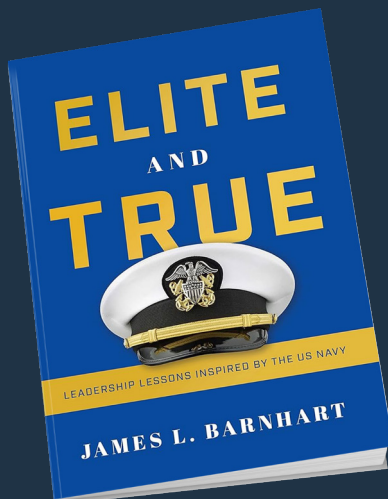


## The Grand Turk: Sultan Mehmed II - Conqueror of Constantinople, Master of an Empire and Lord of Two Seas

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Sultan Mehmet II, the Grand Turk, known to his countrymen as Fatih, 'the Conqueror', and to much of Europe as 'the present Terror of the World', was once the most feared and powerful ruler in the world. The seventh of his line to rule the Ottoman Turks, Mehmet was barely 21 when he conquered Byzantine Constantinople, which became Istanbul and the capital of his mighty empire. Mehmet reigned for 30 years, during which time his armies extended the borders of his empire halfway across Asia Minor and as far into Europe as Hungary and Italy. Three popes called for crusades against him as Christian Europe came face to face with a new Muslim empire. Mehmet himself was an enigmatic figure. Revered by the Turks and seen as a cruel and brutal tyrant by the west, he was a brilliant military leader but also a renaissance prince who had in his court Persian and Turkish poets, Arab and Greek astronomers and Italian scholars and artists. In this, the first biography of Mehmet for 30 years, John Freely vividly brings to life the world in which Mehmet lived and illuminates the man behind the myths, a figure who dominated both East and West from his palace above the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus, where an inscription still hails him as, 'Sultan of the two seas, shadow of God in the two worlds, God's servant between the two horizons, hero of the water and the land, conqueror of the stronghold of Constantinople.'

## Leadership



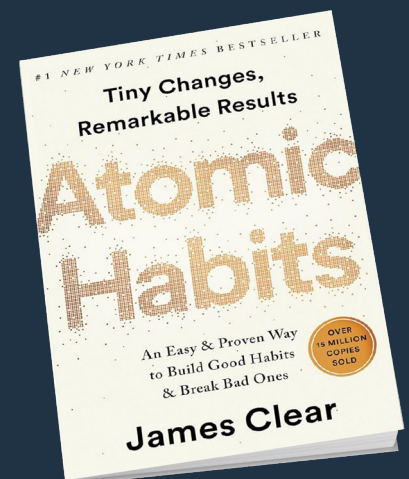
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