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This issue features the RBAF's 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration, bearing this year's theme of "Together in accomplishing the National Vision". A highlight of the celebration will be a static display from invited Foreign Air Forces showcasing their equipment and capabilities. More on that will be covered in this edition.

As a defence institution, the RBAF plays an important role in the nation's defence. With the global-spread of COVID-19, the RBAF has also proven its ability in capacity and sustainability in undertaking tasks outside the military scope, at the same time performing core duties.

The Editorial Board are hopeful and confident that MINDEF and the RBAF will continue to focus on the Whole-of-Government approach in jointly contributing and ensuring the stability, peace and welfare of the Nation. Insya Allah.

From the Editorial desk, we would like to convey our special thanks to the RBAF 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, the Royal Brunei Land Force, the Royal Brunei Navy, the Royal Brunei Air Force, the RBAF Religious Directorate (JAMA'AT), Directorate of Defence Policy, Centre of Science and Technology, Research and Development (CSTRAD) for their contributions for this edition.

May Allah The Almighty guide and protect our soldiers and the Nation. Amin.

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## **31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023 - CELEBRATING THE ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**T**he Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 62nd anniversary will be celebrated on 31st May this year, with the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) having the honour of hosting the celebration at Rimba Air Force Base. A Grand Parade will be held at the RBAirF's Sports Complex field, which will be followed by a Capability Static Display showcasing the RBAF's current capabilities and equipment. A building and infrastructure display under the 11th and 12th National Development Plan will also be displayed.

The Grand Parade, held to commemorate the RBAF's establishment for 62 years, will be graced by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam along with members of the Royal Family.

This year's celebration theme, 'Bersama Menjayakan Wawasan Negara' (Together In Accomplishing The National Vision), is in alignment with Brunei Darussalam's National Day theme 'Menjayakan Wawasan Negara'. This is envisioned to be a continuity to unceasingly solidify the RBAF's cooperation and efforts in carrying out Brunei Darussalam's National Vision 2035.

The theme is also consistent with the RBAF's roles in supporting progress and the nation's development holistically, in ensuring a peaceful and safe environment through decisive security and defence.

In manifesting the theme, the RBAF is the nation's main pillar for defence and security, being an agent and catalyst for integration and unity with other government security agencies for solidifying the nation's peace and stability, and at the same time contribute to the well-being regionally and internationally.

This year's celebration concept will showcase personnel professionalism along with the RBAF's development in capability, at the same time fostering defence diplomacy in upholding holistic defence. A unique addition to the concept will be a Defence Industry Static Display and participation of an Air Capability Static Display.

Participating in the Air Capability Static Display will be air forces from the Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Singapore, Australia, the United States of America and the United Kingdom. These invited air forces have existing Air Working Groups with the RBAirF and armed forces based in Brunei Darussalam.



## OFFICIAL LOGO FOR THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES ANNIVERSARY

The theme for this year's anniversary celebration is "Together in Achieving the National Vision," aligning with Brunei Darussalam's 39th National Day theme, which is "Achieving the National Vision." This theme corresponds to the role of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, which supports the comprehensive progress and development of the country by ensuring a secure and peaceful environment through precise defence and security measures.

The logo, featuring a round shape and a white background, represents purity and peace, reflecting the national philosophy of Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB). The circular shape signifies the defence of Brunei Darussalam by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

The Brunei Malay Regiment emblem, established in 1961, incorporates the Royal Brunei Armed Forces stripes, symbolizing the progression, positive yet sustainable development, and operational effectiveness of the present Armed Forces. The Royal Brunei Armed Forces plays a significant role in defending the Sovereignty of the King and supporting the Malay heritage based on the prominent religion of Islam.

This year's anniversary celebration logo commemorates the 62 years of establishment of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, symbolizing the continuous growth of the armed forces and the unwavering readiness to defend sovereignty, peace, and stability of the nation.



OFFICIAL POSTER FOR THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ROYAL

سَمْبُوْتَنُ هَارِجِ اَوْلُغْ تَاهُوْدِ اَشْجَتُوْدِ بَرَسَنَجَاتِ دِرَايِجِ بَرُوْنِجِ ٦٢

SAMBUTAN HARI ULANG TAHUN ANGKATAN BERSENJATA DIRAJA BRUNEI KE-62

ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Pangkalan Tentera Udara Rimba | Rimba Air Force Base

11 Zulkaedah 1444H / 31 Mei 2023M



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BRUNEI ARMED FORCES ANNIVERSARY



# AIR CAPABILITY STATIC DISPLAY

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) routinely welcome its foreign counterparts to join in the RBAF anniversary celebrations by extending invitations for the event to the Defence Advisers/Attachés and in Brunei or accredited to Brunei in previous years.

For this time around however, with the Royal Brunei Air Force having the honour to become the host for the 62nd RBAF anniversary at the Rimba Air Force Base, has enabled the RBAF the privilege to invite its foreign counterparts from within the region and beyond to participate by showcasing their air assets as part of the Air Capability Static Display. The Rimba Air Force Base shares a runway with the Brunei International Airport (WBSB) and routinely receive and welcome visits from foreign Air Forces.

The Air Capability Static Display will showcase the various state-of-the-art air platforms that are being employed by units from the eight participating countries including Brunei grouped as: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Mobility, Firepower and Support Helicopters. Such participation from the foreign Forces will certainly add to the uniqueness to this year's anniversary as well as promoting interactions amongst the airmen and airwomen involved.





# PARTICIPATING FORCES

**ROYAL BRUNEI AIR FORCE**

No. 14 Squadron – S-70i

No. 15 Squadron - CN235-110M

No. 39 Squadron - Insitu Integrator  
Rimba Air Force Base

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

No. 230 Squadron - Puma HC Mk2  
Medicina Lines, Seria

**ROYAL MALAYSIAN AIR FORCE**

No. 12 Squadron - Su-30  
RMAF Gong Kedak

No. 22 Squadron – A400M  
RMAF Subang, Kuala Lumpur

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE**

125 Squadron - AS332M/M1 & H225M  
Sembawang Air Base

143 Squadron – F-16C  
Tengah Air Base

**TENTARA NASIONAL INDONESIA  
ANGKATAN UDARA**

Skadron 2 - CN-295  
Lanud Halim Perdanakusuma,  
Jakarta

**PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE**

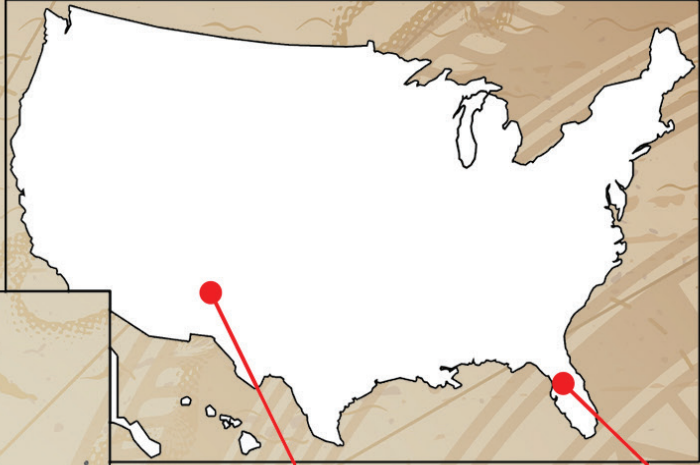
221<sup>st</sup> Airlift  
Mactan-Ber

**COCO ISR**

Challenger 605  
Kadena Air Base, Japan



**PARTICIPATING**

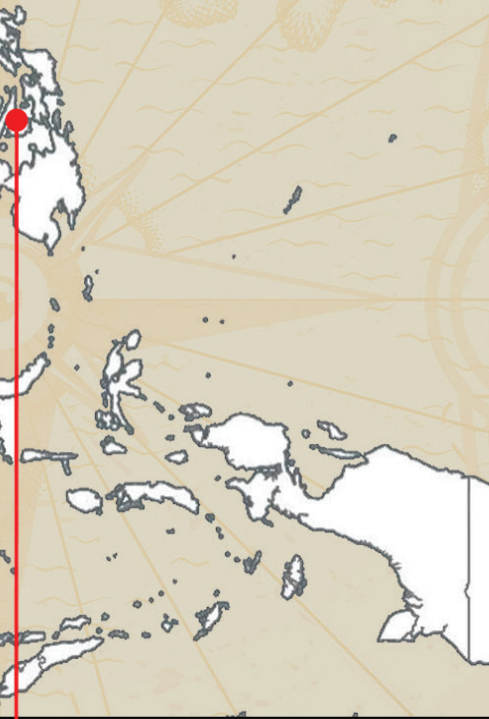


**UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE**

17<sup>th</sup> Special  
Operation Squadron –  
AC-130J  
Cannon Air Force  
Base, New Mexico

**UNITED STATES  
NAVY**

Patrol Squadron 16  
(VP-16) – P-8A  
Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville, Florida



**PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE**

35<sup>th</sup> Squadron - C-295M  
Maitino Ebuena Air Base,  
Cebu



**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR  
FORCE**

No. 35 Squadron - C27J  
RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland

# 35<sup>th</sup> SQUADRONS



# ROYAL BRUNEI 61<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS



# ARMED FORCES MILITARY CELEBRATION MOMENTS



KEBAWAH DULI YANG MAHA MULIA PADUKA SERI BAGINDA SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH IBNI AL-MARHUM SULTAN HAJI OMAR 'ALI SAIFUDDIENSA'ADUL KHAIRI WADDIEN, SULTAN DAN YANG DI-PERTUAN NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM KETIKA BERTITAH SEMPERNA SAMBUTAN HARI ULANG TAHUN ANGKATAN BERSENJATA DIRAJA BRUNEI KE-61 DI PADANG KAWAD PANGKALAN TENTERA LAUT DIRAJA BRUNEI (TLDB), MUARA PADA HARI SELASA 30 SYAWAL 1443H BERSAMAAN 31 MEI 2022M

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh  
Bismillaahir Rahmanir Raheem

Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Alameen, Wabihee Nasta'enu 'Alaa Umuuriddunya Wadden, Wassalaatu' Wassalaamu 'Ala Asyarafil Mursaleen, Sayyidina Muhammaddin, Wa'ala Aalihee Wasahbihee Ama'een, Waba'du.

Alhamdulillah bersyukur kita ke hadrat Allah SWT kerana dapat hadir bersama-sama pada pagi ini bagi meraikan Sambutan Hari Ulang Tahun Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei Yang Ke-61. Beta sangat berbangga dan gembira menyaksikan mutu kawad yang ditunjukkan oleh para peserta perbarisan yang sekaligus melambangkan tahap profesionalisme dan semangat kepahlawanan yang tinggi.

Beta juga telah dan sedang mengikuti perkembangan ABDB sepanjang penubuhannya lebih enam dekad yang lalu, baik dari sudut keupayaan anggota mahupun aset dan kelengkapan yang

membolehkannya kekal sebagai institusi pertahanan yang teguh termasuk usaha pemodenannya yang berterusan.

Beta sedia mengambil maklum bahawa ABDB juga sedang merangka perancangan strategiknya berdasarkan "*Defence White Paper 2021*" yang digabungkan dengan *Force 2035* dan *Force Structure Review* yang masih dikemaskini sebagai panduan dan hala tuju seiring dengan konsep TEPIDOIL iaitu Training, Equipment, People, Information, Doctrine Organization, Structure dan Logistic yang bersesuaian bagi memastikan inisiatif inisiatif yang dikenalpasti dapat dicapai dengan baik.

Dalam perkara permodenan ini beta pada hemat beta, perancangan yang titih dan kemas sangatlah diperlukan untuk mengatasi sebarang kekurangan atau untuk menutupi jurang jurang kepincangan yang ada. Inilah sasaran utama masa depan untuk dipenuhi. Dalam merangka perancangan ABDB juga adalah perlu untuk mempunyai *Defence Posture*

# THE ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES 61ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

yang jelas sesuai dengan keupayaan dan kapasiti ABDB sambil memperkasa pendekatan *Whole Of Nation* dalam *Context Holistic Defence*. Dalam erti kata lain, ABDB perlu terus bekerjasama dengan agensi-agensinya kerajaan yang berkepentingan dalam sama sama mempertahankan kedaulatan negara, khususnya sempadan daratan, kawasan maritim dan ruang udara.

Melihat kepada peranan ABDB dan persediaan untuk mencapai Gagasan Angkatan 2035 nanti, maka mengambil sukut baik Hari Ulang Tahun ABDB Yang Ke-61 ini beta dengan sukacita mentauliahkan Squadron 39 *Unmanned Aerial System* (UAS) bagi Tentera Udara Diraja Brunei dan memperkenankan Penubuhan Squadron Bot Tempur dan Trup Risik bagi Tentera Darat Diraja Brunei dan sehubungan dengannya, beta juga sukacita memperkenankan Jawatan Pemerintah Medan Tentera Darat Diraja Brunei dan seterusnya menaiktaraf Jawatan Ketua Staf Tentera Laut Diraja Brunei, Ketua Staf Tentera Udara Diraja Brunei ke pangkat Kolonel iaitu sebanding dengan Unit Tentera Darat Diraja Brunei dan Markas Angkatan Bersama Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei ketika ini.

Selain daripada memperkasa kekuatan fizikal, beta ingin mengulangi lagi peringatan akan pentingnya pembinaan kekuatan spritual dan sehubungan itu, beta gembira dengan penerbitan Mushaf Al-Quran Sempena Sambutan Jubli Intan ABDB baru-baru ini. Beta yakin, dengan niat ikhlas mengagungkan Kitab suci Al-Quran, semua anggota ABDB yang beragama Islam akan beroleh berkat celik Al-Quran dengan suka belajar dan menjadikan membaca Al-Quran itu sebagai amalan harian. Bagi kita orang Islam, mendekati diri kepada Allah melalui pembacaan Al-Quran adalah satu kekuatan berdasarkan Al-Quran itu adalah mukjizat teragung yang tidak boleh ditundukkan oleh apa pun.

Lalu sesuai dengan tujuan untuk memperkasa sekuriti maka untuk membaca Al-Quran wajarlah dilazimi bagi meraih keberkatan berupa kekuatan dan keselamatan disamping jangan pula leka atau lalai

dari menangani sebarang kepincangan yang boleh melemahkan kredibiliti ABDB.

Tidak kurang pentingnya juga, untuk diteruskan ialah komitmen, komitmen negara kepada keselamatan serantau dan antarabangsa, penglibatan ABDB dalam misi pengaman dan pemantau melalui *International Monitoring Team* sejak 2004, *United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon* sejak tahun 2008,

*Information Fusion Centre (IFC)* sejak tahun 2013 dan *International Decommissioning Body (IDB)* sejak tahun 2019 di Republik Filipina serta penugasan di dalam *Counter-Terrorism Information Facility (CTIF)* sejak tahun 2020 di Republik Singapura telah menaikkan profesionalisme anggota Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei dan sekaligus mengharumkan nama negara. Beta yakin dengan wujudnya rantau yang selamat maka negara kita juga pasti selamat dimana dengan itu rancangan pembangunan dan kemajuan negara akan dapat dilaksanakan dengan lancar dan berkesan.

Akhirnya, beta ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Ulang Tahun Ke-61 dan tahniah kepada yang menyertai perbarisan pada pagi ini, tidak terkecuali seluruh warga ABDB yang terlibat dalam menjayakan Sambutan Hari Ulang Tahun Ke-61 ini, setinggi-tinggi penghargaan juga kepada Anggota ABDB yang telah bersara diatas kesetiaan dan kesediaan mereka menyumbangkan bakti bagi keselamatan dan keamanan negara, kepada mereka yang telah kembali ke rahmatullah kita sama-sama mendoakan semoga roh-roh mereka ditempatkan bersama sama dengan para syuhadah.

Sekian Wabillahit Taufeq Walhidayah, Wassalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

# ESSENCE FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE

*“...Ministry of Defence has signed a contract for the acquisition of the C295 Airbus Air Transporter, where this transport aircraft will enhance the Royal Brunei Armed Forces’ capability in undertaking various missions other than strategic air lift and even for carrying out disaster and humanitarian aid as well as search and rescue...”*



Contract Signing Ceremony with Airbus Defence and Space, S.A.U., Spain on Friday 2 December 2022.

*“...Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces have reviewed the recruitment and training of potential recruits policy with the introduction of recruit training at the Training Institute Royal Brunei Armed Forces shortened to 14 weeks, while the remaining 3 months will be Special to Service (STS) training at the military Services according to the planned vocations...”*

*“...the intake of male and female recruits will reach 960 recruits compared to 540 recruits in a year...”*



Passing Out Parade for the 170th Intake of Male Recruits on 5 May 2023



# E LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



*"...the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) will prioritize efforts towards maintaining their readiness and preparedness inline with its vision 'A Formidable Armed Forces and A Reliable Partner'."*



*"...the Ministry of Defence and the RBAF will use all its military capabilities and equipment, to protect the sovereignty of the King, the sanctity of Islam, the stability and prosperity of the country's economy, as well as the well-being of the people and residents of Brunei Darussalam."*





**RBAF COMMANDER INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO MALAYSIA**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, made an introductory visit to Malaysia from 7 to 9 June 2022.



**CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCE OF INDONESIA (TNI) OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

His Excellency General Dato Paduka Seri Andika Perkasa, Chief of Defence Force of Indonesia (TNI) made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 6 to 8 September 2022



**COMMANDER US INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

His Excellency Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command (US INDOPACOM) made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 7 to 9 August 2022



**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ROYAL CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

His Excellency General Vong Pisen, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 28 to 30 September 2022



**CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF OF THE VIET NAM PEOPLE'S ARMY OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

The Ministry of Defence received an official visit from His Excellency Senior Lieutenant General Nguyen Tan Cuong, Chief of General Staff of the Viet Nam People's Army and Deputy Minister of National Defence of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 4 November 2022 at Bolkiah Garrison.



**COMMANDER OF ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, made an introductory visit to the Republic of Indonesia from 4 to 7 December 2022.



**RBAF COMMANDER OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF made an official introductory visit to New Zealand from 21 to 23 July 2022



**CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCES, ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES, OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

His Excellency General Chalermphon Srisawasdi, Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 16 to 18 August 2022



**RBAF COMMANDER CONDUCTED INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF made an introductory visit to the Republic of Singapore from 13 to 15 June 2022.



**THE IISS MANAMA DIALOGUE 2022 IN MANAMA, THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi Bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, attended the International Institute for Strategic Studies Manama Dialogue 2022 (IISS Manama Dialogue 2022), 18th Regional Security Summit in Manama, The Kingdom of Bahrain from 18th to 20th November 2022.

**RBAF COMMANDER CONFERRED THE HONORARY AWARD OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES ORDER FOR VALOUR**

His Majesty the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah has graciously bestowed upon Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF with the Honorary Award of the Malaysian Armed Forces Order for Valour – Gallant Commander of Malaysian Armed Forces, First Degree (PGAT) on Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

**ASEAN DEFENCE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING WORKING GROUP (ADSOM WG) AND ADSOM-PLUS CONVENES IN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

Yang Mulia Haji Adi Ihram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Strategy), as Brunei Darussalam's ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group (ADSOM WG) and ADSOM-Plus WG Leader, attended the first ADSOM WG and ADSOM-Plus WG meetings under the Republic of Indonesia's Chairmanship of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia from 14 to 16 February 2023.

**CAMBODIA CONVENES THE ADSOM AND ADSOM-PLUS MEETINGS OF 2022**

Yang Mulia Haji Adi Ihram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Strategy) at the Ministry of Defence in his capacity as the representative of the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM) and ADSOM-Plus Leader of Brunei Darussalam attended the ADSOM and ADSOM-Plus meetings which were held from 17 to 18 May 2022 at the Ministry of National Defence, Cambodia.

**15TH ADMM-PLUS EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON MILITARY MEDICINE MEETING**

The 15th Meeting for ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) Experts' Working Group on Military Medicine (EWG on MM) was held at the Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam from 1 until 3 November 2022 and was officiated by Yang Mulia Haji Adi Ihram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Strategy), Ministry of Defence, Brunei Darussalam.

**COMMANDER BRUNEI ARMED FORCES ATTENDED THE 19TH SHANGHAI JOINT DEFENCE MEETING**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF attended the 19th Shanghai Joint Defence Meeting (SLD) held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore from 10 to 12 June 2022.

**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ATTENDED THE 13TH JOINT DEFENCE MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 13th Joint Defence Meeting Committee Meeting (JDMCM) meeting between Brunei Darussalam and France was held on the 10th of November 2022 at the Ministry of Defence's Headquarters, Brunei Darussalam.

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ATTENDED THE 16TH BRUNEI ARMED FORCES MEETING**

Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi Bin Bol Hassan, (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi Bin Bol Hassan, Minister at the Ministry of Defence II and Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi Bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF attended the 16th International Maritime and Air Exhibition (LIMA '23) held from 23 to 27 November 2022 at the International Exhibition Malaysia.



**OF THE ROYAL FORCES ATTENDED SHANGRI-LA DIALOGUE**

Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, attended the 28th Annual Shangri-La Dialogue on 28 July 2022 at the French Shangri-La Hotel, Republic of France 2022.

**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND AUSTRALIA CONVENED THE 19TH JOINT DEFENCE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS**

The 19th Joint Defence Working Committee (JDWC) Meeting was held in Paris, Republic of France on 17 May 2023 at the Officer's Mess, Bolkiah Garrison.

Represented by Yang Mulia Haji Adi Ithram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Strategy), Ministry of Defence, Brunei.

**DEFENCE AND ROYAL FORCES ATTEND LANGKAWI LIMA' 23**

Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, attended the 16th Langkawi Aerospace Exhibition 2023 on 27 May 2023 at the Mahsuri Centre (MIEC) Langkawi.

**RBAF COMMANDER ATTENDS THE 24TH ANNUAL INDO-PACIFIC CHIEFS OF DEFENSE (CHOD) CONFERENCE**

Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, attended the 24th Annual Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defense (CHOD) Conference 2022 in Sydney, Australia from 25 to 27 July 2022.

**THE 16TH NETWORK OF ASEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS (NADI) ANNUAL MEETING**

The 16th Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) Annual Meeting was held at the Borobudur Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia, from 13 to 16 March 2023. The theme was "Strengthening Defence and Security for ASEAN as 'Epicentrum of Growth'".

Representing Brunei Darussalam at the meeting was Haji Abdul Malik bin Haji Kamis, Acting Director of the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (SHHBIDSS).

**COMMANDER US INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

His Excellency Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command (US INDOPACOM) made an official visit to Brunei Darussalam from 7 to 9 August 2022.

**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND AUSTRALIA CONVENED THE 19TH JOINT DEFENCE WORKING COMMITTEE**

The Ministry of Defence, Brunei Darussalam and the Department of Defence of Australia conducted the 19th Joint Defence Working Committee (JDWC) Meeting at the Officer's Mess, Bolkiah Garrison on 17 May 2023 co-chaired by Yang Mulia Haji Adi Ithram bin Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Strategy), Ministry of Defence.

## THE INAUGURAL ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES TRAINING CONFERENCE 2022

The Training Institute Royal Brunei Armed Forces (TI RBAF) hosted the inaugural Royal Brunei Armed Forces Training Conference 2022 at Halbi Lecture Theatre, Evolution Centre, TI RBAF, Penanjong Garrison from 11 until 13 October 2022 in which the opening ceremony was officiated by Lieutenant Colonel Pengiran Noor Rumaizi bin Pengiran Othman, Commandant of TI RBAF.



With the theme “Collaboration and Synergy in Delivering Defence Tasks”, the three-day conference invited speakers and subject matter experts with various training and development backgrounds from the Ministry of Defence, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, other government agencies as well as the British Forces Brunei.

The Training Conference is aimed to be a platform for training authorities, providers and other stakeholders within the RBAF as well as other agencies to discuss and enhance as well as diversify efforts towards unifying training institutions to be more sustainable and resilient partnerships to produce capable and competitive personnel to deal with the increasingly challenging security environment.

## THE INAUGURAL ROYAL BRUNEI SOUTH EAST ASIA CONFERENCE OF COMMANDANTS 2023



The Defence Academy of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (DA RBAF) and the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom held the inaugural South East Asia Conference of Commandants from 7 to 8 March 2023, bearing the theme of ‘Professional Military Education in the 21st Century’ at the DA RBAF Auditorium.

Yang Mulia Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Mohammad Sharif bin Dato Paduka Haji Ibrahim, Commander Royal Brunei Air Force officiated the opening ceremony. The two-day conference was co-chaired by Colonel Pengiran Sharifuddin bin Pengiran Haji Yusof, Commandant DA RBAF and Major General Andrew Roe, Commandant of Defence Academy of the United Kingdom.

The conference features presentations from numerous Heads of Delegations and selected presenters covering topics such as blended learning (lessons from COVID-19), human dimensions, information operations and educating for multi-domain operations. Apart from sharing best practices, this conference also serves as an important platform for defence diplomacy and strengthening of training relationships with higher military education institutes in the region.

## APPOINTMENT CEREMONY FOR THE 22ND INTAKE OF OFFICER CADETS, THE OFFICER CADET SCHOOL



By the consent of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, 59 Probationary Officer Cadets were appointed as Officer Cadets. The appointment ceremony was held at the Ceremonial Hall of the Defence Academy Royal Brunei Armed Forces (DA RBAF), Kampong Tanah Jambu on 27 March 2023.

Present to award the insignias was Yang Mulia Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF). Also present in the ceremony were officers and staff

of the Ministry of Defence and RBAF, the Defence Adviser of Malaysia and the Republic of Singapore in Brunei Darussalam, as well as the parents of the newly appointed Officer Cadets.

A total of 38 male and 21 female Officer Cadets were selected through the Armed Forces Commissioning Board (AFCB) and reported to the Officer Cadet School on 13 February 2023. They include the two RBAF Scholarship recipients and two international Officer Cadets from Republic of Singapore, Muhammad Akid bin Ayub and Malaysia, Sheikh Mohamad Afiq bin Sheikh Mohamad Amir.



Officer Cadet Muhamad Akid bin Ayub (Republic of Singapore)



Officer Cadet Sheikh Mohamad Afiq bin Sheikh Mohamad Amir (Malaysia)

# DRONES IN RBLF



Drones have become an essential tool in the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) arsenal for Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) tasks. Drones have various characteristics, including increased capabilities, capacity, and diverse payloads, making them important in combat operations.

Drones, or specifically also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), have evolved over the years and have become more advanced, with better capabilities. In the RBLF, the drones used for ISR are generally smaller-sized to medium-sized, lightweight and durable, while the ones used by the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF) are bigger and equipped with advanced technologies

The use of drones in the RBLF has many benefits, including increased efficiency and accuracy, saving time, and reducing the risks to human lives. Drones can operate in hostile environments, such as hotspots, where human intervention is too dangerous. Drones are also cost-effective as they can be used to cover large areas and perform several tasks simultaneously, reducing the need for extra personnel.

***'There are several benefits of using drones in the military, such as increased efficiency, and safety.'***

By 1428 Lieutenant Matlin bin Mohamad  
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Moreover, drones can be outfitted with sensors, cameras, and other attachments that provide high-quality imagery, audio, and video data that are vital for intelligence gathering. This, in turn, enables military commanders to make the best tactical decisions based on real-time data. Finally, drones can be easily deployed and quickly configured to meet specific mission objectives, making them an essential tool for the RBLF.



While drones offer many benefits, they also present some challenges. One of the primary concerns is the risk of mid-air collisions with other aircraft. There have been incidents of drones flying too close to civilian aircraft and creating potential hazards. There is also the legal and ethical challenge of finding an appropriate balance between the use of drones for military purposes and the protection of privacy rights. Another concern is the ease with which drones can be hijacked or jammed by adversaries, which can lead to information breach or operations compromised.

In conclusion, drones have become a critical tool in the RBLF arsenal for various tasks. They have distinct characteristics, capabilities, and attachments that are tailored for different missions. There are several benefits of using drones in the military, such as increased efficiency, and safety. However, the use of drones also presents several challenges, including legal and ethical concerns, potential mid-air collisions, and the risk of hijacking or jamming. As drone technology continues to evolve, the RBLF must continue to develop and refine its protocols, safety procedures, and training programs to ensure drone operations are safe, effective, and ethical



# THE NAVY'S FULL MISSION BRIDGE SIMULATOR (FMBS)



Navigation is the ability of directing a vessel from one place to another desired destination by determining its position, the course to steer, the intended speed to be used, and the time it takes to travel such distance. It is also the ability to find safe routes to the desired destinations, avoiding collision with nearby vessels and other navigational hazards, as well as meeting schedule. In the early days, the main concern of a navigator is to find safe passage from one place to another, hence they keep records of their observations and findings which would eventually become collective information that can be retraced and integrated into a body of reliable information. Nowadays, as traffic density increases significantly, collision avoidance and finding ways to maintain a safe distance with other vessels moving in different directions became the emphasis. Different ships have different characteristics and capabilities, which is also another challenge that a navigator must understand. For example, a large ship can be easily seen at a distance, however, due to its large size it may require more time to increase her speed and to change her course. A navigator also needs to understand that when transiting through heavily trafficked area, an evasive action made by one vessel to avoid collision may lead to another risk of collision with another vessel.

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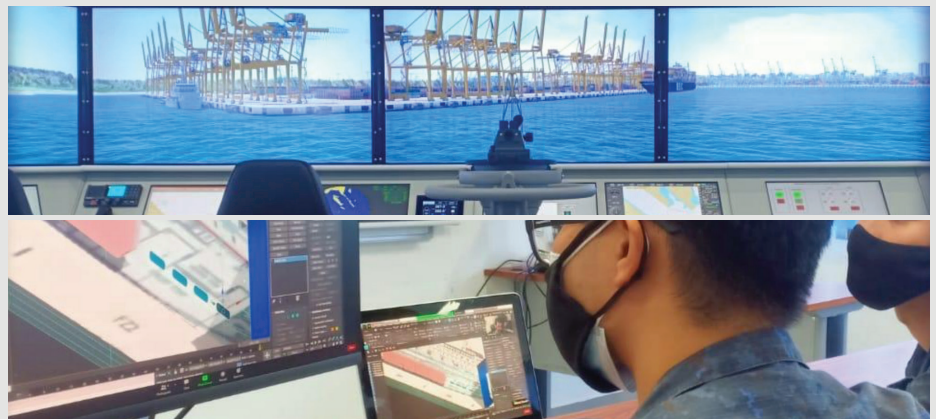


The Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) is not exempted from these challenges. To overcome these, the RBN continually ensures that their sailors are well equipped with the knowledge and skills that would allow them to work as a team and navigate a ship safely in various conditions. Attending courses and practical exercises are amongst the most common methods of training provided by RBN. With the newly installed Royal Brunei Navy Full Mission Bridge Simulator (RBN FMBS) in mid-April 2021, it will help sailors to navigate in various conditions that they may encounter when going out to sea. The FMBS is equipped and installed with equipment that are currently installed in RBN Ships such as the Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), Navigation Radar,

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The simulator also allows for crew resource management training that provides 'whole ship' evolution training and facilitates communications between bridge team and the engineering department. Communication and coordination between teams/departments is really important when a ship is experiencing any breakdowns or malfunctions. Hence the integration of such training to the simulator is necessary to prepare RBN sailors to react accordingly to any situations. Navigation is not an easy task as there are many conditions that a navigator has to consider before and when going out at sea.



and many more that further enhances the training quality of RBN personnel. The simulator also provides a platform for RBN personnel to be trained in bridge team resource management. Such training ensures that trainees can form up a competent bridge teams, ensure all members are aware of their roles and responsibilities, recognise potential threats of a situation and make decisions which maintain the safety of the vessel, interpret and make efficient use of ship's manoeuvring data, and many more.

RBN will ensure that their sailors are competent and are well equipped with the knowledge and skills that would allow to navigate in any situations safely. With the establishment of the FMBS, it provides a safe environment for RBN sailors to hone their skills and brings out their full potential to bear in actual operations. Furthermore, with the FMBS, RBN sailors can learn from the mistakes that they have made and be trained without risking human life as well as RBN assets.



## INTRODUCTION OF THE UAS

By Captain (U) Ruziman bin Awg Mohd Raffi  
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<https://mindef.gov.bn/airforce/Theme/Home.aspx>

### THE UNVEILING

On 31st of May 2021, the RBAF celebrated its 60th Anniversary where the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) was also officially unveiled. A Grand Parade was held at Taman Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien, which was then followed by the viewing of the exhibition of RBAF's new assets by His Majesty and members of the Royal Family. This was then continued with the unveiling of the UAS through the launching of the UAS Integrator by His Majesty at the Brunei Arts and Handicraft Centre Bandar Seri Begawan.

At the event, a brief presentation was conducted by the project manager of Insitu, Tim Brown followed by a demonstration by two RBAirF operators using the UAS simulator.



### EXPERIENCE DURING ACQUISITION

As part of the preparation for the acquisition of the UAS, several meetings took place within the Integrated Project Team (IPT) which discussed the preparation and acquisition strategy of the UAS.

The strategy also included the site setup and infrastructure validation, establishment of power, water and telecommunication utilities as well as the retrieval of the correct map format from the Survey Department. The IPT also coordinated with the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) in pursuing airspace management for the UAS. Administrative work in coordinating the movement of the Insitu personnel to Brunei was also done in line with the Covid-19 SOPs. With the presence of the Insitu personnel in Brunei, the acquisition of the UAS commenced through a Site Acceptance Test (SAT), a significant portion of the User Requirements Document (URD).

### SITE ACCEPTANCE TEST (SAT)

The SAT was composed of a single sortie and was performed on Wednesday, 09 June 2021, with the launching initiated on the ground by the Deputy Commander of RBAirF. The SAT is performed by Insitu personnel at Bukit Agok hub and Rimba Spoke as per the base test requirement defined in the SAT. While performing the demonstration, a flight test card addressing all 73 requirements was checked by qualified operators from the RBAirF.

Following the launch, a high-pass for recovery to validate the approach setup was done simultaneously with a check-in with the Air Traffic Controller to validate the transponder functionality prior to departing the area for the purpose of border surveillance. An Air Vehicle (AV) handoff to Rimba took place to demonstrate coverage of two border areas outside Line of Sight (LoS) from Bukit Agok, but within view from Rimba, ten minutes of loiter time were performed at each point of interest which evaluated the system Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability whilst under Rimba control. Once ISR evaluations were completed, the AV control was then returned to Bukit Agok for the remainder of the sortie.





**ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATE IN THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN MEMORIZING THE HOLY QURAN FOR THE MILITARY PERSONNEL, MAKKAH AL-MUKARRAMAH, THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

Five Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) officers and personnel participated in the 9th International Competition Memorization of the Holy Quran for military personnel in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 19 November 2022.

The delegation was led by Commander Haji Ainolnizam bin Haji Ibrahim, RBN, Acting Director of the RBAF Religious Directorate (JAMA'AT). The participants chosen to represent RBAF in the competition were Lieutenant Muhammad Hidayatullah Sunazul Fikar bin Suip for the 30 Juz Al-Qur'an Category; Private (U) Muhammad Akid Arif bin Haji Sujono for the 20 Juz Al-Qur'an Category; Sergeant Izzat bin Hamdan for the 10 Juz Al-Qur'an Category; Major Abdul Mujib bin Haji Japar for the 05 Juz Al-Qur'an Category; and Private Muhammad Zainul Arifin bin Haji Haminuddin for the Tilawah Al-Qur'an Category.



The Overall result of the Hafazan Al-Quran competition won by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the 30, 10 and 5 Juzuk categories, and for the 20 Juzuk category won by the Sultanate of Oman, while the Al-Quran recitation category won by Kuwait.



The competition is by special invitation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and is one of the platforms and initiative to showcase RBAF's ability to glorify the purity of the text of the Holy Quran and provide exposure to RBAF officers and personnel. Equally, such opportunity is seen to raise RBAF and Brunei Darussalam's profile as well as to strengthen defence ties between Brunei Darussalam and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

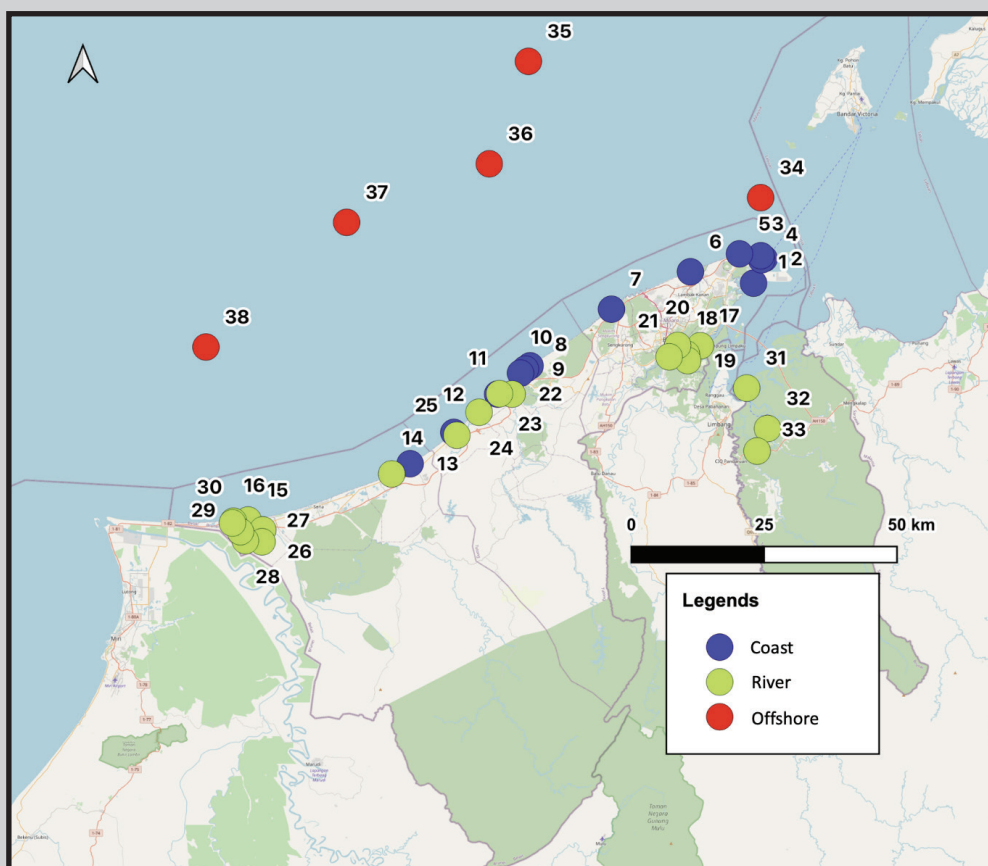
# PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM WATERS – THEIR INFLUENCE ON CORROSION RISKS

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Corrosion is a prevalent problem in the military on a global scale, with vast amounts of assets and infrastructures vulnerable to the effects of corrosion. The problems affiliated with corrosion negatively affect equipment and infrastructure and can lead to reduced asset availability, deterioration in performance and increasing weapon system and infrastructure costs. A study conducted by the United States Department of Defense, estimated the cost impact of corrosion in the fiscal year 2016 to be USD 20.6 billion. Brunei Darussalam is not an exception, and problems associated with corrosion present great obstacles in the operations of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

In its general term, corrosion refers to the degradation of a material (usually a metal) as a result of its interaction with its environment. Metals are good conductors of electricity and if the environment with which they are in contact is also conductive, then corrosion will occur via an electrochemical process. Exposure to oxidants (such as oxygen or sulphate) destabilises the properties of the metal, and corrosion consequently converts the refined metal into a more chemically-stable form (such as oxide, hydroxide or sulphide). Natural waters, such as the sea and river, act as an electrolyte and promotes the conduction of electricity, and thus accelerates electrochemical corrosion. Corrosion degrades the useful properties of materials and structures including strength, appearance and permeability to liquids and gases.

Brunei Darussalam is situated on the low-lying coastal area of Borneo Island and its population, infrastructures and developments are principally concentrated around the coastal areas. The sea water



is naturally very aggressive towards most materials. Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) bases have also been built along the coastline, leaving them vulnerable to corrosion, which is particularly persistent in the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) and Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF). Naval military operations naturally have constant exposure to corrosion as they principally operate and navigate in the sea and river. A steel ship loses structural strength since corrosion reduces the thickness of the hull plates, bulkheads, beams and decks, particularly in aged ships. The aircrafts do not have constant contact with sea water during aerial operations, but they get exposed to sprays of seawater during operations or drills when the aircrafts hover near the sea.

Repairing equipment affected by corrosion is not only expensive, but it also requires some downtime and hinders asset availability.

In Brunei Darussalam, various researches have been made on this corrosion issue, but existing corrosion studies have been focused mainly on post-corrosion remedies, such as corrosion coatings. Water quality studies in Brunei Darussalam are conducted regularly by the Water Services Department, the Fisheries Department and the Department of Environment, Park and Recreation, but they are conducted on selected areas of operations and none of these water quality studies are linked with corrosion.

In this study, physicochemical properties of Brunei Darussalam waters relating to corrosion were investigated. To achieve the objectives of this study, fieldwork was performed for the direct sampling and analyses from 38 test points, which include coastal, riverine and offshore areas. Water parameters such as water temperature, salinity, conductivity and resistivity, total dissolved solids and pH were determined. The findings suggest that variations in physicochemical parameter levels are mainly attributed to distances from water sources, industries and pollution. All coastal and offshore military activities and infrastructure must undergo frequent maintenance to ensure minimal effects of corrosion. Military activities in Brunei River and Tutong River in particular should be underscored in terms of their elevated risk of corrosion.

From this study, it was found that all coastline and deeper offshore waters have high salinity, TDS and conductivity levels. For riverine areas, Brunei River and Tutong River have relatively higher salinity, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and conductivity levels compared to Belait River and Temburong River. Additionally, it was also observed that the Belait River is slightly acidic with lower pH levels, making it more vulnerable to the effects of corrosion.

The RBAF should exercise caution when planning operations in these areas, and maintenance requirements should be taken into consideration when considering the frequency of these activities so as to not aggravate

**Figure 1: Map of selected test points for investigation of Brunei water properties**

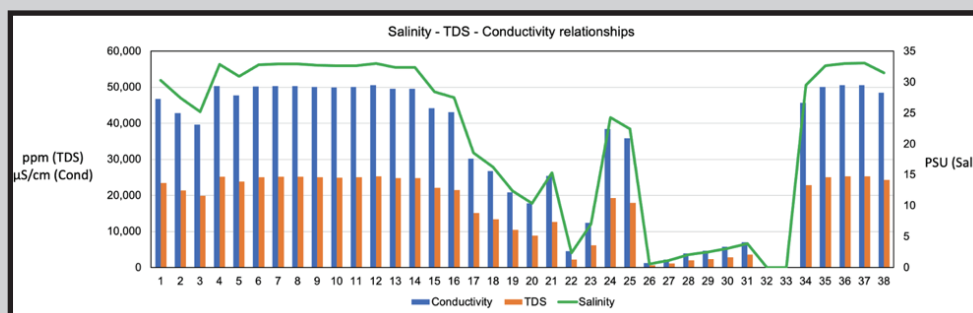


Figure 12: Relationships between salinity, TDS and Conductivity levels

the risk of accelerated corrosion on their operational platforms. The corrosion-related physicochemical parameters must be constantly studied and monitored to ensure minimal risk of corrosion.

The accelerated corrosion experienced on the relevant operational platforms owned by the RBAF may possibly be due to a limited understanding of the local and regional South China Sea water properties by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM). Local water salinities may be influenced by local activities. Dredging works by nearby industries such as petrochemical plants close to Muara Naval Base may have accelerated the salinisation process by increasing the volume of area the seawater can enter through. The continuous global sea level rise as a by-product of climate change is a huge cause of concern for Brunei Darussalam, as an island nation with our national infrastructures and resources located along the coast, including RBAF military bases – notably the Muara Naval Base, the Berakas Garrison and the Penanjong Garrison. As the sea levels rise, the “salt front” (location of the freshwater-saltwater line) may progress further upstream. This increasing risk of salt water intrusion, in turn, will lead to elevated corrosion threats.

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## PATROL VESSEL HANDING OVER, TAKING OVER CEREMONY Between Republic of Singapore Navy and Royal Brunei Navy

The Patrol Vessel Handing Over. Taking Over Ceremony between the Republic of Singapore Navy (RN) and Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) took place in Changi Naval Base on 15 March 2023. The ceremony was another significant milestone of the longstanding ties of more than 43 years between both navies.

Lieutenant General Dato Paduka Seri Melvyn Ong Su Kiat initiated the ceremony with his opening remarks which was reciprocated by Commander RBAF's remarks. The ceremony continued with the signing of the Certificate of Transfer between the Chief of Defence Force SAF and Commander RBAF. Upon completion, Commander RBAF delivered the citation for naming the patrol vessel AS-SIDDIQ.



The ceremony proceeded with the handing over of the Negara Brunei Darussalam national flag and RB Ensign from Commander RBAF to Lieutenant Commander Haji Mohammad Arnold bin Haji Osman RBN, Commanding Officer of AS-SIDDIQ. The national flag was then hoisted onboard AS-SIDDIQ before the commencement of Azan and Do to bless the event.

The Handing Over. Taking Over Ceremony concluded with the sailing off of AS-SIDDIQ and her crew to Negara Brunei Darussalam. AS-SIDDIQ was a name that translated to "truthful". It represented one who carried out the command of the almighty Allah Subhanahu Wa Tala and honoured one's duty to the sovereign with sincerity, honesty and integrity.



## THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF PATROL VESSEL AS-SIDDIQ

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, graced the Commissioning Ceremony of Patrol Vessel KDB AS-SIDDIQ held at Jetty Bravo of Muara Naval Base.



The commissioning was further blessed with the calling of the Azan and recitation of a Doa, after which His Majesty was then invited for a ship's tour onboard KDB AS-SIDDIQ.

The ceremony began with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving the Royal Salute and inspected the Parade comprising 110 RBN personnel led by Lieutenant Commander Ahmad Affi bin Awang Antin, RBN. His Majesty later proceeded to deliver the Commissioning Titah and awarded KDB AS-SIDDIO with its Commissioning Pennant presented to Lieutenant Commander Hai Mohammad Arnold bin Haji Osman, RBN, Commanding Officer of KDB AS-SIDDIQ. This was followed by the inaugural hoisting of the Commissioning Pennant and RBN Ensign, accompanied by the National Anthem.

The ceremony ended with a group photo on Jetty Bravo with KDB AS-SIDDIQ in the background before proceeding to the RBN Officers' Mess for an executive session between His Majesty and key leaders from both nation's Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces and Navies and this was followed by a luncheon.




**HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG  
GRACES THE COMMISSIONING CEREMO  
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**DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
ONY OF PATROL VESSEL KDB AS-SIDDIQ  
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The Royal Brunei Armed Forces participated in the parade ceremony in conjunction with the coronation ceremony of King Charles III on 6 May 2023 in London, United Kingdom, consisting of a 10-member contingent led by Major (U) Wan Muhammad Azem bin Haji Md Aminuddin.

# HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III CORONATION





# **RLES III ATION GRAND PROCESSION**

The RBAF contingent underwent 2 weeks of drill practice and procession rehearsals with the other participating armed forces under the supervision of the British Armed Forces officers and instructors. The practice sessions were conducted in phases that concluded with integrating the Commonwealth Forces with the British Armed Forces in a mass parade consisting of 6,000 personnel.

## 768 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES OFFICERS AND STAFF RECEIVE STATE HONORARY MEDALS

The Ministry of Defence held a State Honorary Award presentation ceremony in conjunction with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's

birthday celebrations for the year 2018-2021 at An-Naura Hall, Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Complex in Bandar Seri Begawan on 6 June 2022.



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The State Honorary Awards were presented to 768 officers and staff from the Ministry of Defence and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Minister of Defence II. Also present at the ceremony were Yang Mulia Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, RBAF Commander, Acting Permanent Secretary, Service Commanders, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Directors and senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and the RBAF.

419 civilian officers and staff from the Ministry of Defence and RBAF received the Excellent Service Medal (P.I.K.B.), 95 RBAF officers and personnel were awarded the Pingat Pahlawan Periwara (P.P.), 31 RBAF officers and personnel were awarded the

Pingat Asgar Pahlawan (A.P.), 4 RBAF officers and personnel were awarded the Pingat Penglima Lasgar (P.L.) and 219 civilian officers and staff from the Ministry of Defence received the Long Service Medal (P.K.L.).

The ceremony concluded with a *Doa Selamat* read by Commander Haji Ainolnizam bin Haji Ibrahim, RBN, Acting Director of the RBAF Religious Directorate (JAMA'AT).

The conferment of the State Honorary Medals serves as a recognition and inspiration for the officers and staff of the Ministry of Defence and RBAF to continuously progress and excel in serving and contributing to the country.



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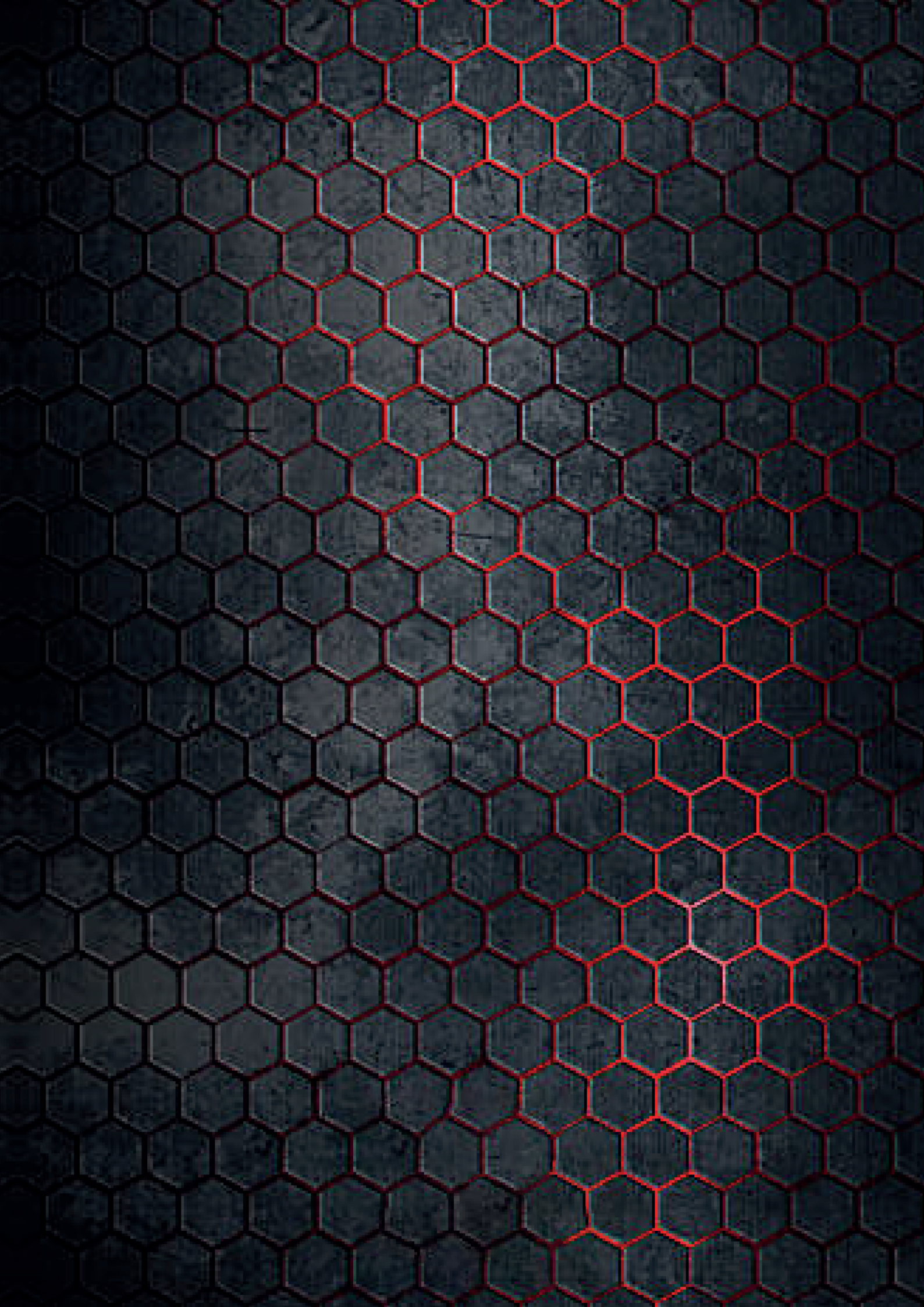
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