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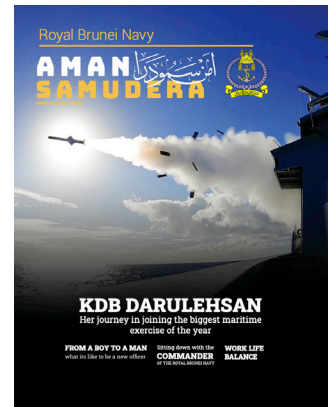


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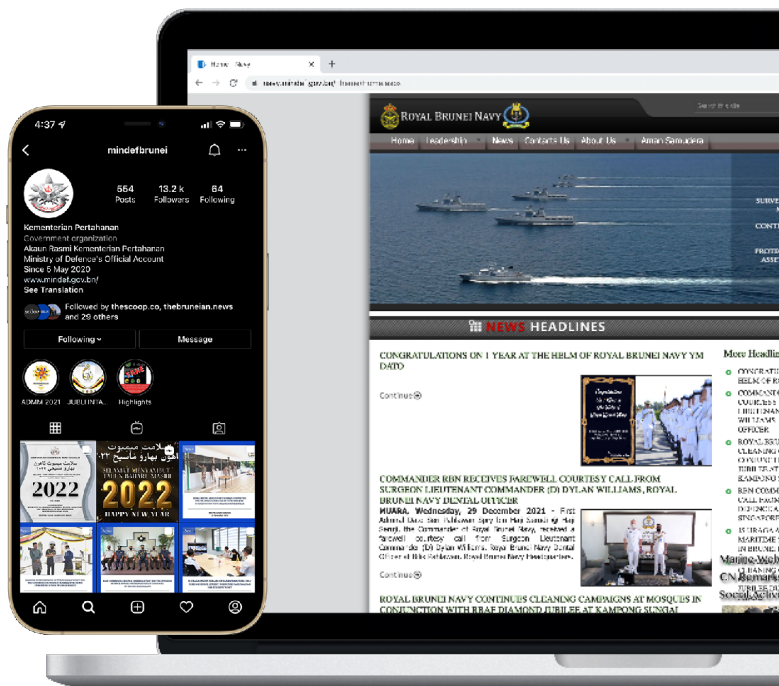
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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh,

Alhamdulillah and Alas, the 4th issue of AMAN SAMUDERA is here for your reading pleasure. The Navy has gained momentum post third wave of COVID-19. As the world and the nation begins to reconnect, the Navy too celebrates its victories and achievements. There are many things to celebrate at the first half of 2022 with the expansion of Navy training capabilities in the form of a simulator centre and honours of state medals to highly accomplished sailors.

In this issue we look beyond our horizon, to RIMPAC in Hawaii, perspectives on the ongoing peace process in the Philippines and Senior interactions in Australia. The world does seem to be within our reach again (physically) which makes for exciting times indeed!

I'm also excited to introduce the Navy's new caricatures that shall be seen in future issues as well as a recruitment poster near you! These amazing characters were created in collaboration with a local digital artist @ heyitshansart who has truly done a great job.

In the past few months, we have seen a lot of hardship experienced by the Navy family struggling through quarantine, natural disasters or deteriorating health, so it was important to highlight the great lengths and effort the Navy, under the leadership of the Chief of Navy, has undertaken to ensure that all our sailors are taken care of. However, all is not gloomy for there are rays of sunshine that we all love to celebrate, and that is the birth of new members in the Navy family. Nothing can be more rewarding than the gift of giving.

Lastly, I'm also proud to look back to our roots and appreciate our humble beginnings with a blast from the past with our very own hovercrafts. I hope you enjoy this issue and I hope that AMAN SAMUDERA will continue to inspire the men and women who wish to join the Navy family. Remember, the Navy wants you. Be one of us!

Make Waves at Flank Speed!

Yours Aye,

Commander Pg Mohd Faren Pg Mohd Noor, RBN
Editor-In-Chief

NAVY HOSTS THE ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES 61ST ANNIVERSARY

By Lt JG Nurul Majidah binti Awang Zakaria, RBN



The honour to host this year's Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) 61st Anniversary was given to the Royal Brunei Navy which was held at Muara Naval Base and was graced with the presence of His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda 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. Accompanying His Majesty to the celebration were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arrival, His Majesty was accorded the Royal Salute and he then consented to inspect the Guard of Honour comprising 1,049 personnel from the Royal Brunei Land Force; the Royal Brunei Navy; the Royal Brunei Air Force; the Special Forces Regiment; and the Women Military Personnel. The Grand Parade was commanded by 587 Commander Mohammad Azrin bin Haji Mahmud, RBN. A spectacle of the event was the March Past in Slow and Quick Time whilst parading the Royal Colours instilling pride amongst the audience.

His Majesty the Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam then delivered his Titah for Royal Brunei Armed Forces 61st Anniversary Celebration. His Majesty's Titah, highlighted the importance of meticulous planning for RBAF to have a clear Defence Posture which is in line with RBAF's capabilities and capacities. His Majesty also emphasised the importance of a Whole of Nation Approach in the context of Holistic Defence encouraging RBAF to work closely with other government agencies in maintaining the Nation's Sovereignty especially our land territory,



maritime domain, and air space.

His Majesty also reminded the RBAF on the importance of growing our spiritual strength and was pleased with the publication and distribution of Mushaf Al-Quran in conjunction with RBAF's Diamond Jubilee. Such initiatives will further encourage RBAF personnel to learn to recite the Al-Quran and draw us closer to Allah. His Majesty also drew attention to the significance of the Nation's commitment to the regional and international safety, as well as the importance of RBAF's involvement in various peace keeping organisations which will positively improve the professionalism of RBAF personnel, as well as pave the way forward for the country.

The Grand Parade was then concluded with His Majesty receiving the second Royal Salute, followed by the RBAirF's helicopter fly-past whilst the RBN's sail past consisted of 3 ships; KDB DARULEHSAN, KDB AFIAT and KDB SERASA honouring the Supreme Commander.

Upon completion of the Grand Parade, His

Majesty and members of the Royal Family proceeded to the static displays, at the Naval Training Centre (NTC). Among the highlights of the visit was the commissioning of the RBN Kastila Simulation Centre for the Full Mission Bridge Simulator (FMBS), as well as the launching of the RBAirF's NO.39 Squadron Unmanned Aerial System (UAS). His Majesty and members of the Royal Family granted and audience with personnel deployed under the International Monitoring Team (IMT), Independent Decommissioning Body Verification and Monitoring Assistance Team (IDB VMAT) as well as the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon under Malaysian Battalion (MALBATT). The 61st anniversary's theme 'Together in Accomplishing the National Vision' is the manifestation of the RBAF as an organisation making headway, united in its loyalty to the Monarch and the Country, constantly embedding noble values to reach the country's vision together.

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Together in Accomplishing the National Vision”





Meet the *Seaman*, an indispensable resource in the Navy Fleet ensuring the smooth running of some of the most technologically advanced vessels in Brunei Darussalam. Their roles include steering the ship, standing watch while ensuring the ship's safety as a lookout, and communicating with other vessels. The Seaman moors, secures and guards the ship when in port. They are capable of operating smaller weapons like General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMG) to much larger weapon systems like the Bofors 57mm MK3 Automatic Cannon and are proficient in driving fast rigid-hulled inflatable boats (RHIB) in all conditions at sea. Seamen develop different skills throughout their careers from Navigation to Surface Warfare. The best of whom will become Coxswains and have opportunities to become masters of their own Landing Craft.

CASTILE SIMULATION CENTRE IS UP & RUNNING

By Lt Cdr Amiel Azim bin Hj Afflon, RBN



Lt Cdr Amiel Azim explaining the amazing features of the Castile Simulator to His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam

The name Castile Simulation Centre, Naval Training Centre was inspired from the famous 16th century battle between Brunei and Spain in 1578 historically referred to as the Castilian War. In the past, Europeans were eager to gain a foothold in the spice trade and dominance within Southeast Asia, including what was the Brunei Empire. It was during this time; that an unprecedented change saw the very beginning of the modern era of science and great exploration. Brunei was known as a powerful maritime

extending from Borneo Island to most parts in the Philippines. It was this historic event that gave the inspiration for the centre's name and its ambition to expand further by leveraging on technology.

31st May 2022 marked an auspicious day for the Royal Brunei Navy, as 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 Negara Brunei Darussalam officially inaugurated the Castile Simulation Centre, Naval Training Centre which currently consists of the Full Mission Bridge simulator (FMBS) and Flight Deck Operation simulator (FDOS).

In line with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) standard, the FMBS meets the Standard of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) compliancy allowing RBN to train its officers and sailors in different conditions or scenarios unlike traditional training onboard a ship. For instance, ship handling and based on

various locations at sea and scenarios to meet the various levels of knowledge and skills required on a course objective. Instructors would be able to teach students the importance of using the navigational aids onboard the bridge and how it correlates to keeping the ship safe at sea, which is crucial when confronting various weather and sea conditions. Moreover, students would be able to appreciate the “feel” of the ship’s manoeuvring capabilities as well as apply the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). Additionally, other training capabilities include Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), Radar/Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA), Bridge Team Management, Fleet Formation, Underway Replenishment, Search and Rescue operations, Weapon Application Firing, and Flight Deck Operations training.

Highlighting its key benefits, the simulator management software provides flexibility to RBN users through a selection of 294 areas in its library covering all the important shipping areas, straits, and ports, as well as extensive sections of inland waterways. New areas and ships can be developed through the 3D Model Wizard and Virtual Shipyard application. For instance, our RBN simulator operators have successfully developed Muara Naval Base, Muara Channel, and 3 classes of RBN ships which were showcased to His Majesty during the inauguration. Subsequently, the simulator allows RBN instructors to design challenging situations for students to undergo safely and without risk, which oftentimes they may not encounter regularly in real life.

FDOS provides immersive, 3-dimensional (3D) virtual environments integrated with gesture recognition. With the FDOS in place, the simulator can deliver consistent, high-quality training and maintain the training currency of Flight Deck Officers (FDO) without reliance on live assets. This will enable a safe environment where trainees are able to practice to



*His Majesty the Supreme Commander of the RBAF
officiating the Castile Simulator*

better increase their confidence before any practical is done onboard physical vessels. Furthermore, the FDOS is also able to emulate or simulate helicopter operations i.e., helicopter marshalling, helicopter landing and taking off, helicopter inflight refuelling, vertical replenishment, helicopter medical evacuation, and helideck firefighting. It is also worth noting that the aircraft can be controlled in two ways, manually by a pilot on the joystick or automatically on the instructor panel. This enables the trainees to appreciate the pilot’s point of view in conducting the helicopter operations onboard ships.

To date, the Castile Simulation Centre has trained our RBN officers and sailors in enhancing their knowledge and skills prior to supporting RBN fleet operational requirements. The RBN Naval Training Centre will continue its endeavour to leverage on technology and improve training capacity for the foreseeable future.

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Ensuring high
quality training
with technology.”**



Meet the Navy Divers, specialising in underwater operations often working with a dedicated team to complete diving, rescue and vessel boarding missions. Working in often hazardous environments in the deep or in rough seas, these highly trained individuals risk their lives daily whilst always ensuring that their teammates remain safe. The naval diver's motto is 'Tekad & Teguh' translating to 'Determined & Unwavering'. The Navy Diver performs under pressure and are true warriors of the sea.



COMMEMORATING HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The 14th of June 2022 was a day of fanfare for the Royal Brunei Navy's 57th Anniversary parade. Under the sunny blue skies, the RBN Parade square was lined with buntings and a sea of proud sailors. The parade was commanded by Lieutenant Commander Mohammad Hasmin bin Haji Hashim, RBN and First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry bin Haji Serudi @ Haji Seruji, Commander RBN was the honoured guest. In addressing the people of the Navy, First Admiral Spry highlighted the Navy's imperative yet challenging duty of maintaining peace and prosperity as well as the territorial integrity of Brunei's maritime domain. He went on to remind all levels of leadership of the critical leadership values and their need to lead by example so that others may follow.

The guest of honour was then invited to present awards to a select few from the RBN officers and sailors for achievements and professionalism in their careers; these include the presentation of the Principal Warfare Officer's badge to Lieutenant Commander Mohammad Husaini bin Haji Mohd Sofian, RBN and Lieutenant Commander Mohammad Shahrul Idham bin Haji Bungsu, RBN. The Fast Patrol Boat Class Commanding Officer certificate were awarded to Lieutenant Commander Mohammad Nabil bin Jalil, RBN and Lieutenant Commander Nazurah binti Haji Mahaleh, RBN. The Landing Craft Class Coxswain certificate were awarded to Warrant Officer 2 Shahirul Affendy bin Mohammad Rakawi, RBN, Warrant Officer 2 Addey Affendy bin Ali Hussin, RBN, and Warrant Officer 2 Mohammad Sopian bin Abdul Rahman, RBN. 14 RBN officers were also awarded the 'Officer of the Watch

Certificate' signifying their completion of bridge watchkeeping training and competence in taking the helm of RBN ships at sea as an Officer of the Watch.

The coveted Sauh Emas award signifying good leadership and competence as a sailor in the fleet was proudly presented to Warrant Officer 2 Mohammad Ariwan bin Mohammad, RBN, whilst Able Rate Muhammad Arifshahdan bin Matzainin, RBN received the Bintang Harapan award for the sailor showing immense potential. The Best Engineer was awarded to Lieutenant Ak Abdul Rauf Bahar bin Pg Haji Yusof, RBN and Warrant Officer 2 Alihan bin Haji Puteh, RBN. Lieutenant Junior Grade Nabilah Sa'adatul Hayat binti Shamsul Hayat, RBN was also awarded the 'Rules of the Road Master' award for demonstrating an excellent understanding of the Rules of the Road thus ensuring the safety of sailors at sea.

Awards were also given to the Best Male and Female Athletes commending their outstanding fitness capabilities. Recipients of the Best Male Athletes consist of Lieutenant Wan Izz Zafir Alawi bin Mohammad Kassim, RBN, and Able Rate Haji Syaza Naqiuddin





bin Haji Nafiah, RBN. The Best Female Athletes consist of Lieutenant Junior Grade Dk Nur Amrina binti Pg Abdul Aziz, RBN, and Ordinary Rate Noorsuriani binti Rusman, RBN.

The Navy is ever watchful over all its sailors and ensures that those who have gone above and beyond their call of duty are indeed acknowledged and rewarded. The awards not only serve to boost morale but also encourage a positive, safe and conducive work environment.



TO OURS SHIPS, OUR SAILORS, AND ABSENT FRIENDS: A SENIOR RATES GALA



22 June was steeped in tradition as the Senior Rates Mess decks celebrated the Royal Brunei Navy's 57th Anniversary. The glamorous black-tie dinner was a formal affair and an opportunity for the RBN Senior rates to treat their spouses to a fanciful navy dining experience. The Guest of Honour was Commander Hj Suhailee Bin Pungut, Commandant Support Services of the Royal Brunei Navy along with his wife, Julianah Binti Hj Jeffery. The beautiful and ornate affair was organised by Warrant Officer 1 Mohammad Alimin Bin Hj Roslan, President of the Mess Committee (PMC), Royal Brunei Navy Senior Rates' Mess and his wife, Suziyati Binti Hj Sarwadi. 197 Senior rates attended the gathering in the presence of the Navy Sergeant Major, Drill Sergeant Major, Warrant Officers and other RBN Senior Rates. The guest of honour, Commandant Support Services gave an address appreciating the families of Royal Brunei Navy Senior Rates, acknowledging the family institution as a Senior Rates pillar of strength in carrying out their duties. The Commandant pointed out the importance of unity to build stronger bonds, good time management to have proper work-life balance and the correct application of decision making. Prior to ending his address, the Commandant proceeded to acknowledge and congratulate Royal Brunei Navy Senior Rates on their achievements throughout the year. The event was also accompanied by a musical ensemble from the Royal Brunei Navy Band. The evening was remembered with the signing of the parchment by the Commandant Support Services of the Royal Brunei Navy. Such divisional interactions are highly encouraged amongst the Navy community.



DISTINGUISHED & DEDICATED SERVICE RECOGNISED



The 6th of June 2022 was a rather auspicious day for 63 well deserving sailors from the RBN to be awarded State Medals of Honour by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (R) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yusoff, Minister of Defence II in conjunction with the 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Birthday Celebration of His Majesty The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK) or the Meritorious Service Medal to 1 officer, Pingkat Indah Kerja Baik (PIKB) or Excellent Service Medal to 9 officers and 37 ratings, Pingat Pahlawan Periwara (PP) or the Star of Supreme Gallantry to 2 officers and 3 ratings, Asgar Pahlawan (AP) or the Distinguished Warrior Star to 7 officers and 5 senior rates and Penglima Lasgar (PL) or the Distinguished Soldier Star to 1 rating.



Such honours are awarded to a select few whom have demonstrated characteristics above and beyond what is required from every member of the RBAF. Medals such as the PJK may be awarded to any person who has performed service of conspicuous merit to Brunei, such service being characterised by resource and devotion to duty, including prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct. Indeed, these are a true testament to the hard work, dedication and determination of these distinguished sailors.



ENDURING THE PEACE PROCESS



Lt Cdr Muhammad Muizz bin Hj Muhd Zailani, RBN is currently serving a tour at the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) as a Verification and Monitoring Assistance Team Leader (VMAT TL) representing Brunei Darussalam since March 2022. In this international setting, he is working with representatives from Republic of Turkey, Government of Norway as well as from the Government of Japan. Locally he is working with different organizations each involved in the Peace Process differently, all towards common goal which is towards normalization. To name a few organizations such as the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Philippines National Police (PNP) and the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF).



When there are no decommissioning activities, IDB will conduct capacity building activities to ensure IDB personnel are well-trained and prepared to carry out its mandate. Among one of the activities was a Teambuilding Activity (TBA), which had the opportunity to facilitate with the local staff from IDB headquarters.

Alhamdulillah, there has been sustained peace in the region and I have had the opportunity to witness one of the region's stunning natural wonders which is Asik Asik Falls. It was only known to existence sometime in 2010, but with sustained peace in the region, there has been development of roads and site around it. The full majesty of water gushing from the mountainside slowly reveals itself in all its glory. Asik Asik literally means 'sprinkle-sprinkle' in the native Hiligaynon language. With continued peace and normalization, this region will surely open its doors to the world. Mayhap more wonders are discovered.

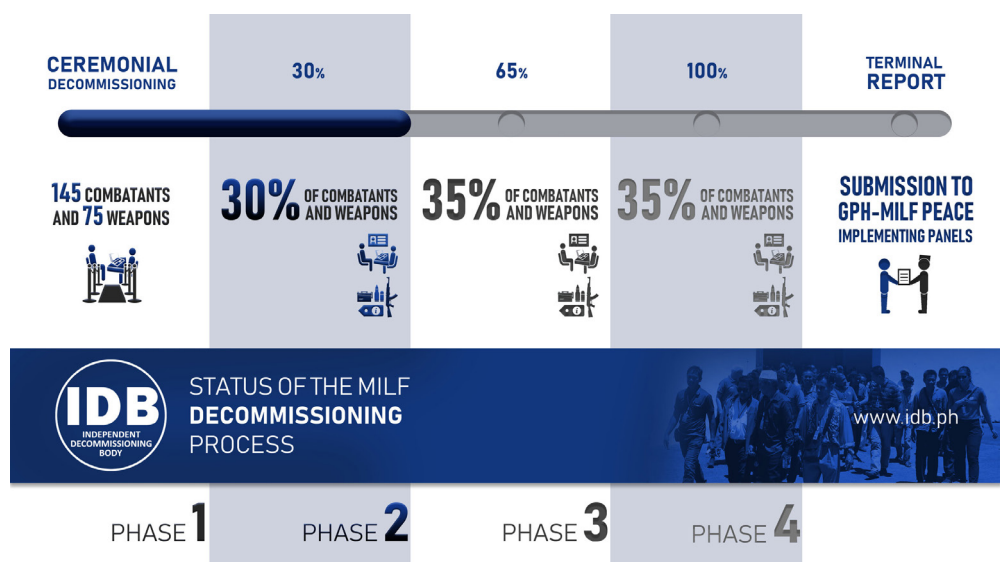


It has only been a few months and I have had the opportunity to experience a great wealth of knowledge and learning. Winning the hearts and minds of the locals is an essential part of our work.

To represent Brunei Darussalam in a foreign soil has always been a goal. But also to be part of the Peace Process will surely be the limelight of my career. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 4th Bruneian Contingent for IDB VMAT TL and contribute to the Peace and Normalization of the Bangsamoro.

Mindanao is the second largest island in the Philippines next to Luzon and is dubbed the country's 'Land of Promise' for its untapped, promising natural resources. Unfortunately, the past few decades have seen violence erupt throughout the region creating a complex geopolitical environment. IDB along with other peace mechanisms are on-site for the Peace Process.

The importance of this decommissioning process is vital for the normalization process. The decommissioning of combatants opens a new chapter into living a normal life. The implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro is complex involving various parties in achieving the components. IDB is part of the Security Component which is currently in the 3rd Phase of the MILF Decommissioning Process.





PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNER

Aman Samudera's 3rd Issue Photography Contest winner is this photo submission by Lt Cdr Shahbillellah Ikhwan bin Hj Ramlee, RBN with a birds eye view of KDB DARUSSALAM being illumanted by the glorious afternoon sun. KDB DARUSSALAM was commisioned on 14 May 2011. She is the first-of-class of four 80-meter Patrol Vessels. The Darussalam class plays a pivotal role in protecting the nation's territorial sovereignty of the maritime environment. As one of the Navy's most capable ship KDB DARUSSALAM stands ready to be deployed at a moments notice. Lt Cdr Ikhwan is the winner of the \$100 prize for this amazing shot. A photo worthy if this issue's cover page. Bravo Zulu!



LEAVING FOOTPRINTS AT RIMPAC 2022

By Lt Rasyidah Suziany binti Roslan, RBN

On the 27th of June 2022, Lt Cdr Shamshu Nuzli Wazri, Lt Hajah Umi Kalsum and I left Brunei Darussalam to participate in the 28th Rim of the Pacific Exercise, or more commonly known as RIMPAC.

With an impressive involvement of 26 nations and around 25,000 personnel, RIMPAC is the world's largest multi-national maritime warfare exercise, held in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. We were later joined by Lt Cdr Mohammad Baharudin who too was assigned as the Assistant Battle Watch Captain (ABWC) in the Commander Combined Task Force (CCTF) under the umbrella off USN 3rd Fleet as RIMPAC lead coordinator.

"Capable-Adaptive-Partners" was the theme for this year's RIMPAC, and it aimed to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. Conducted biennially, the exercise never fails to provide a unique training opportunity whilst fostering good relationships between nations.

Exercises planned were revolved around real-life situations and enhanced scenarios which include gunnery, missile firing sinking exercises, combined anti-submarine, anti-air missions, teaming up with unmanned surface vessels and a staged amphibious raid on the Hawaiian Islands.

Throughout the exercise, the three of us were positioned as CCTF and Combined Force Maritime Component Commander (CFMCC) staff in the Pacific Warfighting Centre in Ford Island. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Hajah Umi Kalsum was stood at the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), Fleet Logistics Centre, Pearl Harbour. Operating in a large, international, and multi-scale environment, we were compelled to step out of our comfort zone to work with and learn from other forces.

Apart from work, we had the opportunity to hike on one of the most

recognised landmarks of Hawaii. Diamond Head, known for its breathtaking scenic views and remains of historical military fortifications, spans over 475 acres on the southern shore of Oahu Island. The overall hike took us about two hours with plenty of photo stops in between. We also had a memorable visit to the North Shore, a stretch of coast on the north of Oahu Island known for big waves and home to several tourist sites such as the Polynesian Cultural Centre, Dole Plantation and Turtle Bay.

Not only has RIMPAC brought multiple countries together, but it was also an opportunity for sailors, soldiers, and airmen to conduct training together, operating together and overall increasing their interoperability. All participating nations were able to develop cohesiveness and forge friendships. I certainly treasure every moment of it and I hope that more RBN officers have the same opportunity to have a grand experience as I have.



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With real world scenarios constantly changing, we need to be able to adapt to each of our partner nations capabilities so we can work with one another efficiently and effectively.

-Royal Brunei Navy Lt. Rasyidah Roslan

PACIFIC WARFIGHTING CENTER



Combined-Force Maritime Component Commander Assistant Battle Watch Captain (ABWC), Lt Rasyidah Suziany binti Hj Roslan is proud to be involved in one of the world's largest maritime exercise in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Involving 38 ships, four submarines, over 170 aircraft, 30 unmanned systems and about 25,000 personnel from 26 nations, she gained a unique training opportunity and an appreciation of both the tactical and operational concepts of operations and warfare.

Photo Credit: @RimofthePacific on Twitter





REAFFIRMED TIME-HONoured DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP

The Republic of Singapore Navy represents one of the Royal Brunei Navy's earliest bilateral partnership dating back to the 1980s. The excellent relationship between both navies have mirrored the bilateral relationship at the national level with regular exchange of visits at all levels. The introductory visit made by First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry bin Haji Serudi @ Haji Seruji, Commander RBN, on the 30th of March 2022 represents a continuation of the strong bonds between both navies and occurs just after the relaxation of travel restrictions imposed during the height of the global pandemic.

The introductory visit was officiated with the ceremonial guard of honour at the Ministry of Defence Singapore where Commander RBN inspected the guard of honour accompanied by Rear Admiral Aaron Beng, Chief of the RSN.



FADM Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry reviewing the Guard of Honour at MINDEF, SAF

The navy represented a vital platform in maintaining defence diplomacy during the pandemic as navies around the world were still able to cooperate with each other through the modality of contactless exercises. This introductory visit, however, was a statement of the importance of people-to-people relationships as relationships are built and established first at an interpersonal level and enhanced by the continued interactions between personnel of both organisations, in this case the RBN and the RSN.

The introductory visit also occurred at a momentous time for both navies as plans were in place to reinvigorate naval diplomacy by incorporating physical interaction in



FADM Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry exchanging views with Minister of Defence, Dr. Eng Hen



FADM Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry exchanging views with SAF Chief of Defence Force, LG Melvyn Ong



FADM Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry calls to Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Aaron Beng

the 40th Series of Exercise PELICAN held in Singapore which marks the first ever shift back to pre-pandemic interactions during exercises for the Royal Brunei Navy. Among other plans were the resumption of face-to-face meetings for the Navy-to-Navy talks between the RSN and the RBN to be held in Singapore later this year.

These initiatives were among the highlights during the courtesy calls made by Commander RBN to Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Singapore Minister for Defence, Lieutenant General Dato Paduka Seri Melvyn Ong, Chief of Defence Force of the Singapore Armed Forces, and Rear Admiral Aaron Beng, RSN Chief.

Meet the Naval Officers, they are managers of the Royal Brunei Navy. They lead teams of ratings on operations. They rely on their training and capabilities to make important decisions. A Naval Officer's career branches out to many vocations either becoming a Navigation officer, Principal Warfare Officer, the Executive Officer, the Commanding Officer, a Logistics Officer, a Marine or Weapons & Electrical Engineering Officer or a Base Defence Officer.

Naval officers are responsible for their divisions managing a team of dedicated sailors, in a range of unique and challenging environments. They react to ever-changing situations, using their tactical skills to triumph, whatever the challenge.



Maritime Security and Response Flotilla

As part of the restructured Maritime Security Command, the new Maritime Security and Response Flotilla was set up to better tackle evolving maritime threats that have grown in scale and complexity.

To strengthen its capabilities, the flotilla is acquiring new purpose-built ships. As a start, it will operate four Sentinel-class Maritime Security and Response Vessels (MSRVs) and two Maritime Security and Response Tugboats (MSRTs).

The Sentinel-class **MSRVs** are equipped with a suite of capabilities to provide more calibrated options against a range of maritime security threats. The four vessels are MSRV *Sentinel*, MSRV *Guardian*, MSRV *Protector* and MSRV *Bastion*.

The **Long Range Acoustic Device and Laser Dazzler System** allows crew to project verbal warnings and issue visual warnings in the day or at night.



Typhoon Mk 25mm Gun

• **Live Video Pipe-back System**
• **Surveillance Electro-Optic System**

Modular Ballistic Protection

76mm OTO Melara Gun

7.62mm General Purpose Machine Gun

Fenders at the side of the ship will enable it to come alongside vessels of interest quickly.

FUTURE PURPOSE-BUILT SHIPS



The new ships will work with the Littoral Mission Vessels and Unmanned Surface Vessels to protect Singapore's territorial waters and respond to maritime incidents.

The **MSRTs** will enable the RSN to better respond to and assist in incidents at sea, as well as support base operations.

During the introductory visit, Commander RBN also visited RSN's Maritime Security & Response Flotilla (MSRF) which operates under the RSN's Maritime Security Command. It operates with other SAF units and national agencies to protect the RSN's naval bases and key maritime facing installations. The newly inaugurated MSRF will operate new purpose-built vessels in the coming years. Meanwhile, the flotilla operates four SENTINEL-Class Maritime Security & Response Vessels (MSRV) which have been refurbished from the former FEARLESS-Class Patrol Vessels which Commander RBN visited, accompanied by Rear Admiral Yong Wei Hsiung, Commander of RSN's Maritime Security Command.

The visit opens opportunities for both navies to work closely on the maritime security front as maritime security threats continues to grow in scale and complexity. It also facilitates sharing of best practices on restructuring fleets and refurbishing vessels to optimise operational functionality and the logistic preparation required.

The working visit by Commander RBN to MSRF represents the potential initiation of professional exchanges to come between the RBN and the RSN at the working level aimed at improving related systems and processes. It goes beyond achieving interoperability at sea and strives towards streamlining processes that occur behind the scenes. Thus, deepening mutual understanding and trust between both navies.

“PROFESSIONAL SHARING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL”

By Lt Cdr Nuruddin bin Hj Sidup, RBN



Meet the Base Defence Master-at-Arms, they are the Navy's security protection professionals. They may operate a force protection watercraft for harbour security protection, control a base access point, perform weapons escorts, and riot control. Their duty is to enforce and uphold the law within the Naval Installation and to ensure that access and entry points are secure. They are highly motivated facing challenging field work with unmatched potential for personal growth and professional development. The Master-at-Arms are required to think on their feet, equipped with problem solving and critical thinking skills that supplement their leadership on the field.



AVID PRODUCER SINGER-SONGWRITER TAKES HOME TOP ENTERTAINMENT PRIZES

By Lt Wann Izz Zafir Alawi bin Mohd Kasim, RBN

A multifaceted, hardworking and without a doubt an extraordinary individual, Lt Ak Faizul bin Pg Hj Razali Azmizan has collected several accolades since commissioning as a Naval Officer in 2013. Graduating with a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Computer Systems and Communication Engineering, he eventually earned his stripes and became a Weapons and Electrical Engineering Officer of the Royal Brunei Navy. However, on the side he is raking up an impressive list of awards for talents beyond engineering. Let us delve into his life for a closer look at what motivates this talented officer to obtain such accomplishments that makes the Navy proud of this all-round talent.

Q: Tell us of your humble beginnings. How have you affected the Brunei Entertainment scene?

It started with a 6-piece band hailing from Brunei Darussalam named "A Band Once". Formed in 2006 with initially three members - Syafiq, Izzat and Padil - the band recruited 3 more namely Khai, Adi and me with aspirations of only jamming our favourite songs together.

Eventually, we were inspired to write our own songs. So, in 2007 we released our first single entitled "Te'a" to national and private radio stations around Brunei hoping to share our music with

the people of Brunei.

The song gained traction and soon we began to see support grow on home ground. Before we knew it, we had a fanbase that surpassed 60,000 followers on social media. This encouraged us to write more songs.

Following "Te'a" were "Kembalilah", "Waktu Berakhir", "Pengorbanan", "MIB", and "Tunjukkan". By this time, we had fans popping up and showing love from Malaysia, Singapore and even Indonesia.

Later in 2019 the band released another single "Manusia Biasa" which we first performed back in 2018 in Singapore, at the One Voice: The Best of ASEAN Performing Arts 2018 showcase where top songwriting talents from across the 10 Southeast Asian countries that make up ASEAN would come together to perform for their countries.

"I believe that we've made an impact and set the standard in the Brunei Music Scene. My advice is to always try and be different and to be current. My hope is to inspire others to elevate the Brunei music scene to grow it into a Brunei Music Industry one day.



Lt Ak Faizul won Best Vocal Choice Award at RTB's Anugerah Pelangi ke-8, 2022



A collaboration between Thailand's Asia 7 and Brunei Darussalam's A Band Once performing in Singapore, 2018



Trained in the Pakistan Navy Engineering College PNS JAUHAR, PNS KARSAZ Base, Karachi

Best Music Video Award at
the Brunei Content Festival
2022



“ My video making skills were honed in the Navy.”

builds on my confidence, and it shape me into a better person. In between public speaking, performing in front of large audiences and being a naval officer, I make it a point to uphold my professionalism as this is one of my core values. Whenever I'm on stage I must always be aware of how I present myself to the public because at the end of the day I must lead by example to my colleagues and sailors.

Q: What advice do you have to those who you have inspired to follow in your footsteps?

For those who want to follow my path, my advice is to always be true to yourself and set your goals, fame is not in my vocabulary. I just want to make a change and set the standard in the Brunei music scene through innovation and creativity. It's never wrong to dream big, just trust the process and one day you will succeed in achieving your dreams.



Officer Cadet (L) Ak Faizul Azmizan Pg Hj Razali was presented the "Best in Physical Training Endurance" award by his Majesty the Supreme Commander of the RBAF, 2013



Performing in front of an audience of 10,000 in Purana Qila, India

Q: How do you keep yourself grounded? How has all your achievements shaped you?

I'm a keen runner and do a lot of CrossFit, but I find myself being drawn more into multimedia editing, so much so my close friends would call me "Gadget" because I've always been tech-savvy since my secondary years. These are my soft skills.

On top of that singing has always been in my family. A typical Bruneian family would have a karaoke machine around at home and I've always known that I can sing but never thought I'd be a professional singer and win these awards. Without realising it, I've been involved in the Brunei music scene for over 16 years now.

I take vocal lessons professionally to better myself. As a performer, this

AWARDS

Pelangi Awards
Best New Artist 2008/2009

Pelangi FM
Artist of the Year 2009

Cool Tones Awards
Best Artisit 2010

Pelangi Awards
Best Vocal Duo/Group 2010/2011

RTB Awards
Best Popular Band 2014

Pelangi Awards
Best Vocal Duo/Group 2017

Brunei Content Festival
Best Music Video Awards 2022

Pelangi Awards
Best Male Vocalist 2022
Best Song, Choice Award 2022

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

ASEAN-India Music Festival 2017,
Purana Qila, India

One Voice: The Best of ASEAN
Performing Arts 2018, Singapore

INDO PACIFIC 2022



Royal Brunei Navy
Deputy Sergeant
Major with Warrant
Officer Deb
Butterworth, Warrant
Officer of the Royal
Australian Navy
in exchange of
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SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER REACHES BEYOND THE HORIZON

By Lt JG Pg Mohd Fadhl bin Pg Hj Ali, RBN



RBN DSM with Military Expert 6 Richard Goh,
Master Chief of the Republic of Singapore Navy

“ I am honoured to represent my fellow naval enlistees and our country in such a prestigious arena.”

The Indo-Pacific Sailors' Forum 2022 gathers senior enlisted personnel from Indo-Pacific Navies in Sydney, Australia in conjunction with the biennial Indo-Pacific exposition. This year's theme for the Sailors' Forum, "Friendship, Partnership, and Leadership", gives senior enlisted leaders to explore ways of making leadership more of a partnership in the navy of the future.

Royal Brunei Navy's Drill Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer 1 Anizanazree bin Haji Omar, representing Royal Brunei Navy's Senior Enlisted Leader, had the opportunity to attend this year's Indo-Pacific 2022 and interacted with other senior enlisted leaders from around the region.

WO1 Anizanazree was part of RBN's delegation led by the RBN Commander, First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Spry bin

Haji Serudi @ Seruji and was also joined by Commander Haji Edy Jofren bin Pehin Dato Panglima Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Jalil. This year's series of the Indo-Pacific Expo consisted of more than 70 conferences, seminars, forums and symposia of which the RBN delegation participated in the Sea Power Conference, King-Hall History conference and the Sailor's Forum.

These platforms represent a resumption of in-person naval diplomacy activities among regional navies in a multilateral setting. This is especially important for the navy as it operates in oceans where unplanned encounters occur frequently and helps to streamline cooperative efforts between navies. Relationship building between Naval leadership across all levels help to establish a foundation of mutual trust and confidence between the navies.

Ujian Perjalanan Hovercraft A.M.D.B. Berhasil

PEKAN MUARA. — Pemberita2 tempatan telah berpeluang ikut menumpang didalam pesawat Hovercraft SRN 5 pada 19 Mach yang lalu bagi menguji kebolehan pesawat tersebut.

Turut serta dalam pesawat itu ia-lah Pengarah Jabatan Penyariran dan Penerangan, Brunei, Awang G. V. de Freitas.

Pesawat tersebut di-punyai oleh Pasokan Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei bagi kegunaan menjaga keselamatan dalam negeri dan memudahkan perhubungan yang melalui sungai.

Dengan menggunakan pesawat itu juga akan memudahkan memberi pertolongan2 chemas bagi sa-sabahu tempat dalam pelayaran Brunei yang jauh terpencil dari bandar seperti dalam Daerah Temburong.

Pesawat hovercraft itu dipesan dari Sharikat World Wide Helicopters Westland dan kuasa laju yang boleh di-buat oleh pesawat itu ia-lah 72 batu dalam satu jam dan ia-nya berharga kira2 \$650,000.

wat yang di-pandu oleh Kapitan F. Hicks dari Perkhidmatan World Wide Helicopters tersebut, telah menyusur dipelayaran Muara sa-lama kira2 sa-tengah jam.

Dalam perhubungan itu juga, telah di-perlihatkan bagaimana pesawat itu memendekkan perjalanan-nya dengan merentas hujung pasir Pelumpang bagi mendapatkan Pekan Muara le-beh cepat.

Ketika memotong tanjong Pelumpang itu, pesawat tersebut telah melalui batang2 kayu balak yang burok yang bergelimpangan diatas pasir dengan mudah saja.

Di-samping itu kecekapan yang ada pada pesawat itu ia-lah kecekapan-nya berputar dengan mudah.

Dalam gambar ini kelihatan sa-bilangan daripada orang2 yang te-lah di-jemput menaiki "hovercraft" kepunyaan Askar Melayu Diraja Brunei pada pagi hari Sabtu yang lalu. Bilangan ke-empat dari kiri ia-lah Pengarah Penyariran dan Penerangan Brunei, Awang G. V. de Freitas.

In the wake of the Navy

WESTLAND SR.N5 HOVERCRAFT: A LEGACY NOT SOON FORGOTTEN

BY: CDR PG MOHD FAREN



The Westland Saunders Roe SR.N5 (or Warden Class) which first flew for the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment RBMR, in 1966 as part of its military expansion. The amphibious vehicle had a capacity for 15 troops and a pilot. It had a top speed of 72 knots and a range of up to 240 nautical miles. Apart from its role to uphold the State of Brunei's national security, the medium-sized hovercraft was also used for search and rescue as well as to access hard to reach places such as those found in the Temburong district.

PELITA BRUNEI, Hari Rabu 18 Jun, 1969.

Pengakap tinjau kegiatan Pasokan Laut AMDB



MUARA. — Satu rombongan 29 orang anggota Pasokan Pe- ngakap Laut Venture pada minggu lepas telah melawat pasokan laut Askar Melayu Di-Raja Brunei di-Muara.

Sa-tiba mereka di-pengkal-an itu, mereka di-sambut oleh Kapitan Mohammad Hussein bin Haji Mohammad, yang kemudian-nya menerangkan mengenai tugas dan tanggung jawab kompeni itu.

Rombongan itu telah diperlihatkan dengan kapal2 pasokan itu termasuk kapal2 ronda, pesawat hovercraft dan kapal KD PAHLAWAN, sa-lain dari mereka berpeluang melawat workshop dan tempat2 memperbaiki di-pengkal-an itu.

Lawatan itu di-tamatkan dengan membawa pelawat itu menaiki kapal ronda dan hovercraft.

Gambar atas menunjukkan sa-bahagian daripada pengakap2 tersebut sedang di-beri penerangan mengenai dengan pesawat hovercraft ketika mereka mengadakan lawatan ke-pasokan laut Askar Melayu Di-Raja di-Muara pada hari Jumaat lepas.

Askar Melayu	Di-Raja Brunei
Rank:	Major
Name:	Mohamad Hussain 'Cowboy' bin Hj Mohamad
D.O.B:	02 May 1939
Service History:	Administrative Officer 1st Boat Sqn Pilot SR.N5 Hovercraft

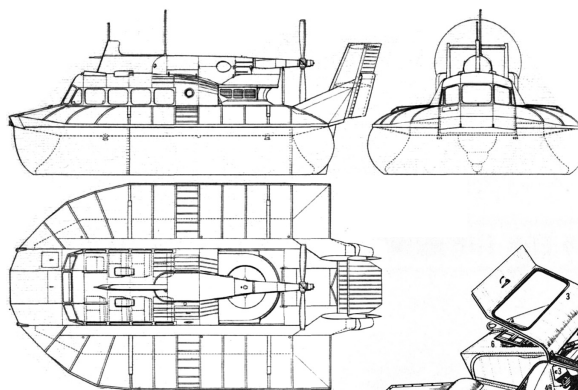


Pegawai Pemerintah Pertama AMDB, Brig. Tengku Ahmad bin Tengku Besar Burhanuddin (di-tengah2) bergambar dengan enam orang pegawai2 AMDB yang terdiri dari pemuda2 tempatan. Dari kiri, Lt. Hussain Hj. Mohamad, Kapitan Yusuf bin Md. Said, Kapitan Sulaiman bin Awang Damit, Brig. Tengku Ahmad, Kapitan Ak. Ibnu bin Pg. Hj. Apong, Kapitan Mohammad bin Haji PAUL dan Kapitan Ariffin bin Hj. Adh. Wahab.

- PELITA BRUNEI, 31 Mei 1967



The British-made Westland SR.N5 Hovercraft, purchased by the Brunei Government was put through the test in 1966. - Reuters



WESTLAND SR.N5
Powerplant One Bristol Siddeley Marine Gnome or General Electric 1M-100, of 900 s.h.p.
Dimensions Overall length, 39ft 5in; overall breadth, 22ft 5in; overall height (skirt extended), 14ft 9in; length of centre hull, 35ft; width of centre hull, 8ft 3in; height of centre hull, landing path to top of nacelle, 8ft 5in; overall cabin dimensions, 12ft long by 7ft 5in wide (to sill) by 6ft high; overall frontal area, 183 sq ft; cushion area, 493 sq ft; beam of cushion, 18ft 6in.
Weights Basic, equipped for overwater passenger operation, 10,200 lb; normal disposable load, 5,600 lb (200 lb crew, 3,300 lb payload and 2,000 lb fuel); gross weight, 15,800 lb; max payload, approx. 6,600 lb; overload gross weight, 17,500 lb.
Performance Max speed at 6in clearance under skirt, 70kt; max speed at 6in daylight clearance, 57kt; acceleration from rest to 70kt, 76sec; deceleration from 70kt to rest, 33sec; overwave performance, 3ft waves at 60kt, 5ft waves at 35kt; gradient, can hover on 1:6 slope or climb 50yd at 1:3 with initial speed of 23kt; obstacle clearance, vertical obstruction up to 3ft 6in or earth bank up to 5ft; range, 240 n.m. with 3,300 lb payload at 15,800 lb gross; endurance, 3hr 30min.

KEY
1. Passenger cabin (15-seat layout shown)
2. Driver's position
3. Top-half upward-hinging entrance door
4. Lower-half entrance door also forming loading ramp
5. Towing and mooring points
6. Anchor and battery locker (24V, 40A-hr)
7. Dinghy locker
8. Cabin vents, port and starboard
9. Dorsal fin
10. Radio mast (radio optional extra to suit operator requirements)
11. Fire zone and fuel bay
12. Engine air intake with Knitmesh filters (airflow: white arrows)

13. Glass-fibre moulded fan intake
14. Upper fan cone casing
15. Plenum chamber
16. Centre buoyancy tank
17. Working platform for servicing propeller and aft control surfaces
18. Twin-fin tail unit
19. Rudders
20. Elevators
21. Fin support tubes
22. Fin attachment points
23. Aft mooring points
24. Non-slip surfaces
25. Plenum-chamber support bracing tubes

26. Side buoyancy tanks
27. Buoyancy-tank vents
28. Hard standing pads (six)
30. Air-cushion feed
31. Quick detachable transport joints
32. Tubular outriggers
33. Outer-buoy support frames
34. Aft-deep flexible skirt (6ft lengths can be lifted independently)
35. Skirt inner wall
36. Piano-hinge skirt attachment

47. Fire suppression bottles
48. Oil cooler
49. Oil-cooler air outlet
50. Furnishing panel
51. Windscreen wipers
52. Windscreen wash reservoir
53. Bleed duct to bucket rudder
54. Bucket rudders
55. Pennant staff

P Powerplant
P1. Oil tank
P2. Oil filler cap
P3. Engine air intake
P4. Detachable engine hatch
P5. Bristol Siddeley Marine Gnome series 1051 engines
P6. Engine-support tubes
P7. Engine-bay firewall
P8. Aft engine pipes
P9. Bifurcate exhaust ducts
P10. 1.6kW generator and mounting (cog-belt drive)
P11. Primary engine-reduction gearbox
P12. Aft mounting support tubes
P13. Secondary gearbox drive-shaft
P14. Secondary gearbox bracing struts
P15. Secondary bevel-drive gearbox
P16. Inspection cover
P17. Oil jet to bevel gears
P18. Oil return pipe
P19. Aft cone to gearbox seal
P20. Propeller drive shaft
P21. Aft steady roller bearing
P22. Aft support struts
P23. Roller bearings
P24. Fan drive shaft fairing
P25. Dowty-Rotol 9ft reversing propeller
P26. 7ft centrifugal fan
P27. Fan thrust bearing
C Controls
C1. Control console
C2. Rudder pedals
C3. Instrument panel
C4. Skirt control
C5. Propeller pitch and engine controls
C6. Elevator control lever
C7. Control runs (outside cabin wall)
C8. Rudder controls
C9. Rudder interconnecting
C10. Elevator controls

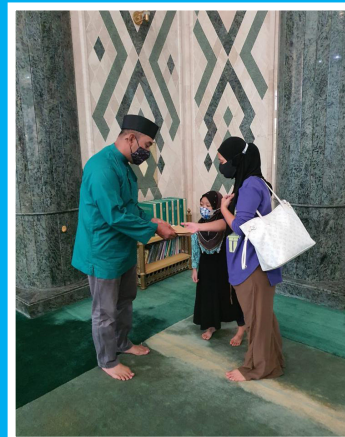


Left, driver's controls in the N5 are unlike those in most other air-cushion vehicles. Bottom, a recent photograph of the N5 production line at Westland's Saunders-Roe Division. As described in the text, the company are making 20 of these versatile craft, and expect to lay down additional batches to meet future demand



This drawing was prepared with the full co-operation of Westland's Saunders-Roe Division at East Cowes, and has been brought fully up to the latest modification standard. The mechanical details of the structure and dynamic components may be clearly seen, but certain design features of the Westland patented flexible-skirt system must remain confidential. The drawing shows an N5 equipped in a typical passenger role, with 15 passenger seats.

FLIGHT International supplement, 23 July 1964



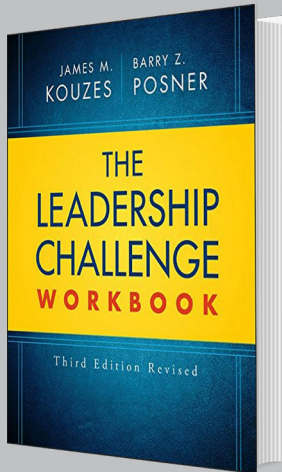
THE NAVY SUPPORTS YOU AT HOME & AT WORK

By Lt Cdr Shahbillellah Ikhwan Bin Haji Ramlee, RBN

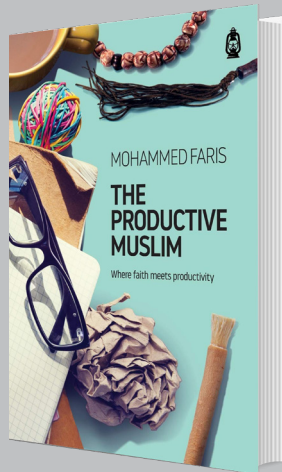
Our greatest asset is our human resource and the wellbeing of our sailors go in hand with the safe and efficient workforce we strive to be. With greater empathy towards our people and a desire to bring positivity to the work environment, we encourage our people to come together and show that we support one another in hard times and celebrate the good times. Being fit isn't just about the physical aspect but our mental health as well. There are plenty of mechanisms for welfare support in the Navy from counselling, financial support, spiritual guidance and physical health initiatives. Ultimately it is our faith in the goodness in others that drive us. Verily Allah has said, "So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. And Whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it." Surah Al-Zalzalah (Verse 7-8). So reach out, lend a helping hand.

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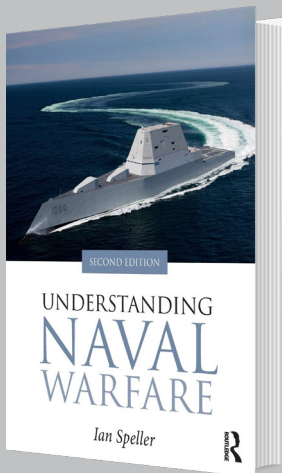


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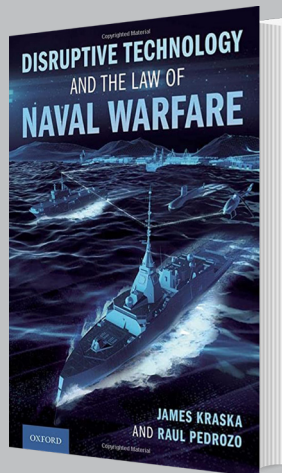


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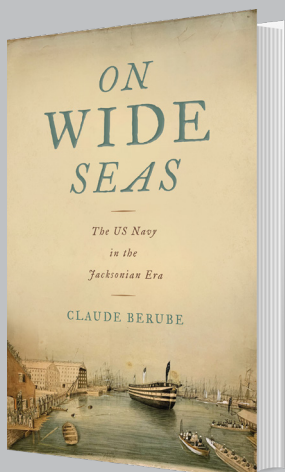
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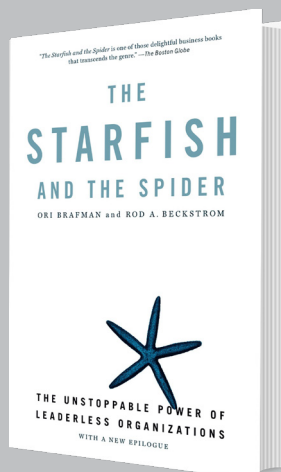
Abu Hurairah Radiallahu 'Anhu reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessing be upon him, said, "Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah makes easy for them a path to Paradise."

(Sahih, Muslim)

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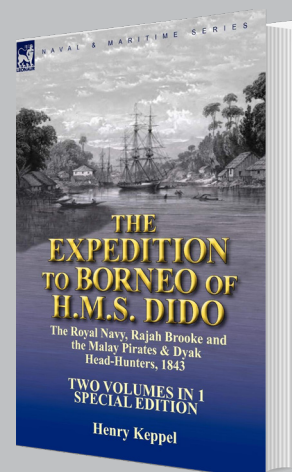


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