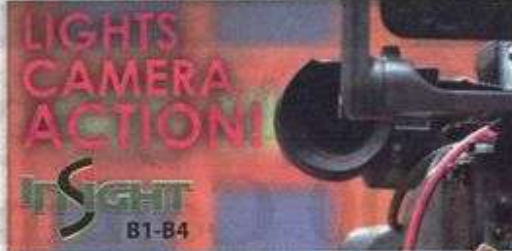


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His Majesty graces Gurkha parade



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Waif Wardi Wasil
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

HIS Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, graced the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin yesterday.

His Majesty is also the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

The parade marks two centuries of Gurkha service to the British Crown as well as the special relationship between the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and British Army.

The British High Commission here in a statement said the parade consisted of two contingents — one from the Brigade of Gurkhas and one from the Royal Brunei Land Forces, making up a total of 750 military personnel.

Queen Elizabeth II representative, Colonel Commandant Brigade of Gurkhas, General Sir Peter Wall, also attended the parade.

General Sir Wall said the parade demonstrated the special relationship between the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and British Army.

"The unique and enduring relationship between Brunei and the

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of RBAF, inspecting the parade yesterday during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade. Picture: BT/Zaim Kasmat ■ More story and photos on pages A2, A3, A4 and A5

Military officials call for strengthened cooperation

Rabiatul Kamit and Waif Wardi Wasil
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

MILITARY officials are calling on the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and British Forces Brunei

to strengthen bilateral cooperation towards bolstering regional peace and security.

General Sir Peter Wall, Colonel Commandant of The Brigade of Gurkhas, yesterday underscored the need for collaboration between

security forces in tackling the rise of non-traditional security threats including terrorist movements.

"The only way we can deal with those sorts of threats is to work collaboratively," he said at the Gurkha 200 Commemorative

Parade held in Bandar Seri Begawan.

As the only remaining British military base operating in Asia after 1997, General Sir Wall pointed out it is important for the British Forces Brunei to contribute

to regional peace and security whilst enhancing its bilateral ties with the sultanate.

"I hope our relationship continues to go from strength to

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BRUNEI AIR QUALITY

As of 4pm, Monday, 12 October 2015

District	Air Quality	PSI
BRUNEI-MUARA	GOOD	18
BELAIT	GOOD	29
TEMBURONG	GOOD	15
TUTONG	GOOD	23

Source: JASTRE

WEATHER FORECAST

DAY NIGHT

TODAY 32°C/24°C



WEDNESDAY 33°C/25°C



THURSDAY 32°C/24°C



TODAY'S WEATHER

Early morning thundery showers mostly at sea during the early morning, with chance of affecting some coastal areas. Becoming generally partly cloudy afterwards. However, coastal thundery showers are expected again during the night.

Winds

From Southwest, at 05-10 km/h in the morning and at night, and from West or Northwest at 10-25 km/h in the afternoon.

Sea conditions
Slight, at 0.2-2.8 m.

Advisory:
NIL.

Source: Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Department
Ministry of Communications

Meteorological forecaster on duty
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Weather Hotline 114

ASIAWEATHER

ABU DHABI	36°C	☀️
BANGKOK	32°C	☀️
BEIJING	26°C	☁️
HONG KONG	29°C	☁️
JAKARTA	36°C	☀️
KUALA LUMPUR	34°C	☀️
NEW DELHI	41°C	☀️
SINGAPORE	33°C	☀️
TOKYO	23°C	☁️
SEOUL	22°C	☁️

His Majesty graces Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade

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United Kingdom based on mutual respect, trust and close cooperation in education and defence has never been stronger," he was quoted as saying in the British High Commission's statement.

The Gurkhas have been based in Brunei since 1962, the statement added. According to the Gurkha 200 Commemoration website, the first battalion of The Royal Gurkha Rifles is serving in Brunei, where they are the army's jungle warfare experts.

The booklet commemorating the event stated that the Brigade of Gurkhas' role in Brunei is to conduct training in the tropical environment of the sultanate's jungles as the wildlife provides the soldiers with challenging training opportunities. The Gurkha soldiers conduct regular arduous training with the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) to enhance the capabilities of personnel of both contingents as well as foster close friendships with each other.

A similar parade was last held in 1998 when His Majesty and Queen Elizabeth II inspected a parade of RBAF and the Brigade of Gurkhas at the Indoor Stadium in Berakas.

Before the parade began, His Majesty was accompanied by General Sir Wall to inspect the contingents.

Standing tall, the soldiers marched in unison while their proud family members took pictures. Members and family members of the British Forces Brunei and students of the Hornbill School in Seria also mingled with



(Above) His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah (L), the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Her Majesty the Queen's Representative and Colonel Commandant, the Brigade of Gurkhas, General Sir Peter Wall (C) and Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Pehin Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih Abdullah (R) during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin, Bandar Seri Begawan yesterday. (Below left) His Majesty being greeted by well-wishers during yesterday's parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin, Bandar Seri Begawan. Pictures: BT/Rabiatul Kamil, Zaim Kasmat

His Majesty after the parade.

A similar celebration was held earlier this year with a parade through the streets of central London in April and a pageant held on the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London in June.

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(Left) His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah (R), the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, consented to receive a 'pesambah' from General Sir Peter Wall (2nd R), during an audience at Istana Nurul Iman yesterday. (Right) His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam (R) talks with General Sir Peter Wall (4th L), Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas, as David Campbell (3rd L), the British High Commissioner to Brunei, Colonel Mike Paige (2nd L), the Defence Advisor at the British High Commission, and Colonel James Robinson, Brigade of Gurkhas (L) look on during yesterday's audience at Istana Nurul Iman. Pictures: BT/Ridhwan Kamarulzaman

His Majesty receives in audience General Sir Peter Wall

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

HIS Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), yesterday received in audience Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas

General Sir Peter Wall.

General Sir Peter Wall was in the country to attend yesterday's Commemoration Parade of the 200th anniversary of Gurkha Military Service to the British Crown, which was held at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin.

He was here as the personal representative of Queen Elizabeth II of the United

Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Present during the audience at Istana Nurul Iman were Deputy Defence Minister Dato Paduka Hj Mustappa Hj Sirat; RBAF Commander Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih Abdullah and British High Commissioner to Brunei David Campbell.

Also present at the audience were British High Commission's Defence Advisor Colonel Mike Paige; Brigade of Gurkhas Colonel James Robinson; Permanent Secretary at Brunei's Prime Minister's Office Dato Paduka Hj Hamdan Hj Abu Bakar and Permanent Secretary of Defence Datin Paduka Hjh Surayah Hj Umar.

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Officials urge boosted cooperation

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strength, and that we work hard to get the very best team work in terms of military capability and understanding of cultures," he said.

Following talks with General Sir Wall, RBAF Commander Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih Abdullah urged the two forces to expand cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations.

"At district level, there is an avenue for them to be involved in HADR operations since they are part of the Belait community," he said.

Pehin Major General Dato Mohd Tawih said Brunei will continue to welcome any assistance provided by the British Forces Brunei in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

He acknowledged that the British Forces Brunei deployed two Bell 212 helicopters in May to help local security agencies fight forest and peat fires in Belait.

"We share experience and expertise in a lot of areas, so we are always trying to improve our relationship with them," he added.

British Forces Brunei Com-



(Above) Brigade of Gurkhas soldiers marching pass during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin, Bandar Seri Begawan, yesterday. (Right) Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Commander Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih Abdullah (L) receives a courtesy call from Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas General Sir Peter Wall at the Bolkiah Garrison yesterday. Pictures: Courtesy of MinDef, BT/Rabiatul Kamit

mander Lieutenant Colonel Jodi Davies said they are keen to build on bilateral cooperation with the RBAF in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

With a range of capabilities, he said the British Forces Brunei can provide helicopters, armed river crafts and manpower among other

types of assistance.

"Military troops are one of the options nations can use to try and alleviate suffering, and assist the countries that are affected," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Davies, who is also the commanding officer of the First Battalion Royal Gurkha



Rifles, noted that HADR operations play a key role as natural disasters are a common occurrence in the region.

"It's a very obvious area of cooperation that both our countries would be very interested in doing the maximum we can to provide support," he commented.

Based on a Gurkha infantry battalion of about 2,400 personnel including dependents, the British Forces Brunei has been protecting the sultanate since 1959 under the terms of the Exchange of Notes, known as the Garrison Agreement, which is renewed every five years.

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Paying tribute to Gurkha service



(Left) His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, inspects the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade with Queen Elizabeth II's representative, General Sir Peter Wall (2nd L). Also pictured are RBAF Commander Pehin Major General Dato Mohd Tawih (R) and Commander of British Forces Brunei Lt Col Jodi Davies at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien. (Above) His Majesty smiles during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade. Pictures: BT/Rabiatul Kamit, Zaim Kasmat



(Left) His Majesty greets well-wishers during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade. (Above) Royal Brunei Land Force personnel march during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien. Picture: BT/Rabiatul Kamit, Zaim Kasmat



(Above) Brigade of Gurkhas personnel march during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien. (Left) An elderly woman waves a mini national flag during the parade. Picture: BT/Zaim Kasmat

Sandhurst friends reunite for Gurkha parade

Wail Wardi Wasil and Rabiatal Kamit
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

THE Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade not only provided the rare spectacle of British Forces Brunei and Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF) personnel marching in unison, but also brought two long-lost friends together.

After the parade, Lieutenant Colonel Jodi Davies, commander of the British Forces Brunei and commanding officer of the First Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, could be seen catching up with Lieutenant Colonel HJ Mohd Shanonnizam Sulaiman, commanding officer of Third Battalion of RBLF.

Speaking to reporters, the two friends said they first met in 1997 at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom. There, they spent 44 weeks of training together.

They are now both commanding their own battalions, with the parade giving them the chance to

work alongside each other once again.

The parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin went well, but not without problems during the rehearsals as both battalions were used to different drill movements.

Nevertheless, both commanding officers agreed that the result was impressive. "We've spent the last week rehearsing very close together. The coordination and choreography required to make the two slightly different drills work together, I think you'll agree (that it) was a fantastic spectacle today," said Lt Col Davies.

Lt Col Shanonnizam Sulaiman credited the parade's success to the close friendships of the two contingents.

"You can see (from) today, the manifestation of our close relationship because (even though we practise) different drill movements, at the end of the day we were able to put up an excellent parade," he said.



The Brigade of Gurkhas personnel during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin. Picture: BT/Rabiatal Kamit

Ex-Gurkha soldiers living in hardship seek help

Rabiatal Kamit
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

THE British Forces Brunei is appealing to the public to donate to The Gurkha Welfare Trust as thousands of ageing veterans in Nepal continue to live in difficulty and suffer from chronic illnesses.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Gurkha 200 Commemorative Parade held in Bandar Seri Begawan yesterday, British Forces Brunei media officer Captain Mike James urged more people to join the 'international community' in answering the ex-Gurkha soldiers' call for help.

"Monetary donations will help look after the local areas in Nepal, so that they can improve the healthcare and infrastructure as well as care for the elderly," he explained.

The Gurkha Welfare Trust, a British-based charity, is aiming to raise six million pounds (\$12.8 million) over the next several years to support an expansion of their medical programme in the Himalayan nation.

Launched by the charity this year in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of Gurkha service to the British Crown, the expansion is part of the 'Our Duty of



(Above) Commanding Officer of Third Battalion Royal Brunei Land Force Lt Col HJ Mohd Shanonnizam Sulaiman (L) poses for a photo with Lt Col Jodi Davies, commander of British Forces Brunei and commanding officer of the First Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, during the Gurkha 200 Commemoration Parade at Taman Hj Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin. (Below right) Lt Col Jodi Davies leads the parade's contingent of the Brigade of Gurkhas and Royal Brunei Land Force. (Below left) Captain Shuresh Kumar Thapa, a parade participant, speaks to media. Pictures: BT/Zaim Kasmat



"It's a shared celebration, not just the anniversary but (also) the close relationship between the two armed forces," he added.

Captain Shuresh Kumar Thapa, a participant in the parade, said it was a pleasure to march before His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

"The Bruneian armed forces are here today to support us (and) to share our happiness. This shows (our) very close relations with them (because) they are like our family," said Captain Thapa, who is also a recipient of the Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Royal Victorian Order is given by Queen Elizabeth II to people who have served her or the monarchy in a personal way.

Deputy Defence Minister Dato Paduka Hj Mustappa Hj Sirat said the parade was an important occa-



sion to mark the longstanding relationship between Brunei and Great Britain.

"The British Forces will still be here for a long time to come. We have just renewed the agreement with the British."

"It's still the same arrangement, all we want is to do more activities together, like training to strengthen the relationship," he added during a media interview.

The deputy minister said it is important to maintain close defence relations with other countries. "We cannot be doing it alone so we try to work together with our friends," he said.

British Forces Brunei media officer Captain Mike James, said they were honoured to have the Sultan

attend the parade, and that they are proud of the connection between the Royal Gurkha Regiment and the Brunei armed forces.

"It's the 200th year anniversary for the Gurkhas, but also for the service the Gurkhas have done in Brunei and those links with the Brunei armed forces," he said.

British High Commissioner David Campbell also said the parade signified the longstanding relationship between Brunei and the UK.

"I think the significance of today was seeing the Gurkhas and the Garrison standing alongside and marching alongside the Brunei armed forces," he added.

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Care Appeal".

With their fighting days long over, a medical audit found that a third of all ageing Gurkha pensioners in Nepal either had a life-limiting condition or a condition that severely affects their quality of life such as blindness, arthritis, deafness and dementia.

Of the 6,500 ex-Gurkha soldiers and widows under the care of The Gurkha Welfare Trust, more than 3,000 are aged 80 and above with some reaching 100 years old.

The 'Our Duty of Care Appeal' will enable mobile doctors and district nurses to trek from village to village to provide primary medical

care for elderly Gurkha veterans, many of whom are house-bound and live in remote hillside areas.

In addition, the funds will go towards building fully-equipped pathology laboratories at key welfare centres in the Himalayan nation to ensure faster, more efficient diagnosis for pensioners.

It will also enable The Gurkha Welfare Trust to buy mobile medical equipment to facilitate operations in remote regions in Nepal and rapidly deploy operating facilities during disaster relief, besides providing palliative as well as end-of-life care and support.

Captain James said the British

Forces Brunei in Seria recently organised a series of fundraising events towards the 'Our Duty of Care Appeal' such as marathons and other sporting activities.

"We normally fundraise for The Gurkha Welfare Trust anyway, but there have been some special ones that have happened. It's been absolutely fantastic. We would really like to thank the Bruneian people for their generosity in helping the cause of the Nepalese," he added.

The public can help alleviate the hardship of ageing Gurkha veterans by making monetary donations online via www.gwt.org.uk.

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