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PRAYER TIMES

Imsak	4.34am
Subuh	4.44am
Syuruk	6.06am
Doha	6.30am
Zohor	12.18am
Asar	3.42pm
Maghrib	6.28pm
Isyak	7.42pm

* Add 3 minutes for Belait
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BSP's black gold bonanza

Mampak field producing beyond expectations

By Lyna Mohamad

BRUNEI Shell Petroleum hit more black gold than expected as one of its platforms reached a major milestone in its production, all within a year since it came onstream.

According to BSP, the production from the Mampak platform located 30km off the shores of the Tutong District have reached over 20,000 barrels per day, exceeding the expected production rate and furthermore, from only half of the planned wells.

To put the production in perspective, the daily production could fill up an Olympic size swimming pool to the brim. The daily output

of more than 20,000 barrels can also fuel about 870 average size cars for a year.

The Mampak Field produced its first oil on May 1 last year after drilling began in February. Eight wells were initially planned for the first phase and more wells are being lined up.

The jacket for the Mampak platform is a carbon copy of the earlier Champion West platform, which has resulted in an improved safety performance, significant cost reductions and a reduced schedule.

It was fully designed and fabricated in Brunei by local Bruneian contractors at BSP's marine construction yard in Kuala Belait.

For the first time, local Bruneian workers were trained in disciplines such as welding, scaffolding and rigging to work on Mampak,

and have since moved onto other major projects.

Pehin Orang Kaya Perkerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Chairman of BSP, said that "Such an achievement highlights BSP's continuing contribution to the nation's hydrocarbon industry".

The development will not stop here and as Dr Grahaeme Henderson, Managing Director of BSP reiterated, the company is looking ahead to identify further growth potential in the surrounding blocks and nearby Magpie Field.

Equipped with BSP's SMART technology, it allows the platform to be completely unmanned, and remotely controlled from the Champion complex.

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PHOTO COURTESY: BSP

The high tech Mampak platform with the Global Emerald tender barge by its side

Save energy urge Imams

By Azlan Othman

CALLING on Bruneians to save electricity, the religious leaders brought out facts and figures to show that the people owed the government a whopping \$1B in electricity bills up to last year 2009 alone. And up to March 2010, hotel owners owed \$4Million dollars to the Government.

Trying to make the point that what one can't pay shouldn't be used, the Imams said that it's a colossal waste to use so much more than one needs. They urged Bruneians to be prudent in electricity usage.

In their weekly Friday sermon yesterday, the religious leaders said every month, the government incurred electricity dues reaching hundreds of millions of dollars and it has also increased monthly.

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FLORIST UP IN FLAMES



AZIZ IDRIS

A huge fire engulfed a florist shop in Jalan Madewa last night that caused neighbours to be evacuated from their houses. The Fire and Rescue Department received the distress call at 8.41pm and four fire trucks from Gadong and Beribi fire stations were deployed. According to sources, almost all the 10 rooms inside the property including the employee quarters, which housed 14 workers, office rooms and the florist's store went up in flames. The cause of fire is still under investigation


Fishmonger wins million dollar appeal

By Ignatius Stephen


AN 83-year-old Kuala Belait fishmonger has again won a million dollar appeal against a well known Bandar Seri Begawan business tycoon this week.

The case involved an on-going tussle over a piece of land in Kuala Belait between fishmonger Kheng Ah Beng and businessman Hj Roney bin Hj Roslee who is in his 50s. The court heard that Hj Roney sold the jointly owned land at \$1.6 million. The fishmonger claimed his half share of the proceeds resulting in a court battle.

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