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Editor's Note

Looking through the titles of panels for the 2005 Annual meeting of the AAS in my copy of volume 49, number 3 of the *Asian Studies Newsletter*, I noticed something missing... the words "Malaysia", "Singapore" and "Brunei". But I know that some of us must be giving papers at the meeting that the rest of us would like to know about. Please send the title of your paper and the name and time of the panel, along with your institutional affiliation and name, to me. I prefer that you send it to me e-mail rprovench@juno.com, but I would happily receive the details by snail mail at:

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I will set aside a section of *Berita* volume 29, number 1 for all the MSB-relevant papers. Volume 29.1 will be in your and your MSB colleagues' e-mail boxes by

February 15, 2005. Also, if you have news, such as a forthcoming publication, or a concise review of a relevant scholarly publication, that would be much appreciated. Ron Provencher

Periodicals (Relevant to M/S/B Studies)

***Annals of the Association of American Geographers* V.94,n.3 -- Sep/2004** Marcus Power & James D. Sidaway, "The degeneration of tropical geography" [How did colonial and tropical geography, after WW II, become development geography by the 1970s? -- Some emphasis on Southeast Asia and notes the central importance of the *Malayan Journal of Tropical Geography* in formalizing the field of tropical geography after World War II, etc], pp. 585-601.

Aseanie

N.13-- juin 2004 -- (1) John Glatzmayer, book review of Abu Talib Ahmad & Tan Liok Ee (eds.), *New Terrains in Southeast Asian History*, 2003, Ohio University Press, 393 pp. [See especially, (a) Brenda S.A. Yeoh, "Changing perceptions of space in history writing - a selective mapping of writings on Singapore", p. 166; (b) C.J.W.-L. Wee, "Our island history - economic development and the national narrative in Singapore", pp. 168-169; (c) Abdul Rahman Haji Ismail & Badriyah Haji Salleh, "History through the eyes of Malays - changing perspectives of Malaysia's past", p.169; (d) Kobkua Suwannathat-Pian, "Dialogue of two pasts - 'historical facts' in traditional Thai and Malay historiography", pp. 169-170; (e) Hong Lysa & Juang Jianli, "The scripting of Singapore's national heroes - toying with Pandora's box", p. 170; (f) Abu Talib Ahmad, "Writing Malaysia's social history from the ecclesiastical records", p. 170; (g) Dhiravatna na Pombejra, "Towards an autonomous history of seventeenth century Phuket", p.171; (h) P. Lim Pui Huen, "Continuity and connectedness - the Ngee Heng Kongsi of Johore", pp. 171-172; (i) Tan Liok Ee, "Locating Chinese women in Malaysian history", p.172; (2) book review in French by Marie-Paul Halgand of Yong Mun Cheong, *The Indonesian Revolution and the Singapore Connection 1945-1949*, p. 176.]

Asian Journal of Communication

V.14,n.2 – Sep 2004 / Special Issue: Political Communication in Asia (Guest Editor, Randolph Kluver) – (1) Waipeng Lee, Benjamin H. Detenber, Lars Willnat, Sean Aday & Joseph Graf, "A cross-cultural test of the spiral of silence theory in Singapore and the United States" [This is the first cross-cultural test of the theory – Findings provide partial support for the spiral of silence hypothesis in Singapore, but not in the United States], pp. 205-226.

***Asian Tribune* www.asiantribune.com/show_news**

Oct/26/04 – (1) "84 confirmed dead in Thailand's worst ever violence in it's deep southern province" [Death toll of Muslim protestors at a 6-hour rally near the Tak Bai

police station in Thailand's southernmost province of Narathiwat includes 6 Malay Muslims who died during the confrontation with police, and 78 who died later of "insufficient oxygen" related to the police use of gas canisters for crowd control – (2) Six protestors, reported to be local officials, were arrested and detained by the fourth army for falsely reporting that weapons used for self-defense had been stolen– Many M-16 and AK-47 rifles were seized in the area -- (3) In a related story in the **Oct/27/04 *The Nation***, PM Thaksin suggested that the riot appeared to be drug induced and that the deaths of the 78 who died of suffocation were related to the weakening effects of the victims' fasting in the Islamic month of Ramadan. -- Curfew is in effect in Narathiwat until further notice].

Asia Pacific Viewpoint

V.45,n.2 -- Aug 2004 -- (1) Theodora Linn & Brenda S.A. Yeoh, "Negotiating 'home' and 'national identity': Chinese-Malaysian transmigrants in Singapore" [From the abstract -- Explores questions of 'home' and national 'identity' among skilled Chinese-Malaysians working and residing in Singapore, portraying them as active participants of two or more countries, focusing on their strategies and struggles in negotiating idealogies of 'home' and 'national identity' across borders in two neighboring countries linked in a volatile political relationship], pp.141-164; (2) Yasser Mattar, "Arabic ethnic enterprises in colonial Singapore: market entry and exit mechanisms" [From the abstract -- Argues that the entry and exit of Arab ethnic entrepreneurs into and out of consumer retail and real estate investments may be better explained with reference to political-economic conditions which facilitate movement than to embedded personal relations that enact a chain-link pattern of industrial mobility], pp.165-179.

Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde

159.1 -- 2003 (1) Kees van Dijk, "The magnetism of songs" [Deals mainly with "patriotic/nationalist/political" songs, including: Indonesian *lagu perjuangan* 'struggle songs' and *lagu pahlawan* 'hero songs' and their relationship to the Indonesian struggle for independence; and similar patriotic songs in Malaysia and Singapore that have a similar relationship to political causes and events -- Relates the popularity of the songs, in terms of particular political campaigns and events as well as sales of music cassettes, providing examples of the lyrics], pp.31-64.

159.2/3 -- 2003 (1) Leonard Y. Andaya, A review of Michel Jacq-Hergoualc'h, *The Malay Peninsula; Crossroads of the maritime silk road (100 BC-1300 AD)*. Translated by Victoria Hobson. Leiden: Brill, 2002, xxxv + 607 pp. (Handbook of Oriental Studies, 13.) Hb. ISBN 90.04.11973.6. [Covers the isthmian region of peninsular Burma & Thailand, the Malay Peninsula, S.E.

Sumatra, and the East coast of the Gulf of Thailand; conforming to an historical cultural unit -- The first major evaluation of knowledge of the area since Paul Wheatley's *The golden Khersonese* (1961) and of O.W. Wolter's studies of *Early Indonesian Commerce* and *The fall of Srivijaya in Malay History* (1967 & 1970) -- The author relies primarily on archaeological and artistic evidence, complimenting reliance on Chinese literature by the earlier authors -- Distinguishes, perhaps arbitrarily in the opinion of other scholars, between entrepot ports that became city states and those that were only centers for collection and distribution], pp. 405-407; (2) Nicholas J. White, book review of Matthew Jones, *Conflict and confrontation in South East Asia, 1961-1965; Britain, the United States, Indonesia and the creation of Malaysia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002, xv + 325 pp. Hb. ISBN 0.521.80111.7. ["Meticulously researched, clearly written and cogently argued"... a major contribution -- Book restores the 'Confrontation' between Indonesia and Malaysia to its proper place in the history of Southeast Asia -- American political conditions and pressures regarding Indonesia and Vietnam during the Kennedy administration, which delayed attention to Britain's interest in a 'Greater Malaysia', were eased in the Johnson administration -- American disappointment with Britain's withdrawal from the region once Sukarno's threat to Malaysia failed -- The failure of a 'Greater Malaysia' through the withdrawals of Singapore and Brunei -- Great Britain could not always rely on an America concerned with the 'threat' of communism in Vietnam and Indonesia], pp. 448-449.

159.4 -- 2003 -- (1) Victor T. King, book review of Poline Bala, *Changing borders and identities in the Kelabit Highlands; Anthropological reflections on growing up in a Kelabit village near an international frontier*. Kota Samarahan, Sarawak: Unit Penerbitan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Institute of East Asian Studies, 2002, xiv + 142 pp. (Dayak Studies Contemporary Society Series 1.) Pb. ISBN 983.925717.X. [An autobiographical ethnography that addresses issues regarding modes of representation of 'otherness', and the status and role of native anthropologists as both 'insider' and 'outsider' -- Main themes are the changing meanings and perceptions of borders, boundaries and identities among the Kelabit, who reside on both sides of the border between Malaysian Borneo and Indonesian Kalimantan -- Examines a diverse range of social and cultural spaces and their boundaries... the hearth, family unit, longhouse, village, ricefield, relatives, downriver and upriver people, boundary marker, and meeting place -- A revised version of the author's MA thesis submitted to Cornell University in 1999], pp. 633-635; (2) Han Knapen, book review of Bernard Sellato, *Innermost Borneo; Studies in Dayak cultures*. Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2002,

221 pp. Pb. ISBN 2.914936.02.8. [A collection of 13 articles, papers and essays focusing on the interior peoples of the upper Mahakam and Kapuas and several chapters on the island as a whole], pp. 635-638.

Comparative Studies in Society and History

V.46,n.1 -- Jan/2004 -- (1) Robert Cribb & Li Narangoa, "Orphans of empire: divided peoples, dilemmas of identity, and old imperial borders in East and Southeast Asia" [The break-up of empires as the most profound geo-political phenomenon of the 20th century -- The constructed nature of ethnicity -- Rogers Brubaker's *Nationalism Reframed* -- Malays in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand as one of three cases (also Lao & Mongol)], pp. 164-187

Contemporary Southeast Asia

V.26,n.2 -- Aug 2004 -- (1) Renato Cruz De Castro, "Addressing international terrorism in Southeast Asia: a matter of strategic or functional approach?" [Traces the evolution of the American-led global campaign, but focuses on ASEAN countries -- Quite a bit of Malaysian and Singapore content], pp.193-217.

Critical Asian Studies

V.36,n.3 -- Sep 2004 -- (1) Gary Rodan, "International capital, Singapore's state companies, and security" [From the abstract -- Since the 1997-98 Asian economic crisis, Singapore's government has embraced neo-liberal globalization unmatched in Southeast or East Asia, yet state companies are part of this strategy], pp. 479-499.

Current History

V.103,n.672 -- Apr 2004 -- (1) Zachary Abuza, "Learning by doing: Al Qaeda's allies in Southeast Asia" [Jemaah Islamiyah's emergence and spread -- Many cadre veterans of the Soviet war in Afghanistan -- Network of madrasahs in southern Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore -- Sketch of the formal structure], pp. 171-176.

Economic Development and Cultural Change

V.52,n.4 -- Jul 2004 -- (1) Albert Guangzhou Hu, "Multinational corporations, patenting, and knowledge flow: the case of Singapore" [The general literature often shows a positive relationship between the productivity of domestic firms and foreign direct investment, which is interpreted as evidence that multinational corporations generate technology spillover -- The author, using Singapore as a case, and by using patent citations as an indicator of knowledge flow, investigates whether the R&D that MNCs conduct in their Singapore subsidiaries facilitates knowledge flow from the MNCs to local inventors in a more direct way than previous studies], pp. 781-800.

Environment and Planning

V.36,n.8 -- Aug 2004 -- (1) Asif Iqbal Siddiqui & Euston Quah, "Modelling transboundary air pollution in

Southeast Asia: policy regime and the role of stakeholders" [From the abstract -- Transboundary air pollution ('haze') a recent & significant environmental crisis in Southeast Asia -- Primarily from forest fires in Indonesia -- Polluters & victims as stakeholders and regional model developed to analyze victim & polluter states -- Victim states: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand and Philippines], pp.1411-1425.

Environment and Planning: Government and Policy

V.22,n.3 -- Jun 2004 -- (1) Neil M. Coe & Martin Perry, "Promoting linkage to foreign transnationals in a 'tiger' state: Singapore and the Local Industry Upgrading Programme" [Critical evaluation of the impacts of a series of policy initiatives aimed at facilitating a variety of forms of technology transfer to locally owned firms], pp. 363-382.

Far Eastern Economic Review

-Closure of Far Eastern Economic Review- *Far Eastern Economic Review*, which has for decades reported and fearlessly commented on human rights violations in Asia, has announced its closure due to continuing losses. It will be succeeded by a monthly publication under the same name devoted to "issues and ideas", largely written by prominent figures in Asian politics, business and academe. See page 11 of this issue of *Berita* and the next for further details. (From information provided by Margaret John, Coordinator for Singapore & Malaysia, Amnesty International Canada) **Aug/05/04 -- (1)** "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Deputy PM Najib Razak said the government will build a \$1.2 billion dam in the jungles of Borneo after the existing Bakun dam is restructured -- Dam to be wholly owned by the government], p.11; **(2)** Barry Wain, "Singapore: a David and Goliath struggle" [China & Singapore embroiled in a row over Taiwan -- Confrontation may affect views of China held by other Asian nations -- China seen as testing the younger Lee's resolve -- Malaysian *Berita Harian* praised him for standing up for his country], pp. 20-21; **(3)** Leslie Lopez, "Malaysia: save the trees savvy" [Environmental activists are trying to curb illegal logging in Malaysia], pp. 22-23.

Aug/12/04 -- (1) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Government's investment arm offers to buy more of Neptune Orient Lines (container ships) in which it already has a one-third stake], p.10; **(2)** Regional briefing: Thailand" [PM Thaksin conceded that government soldiers may have used excessive force when they stormed a mosque in southern Thailand, and promised compensation to families of men slain], pp. 10-11; **(3)** "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Eric Chia, ex-managing director of Perwaja Steel, on trial for fraud in country's biggest financial scandal, pleaded innocent of criminal breach of trust], p.11; **(4)** Cris Prystay, "Sinful use of SMS" [Malaysia's National Fatwa Council has

ruled that it is a sin for Muslims to take part in short-messaging service contests, because SMS contests are akin to gambling, and dozens of businesses have put SMS campaigns on hold], p.11; (5) Shawn W. Crispin, "Human rights: torture in Thailand" [Thailand's National Human Rights Commission has gathered testimony from suspected militants of abuses by police -- Allegations include being hanged, forced to stand on a chair for days, electric shocks, beatings and being urinated upon -- Thai police said to have acted independently and not on government orders -- Amnesty International's secretary-general, Irene Khan, says that checks and balances regarding human rights that are built into Thailand's legal system have broken down], pp.12-15; (6) Shawn Crispin, "In the South, an iron fist in a velvet glove"[Thai security forces under fire from rights groups for heavy handed tactics in the Islamic south, but Interior Minister Bhokin Bhalakula believes the Thai government is beginning to win the battle for hearts and minds of (Malay & Thai) Muslims in the southern provinces], pp14-15; (7) Sebastian Tong, "Mobile phones: love bites" [Singapore's lonely hearts are romancing the phone, looking for love with a Bluetooth dating service], p.31; (8) S. Jayasankaran, "Economic monitor: Brunei buoyed by oil" [The sultanate's economy has weathered the storms, growing steadily on the back of its resource wealth], p.14; (9) Cris Prystay, "Currents: anyone's game" [Champion badminton players of Singapore and Malaysia and Olympic hopes], p. 49.

Aug/19/04 - (1) "Editorials: Singapore's challenge" [Can Lee Hsien Loong encourage more risk-taking while also further promoting private enterprises?], p. 6; (2) "Intelligence: Singapore's U.S. seal of approval" [In show of approval of Singapore's tough stance against terrorism, U.S. Sec. of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge attended Singapore's annual National Day reception in Wash. D.C.], p. 6; (3) "Regional briefing: Singapore enters new leadership era" [Goh Chok Tong, steps down as PM after 14 years, and Lee Hsien Loong takes over], p. 12; (4) "Regional briefing: Singapore's economy" [Growth rate of 12.5% in 2nd quarter compared to last year, mostly from computer chips & pharmaceuticals -- Also, Singapore hosted a three day gay & lesbian festival billed as Asia's largest], p.12; (5) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [State-owned utility Tenaga Nasional signed electric power purchase agreement with Jimah Teknik of Japan], p.13; (6) Barry Wain, "Singapore: enter the son" [Here's what the record shows, what colleagues say, what to expect from Lee Hsien Loong, 3rd PM in 39 years], pp. 14-18; (7) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: urban quagmire" [Kampung Baru, a 256 acre land reservation in the shadow the Petronas Twin Towers has failed to fulfill it

possibilities as an urban neighborhood because of the exclusion of non-Malay ownership, and has become part of the urban traffic quagmire in Kuala Lumpur -- Banks not receptive to investment because the land cannot be sold to non-Malays -- Former PM Mahathir ordered the government to forcibly acquire 223 acres of KB, but the deal went sour over disagreements about the price -- Editor's note, I lived there 3 times, twice with my wife and daughters, for extended periods of research; and my wife and I briefly visited a close friend there in July of this year; KB is only one of many parts of the KL traffic problem, and although some of the residents need financial help to develop better housing and small businesses, but it looks like home to me! rp], pp. 20-22.

Aug/26/04 -- (1) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Brief note on Lee Hsien Loong's swearing in as Singapore's third PM], p. 10; (2) Cris Prystay, "Economic monitor: a safer spread" [By diversifying its investments across Asia, Singapore is today less dependent on electronics exports], p. 46.

Sep/02/04 -- (1) "Intelligence: Malaysian mission to Iraq in doubt" [When PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi visited Washington in mid-July he offered Malaysian medical mission to be sent to Iraq -- Mission now in doubt, Washington says it is because the Malaysian Foreign Minister set too stringent preconditions, such as improved security for the mission in Iraq], p. 9.; (2) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Nation-wide alert for lethal strain bird-flu H5N1 -- Discovered in village (Pekan Pasir) near the Thai border -- 7 persons sent to hospital for tests & 350 birds slaughtered], p.11; (3) Barry Wain, "Lee at the lectern" [Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong used first major speech as PM to make it easier & cheaper for couples to have children], p.11.

Sep/09/04 -- (1) "Editorials: Vietnam's plan for arguing its claim in the disputed Spratly Islands" [An affiliate of Vietnam Airlines intends to open commercial air services to an island in the Spratly group, which is claimed in whole or in part by Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam -- An angry Chinese reaction caused Vietnam to delay implementation... and Malaysia claims possession of two of the islands through 88 years of continuous administration and a 2002 World Court decision], p.8; (2) Amitav Acharya, "Fight terrorism--but carefully" [Advice to the United States from the deputy director of Defence and Strategic Studies in Singapore on how to fight terrorism], p.26; (3) S. Jayasankaran, "Supermax Corp: hand in glove" [Malaysian entrepreneur Stanley Thai's business model fits well with the sort of agro-based, small industry favored by PM Abdullah], pp. 46-47.

Sep/16/04 -- (1) "Editorials: the Anwar renaissance?" [The question for Malaysians is not whether Anwar Ibrahim, now recovering from surgery in Germany, will return to politics, but in what way--Keadilan or UMNO?],

p.6; (2) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Malaysian Federal Court orders release of former Deputy PM], p.12; (3) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: a leader returns"[Freed by the Federal Court after 6 years in prison, Anwar Ibrahim may return to his former profession as a national political leader -- The immediate possibility depends on overturning his corruption conviction, otherwise he cannot stand election until 2008 -- He might even rejoin UMNO], pp.14-18; (4) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: Umno vs. Umno" [Dispute about oil revenue an embarrassing dilemma for UMNO -- Lawsuit between the state of Terengganu and the federal government regarding Federal Court reversal of Petronas making 5% royalty payments to Terengganu for oil produced off-shore, for which the ruling political party of Terengganu, PAS, brought suit to both the oil company and the federal government, etc.], p.30; (5) Anwar Ibrahim, "The 5th column: the importance of dialogue" [A page from Anwar's diary while on board a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Frankfurt, en route to Munich for his operation], p.31; (6) Michael Vatikiotis & John McBeth, "Investment: Indonesia's return to grace" [Despite fear of terrorist attacks, Indonesia is attracting regional investment, especially from Singaporean and Malaysian companies], pp. 56-58; (7) Shawn W. Crispin, "Companies: Bangkok gusher" [Features joint venture Thai-Malaysian gas pipeline], pp.59-61; (8) Michael Vatikiotis, "At the movies: Malaysia banks on a princess" [The recent release of *Puteri Gunung Ledang*, based on a classical Malay legend, is the most expensive movie ever made in Malaysia and features Tiara Jacquelina as the princess and Adlin Aman Ramlie as the Sultan of Melaka, directed by Saw Teong Hin], p. 70.

Sep/23/04 – (1) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Former PM Anwar Ibrahim failed to win an appeal against a corruption charge, so remains banned from running for public office until April 2008], p.10; (2) "Regional briefing: Brunei" [Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah married 17 year old commoner – Heads of state from Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines attended the wedding], p.11; (3) S. Jayasankaran, "No love lost" [Court ruling and statements by the Malaysian PM appear to block swift return to UMNO by former Deputy PM Anwar Ibrahim], pp.11-12; (4) Michael Vatikiotis, "Choices, choices: an interview"[Anwar Ibrahim is preparing a political comeback, but faces tough choices – Discusses Islamic radicalism in Asia, comments on Islamic changes in region, proposes to engage radicals who don't preach violence, admits being surprised by the increasing influence of Islamic radicals, comments on immorality of U.S. long-term incarceration of suspected terrorists without trial, seeks modernity

without surrendering pride in Islam], pp.13-15.

Sep/30/04 – (1) Tang Ching Leng, "Letters: how to develop" [What is needed in order to develop Kampung Baru, the Malay land reservation in Kuala Lumpur, where only Malays can own land, do business or reside, is for government to become master planner by putting all land into a real estate trust, thereby turning owners into share holders, so that maximum market value could be extracted, etc.], p.3; (2) Aznifah Isnariah Abdul Ghani, "Letters: no backtracking" [Regarding the Sept 2 article "Malaysian mission to Iraq in doubt" – Story gave an impression that Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar has imposed new and stringent conditions for sending proposed medical team to Iraq – In fact, the Malaysian PM in a July 19 meeting with President Bush committed to the project as soon as the operating environment permits], p.3; (3) "Intelligence: Malaysia to keep dollar peg for now" [Former PM Mahathir's unilateral pegging of the ringgit to the dollar was risky but paid rich economic dividends for Malaysia], p.8; (4) "Intelligence: Anwar's line to the outside world" [Through 6 years in prison, Anwar had no access to television or radio; but he had access to a mobile phone – Also, he insisted on not being released on medical grounds], p.10; (5) Tom Holland, "Investing: Southeast Asia bounces back" [Strong economic performance, less political risk, better governance and initiatives attract overseas investment -- Stocks are relatively cheap – Malaysia and Singapore among the 'winners'], pp.44-46; (6) Tom Holland, "Singapore: stellar play" [Booming economy giving investors spectacular returns], p. 47; (7) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia: resurrected" [Promise of reform combined with surge of domestic consumption is attracting investors], p. 48,

Oct/07/04 – (1) "Brunei's baby steps" [The Sultan begins an experiment in democracy – Convened parliament, which has been out of session since 1984 – Plans to expand the Legislative Council from 21 to 45 members – No real pressure for democracy from Brunei's 365 thousand inhabitants – Last election in 1962, while still a British colony], p. 6; (2) S. Jayasankaran, "Malaysia's surprise setback" [Premier Abdullah lost some allies in UMNO party polls – Is it bad news for his reform agenda?], p.18.

Oct/14/04 -- (1) I.A. Rashid, "Letters: Anwar's future" [Contests the idea in Sep. 16 issue that Anwar Ibrahim's return to public life could begin a new era in Malaysian politics], p.3; (2) "Intelligence: Anwar's plans for a reform think-tank" [Anwar Ibrahim plans to set up an independent think-tank for a government reform agenda], p.8; (3) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Singapore's only cable TV, Star Hub, priced initial public offering at the bottom of the forecast range, raising \$271.5 million], p.13; (4) Mark Valencia, "Ensuring Asia's maritime safety" [Malaysia worries that U.S. presence in the Strait of Malacca & Singapore

Strait may attract terrorist attacks -- Malaysia proposes tightening cooperation among Malaysia, Singapore & Indonesia ... on July 20 vessels from the 3 countries began joint patrols, U.S. has not backed-off], p.27; (5) Michael Vatikiotis, Simon Burns, Helen Przygodzki, "Asian Innovation Awards" [84 submissions in the second year for Singapore's Global Entrepolis Award reduced to a dozen finalists], pp. 38-47 ; (6) Cris Prystay, "Money: arbitration" [Squeaky clean Singapore is well positioned to project itself as the region's new dispute-resolution center], p.52.

Oct/21/04 -- (1) "Intelligence: Abdullah set the tone with Jakarta" [Malaysia's PM the first foreign leader to congratulate Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on his election as President of Indonesia -- A Malaysian-Indonesian "axis"?], p.10; (2) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Ministry of Trade & Industry says the economy slumped in the third quarter], p.13; (3) Shawn W. Crispin, "The Region: biking to war" [Motorcycle-mounted Malay insurgents in southern provinces of Thailand find a blind spot in the army's defences -- Rebels on motorbikes have shot an estimated 240 officials and security personnel, sparking an exodus of Bangkok-appointed bureaucrats, judges, teachers and even monks -- The defense minister was sacked by PM Thaksin on October 6 -- No rebel group has claimed responsibility -- Joseph Liow, security expert at Singapore's Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies commented that "It's an exercise of weapons of the weak" (Noted, with a bow to Jim Scott, from the editor of *Berita*), p.20; (4) Michael Vatikiotis, Barry Wain, Colin James, John Larkin "Asian Innovation Awards: the winners 2004" [Judges from Malaysia, U.S., India, Thailand & Singapore -- Gold award to a group of six engineers and doctors from the National University of Singapore, the National University Hospital and Singapore's Temasek Polytechnic for finding a safer way to mend damaged skulls and to aid regrowth of bone in other parts of the body -- Silver award to a New Zealand team and a child prodigy for reducing an eye test that used to take an hour to a few minutes -- Bronze award to the Ecube company for an energy-efficient air-conditioning system for hotels -- GlobalEntrepolis@Singapore Award to I-flex solutions for the Flexcube software suite for banks and financial services companies -- Etc.] , pp. 35-43; (5) Eric Bellman (with Chris Prystay), "Money: investing" [Singapore Inc. diversifies -- In its drive to diversify, Temasek, Singapore government's investment arm, has become one of India's biggest private-equity investors], pp. 50-51; (6) Nury Vittachi, "Winning the (rat) race" [Concerned with "Asian life styles... some Malaysian and Singapore content] pp. 55-60; (7) Andrew Huang,

"Mum's the word: family fun in *Rice Rhapsody*" [Review of a film about a Singapore mum who has three sons... the two eldest are gay and mum is getting worried about the third -- Sylvia Chang as the mum and Tan LePham as the youngest son] , p.66.

Oct/28/04 -- (1) "Intelligence: Singapore touts Middle East talks" [Singapore launches diplomatic initiative to bring Asia and the Middle East closer -- First 'Asia-MiddleEast dialogue' in mid-2005 planned in a mid-October 2004 meeting in Singapore -- First official meeting to include 50 Middle East and Asian states], p. 8; (2) Gordon Fairclough, "Gay Asia: tolerance pays" [Examines the changing lives of Asia's gays... focus is on Singapore], pp. 52-55; (3) Alison T. Sebens, "Gays and the law" [Quick view of legal restraints on gays in Asian countries], pp. 56-57; (4) Michael Innis & Cris Prystay, "The pink dollar: in search of hot currency" [Gay economy in Singapore and Australia], pp. 58-59.

Indonesia and the Malay World

V.32,n.92 -- Mar 2004 -- (1) Sergei Kukushkin, "*Hikayat Negeri Jambi*: the structure and sources of the nineteenth-century Malay historical work" [A tale like the *Sejarah Melayu* in that it was composed after European (Dutch not Portuguese) conquest in order to preserve a glorious history for succeeding generations and to explain the defeat of a once powerful Malay state], pp.53-61.

International Feminist Journal of Politics

V.6,n.1 -- 2004 -- (1) Rebecca Foley, "Muslim women's challenges to Islamic law: the case of Malaysia" [Reform of Islam by women and lessons learned thru this activism -- Examples from some groups of Malaysian Muslim women -- Several strategies described and their effects in reforming religious interpretation of *Syar'iah* recounted], pp. 53-84.

International Journal of Comic Art

V.6,n.2 -- Fall 2004 -- (1) Lim Cheng Tju, "*Chop Suey* -- Cartoons about the Japanese occupation and national education in Singapore" [Explores the relationships between art and politics in the context of cartooning in Singapore -- Historical sketch of the role of popular arts in Singapore history centered on cartoons and comics -- Lui Kang and *Chop Suey* -- *Chop Suey* and Singapore's current needs -- 6 illustrations, conclusion, endnotes and references (English, Chinese and Malay sources)], pp.415-430; (2) Cartoons by Mohd. Nor Khalid in the Portfolio section, pp. 477 & 483; (3) Cartoon by Deng Coy Miel in the Portfolio section, p. 483.

International Political Science Review

V.25,n.2 -- Apr 2004 -- (1) M. Shamsul Haque, "Governance and bureaucracy in Singapore: contemporary reforms and implications" [From the abstract: Examines the case of Singapore in terms of the recent trends of reform in its public governance and explores major local and global factors shaping the reform agenda], pp. 227-240.

International Sociology

V.19,n.1 – Mar 2004 – (1) Peter Mandaville, combined review of a) Michael G. Peletz, *Islamic Modern: Religious Courts and Cultural Politics in Malaysia*; and b) Armand Salvatore (ed.), *Muslim Traditions and Modern Techniques of Power*, and Muhammad Qasim Zaman, *The Ulama in Contemporary Islam: Custodians of Change*, pp. 111-114.

Journal of Comparative Family Studies

V.xxxv,n.3--Summer 2004 -- (1) King Ai Yun, "Ideology and changing family arrangements in Singapore" [Qualitative approach used to portray families as agents struggling with traditions and ideology to forge their family identity under conditions of rapid industrialization -- Study designed around two types of family structures in Singapore: a) three generation families and b) couples who are negotiating their emerging roles within constraints and difficulties], pp.375-392.

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Amnesty International

(Abstracted from information provided by Margaret John, Coordinator for Singapore & Malaysia, Amnesty International Canada) **Closure of Far Eastern Economic Review** – *Far Eastern Economic Review*, which has for decades reported and fearlessly commented on human rights violations in Asia, has announced its closure due to continuing losses. It will be succeeded by a monthly publication under the same name devoted to "issues and ideas", largely written by prominent figures in Asian politics, business and academe. The *Sydney Morning Herald & Age* comment that "it had angered then prime minister Lee Kuan Yew

with a report on a security crackdown against church activists...the magazine's circulation was restricted and Mr Lee successfully sued for libel, winning massive damages...[FEER's closure] will be welcomed in Asia by the authoritarian governments with which it took issue in its 58-year history".

(1) "Malaysia: Anwar Ibrahim's release renews confidence in Judicial independences" [Decision by Malaysia's highest court to uphold the final appeals of former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim and his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan – Catherine Baber, deputy Asia director at Amnesty International, said that the Federal Court's decision marks an historic milestone in restoring confidence in the rule of law and respect for human rights in Malaysia]; (2) "Opposition leader Dr Chee Soon Juan risks bankruptcy and therefore exclusion from seeking parliamentary office" [Dated September 24, 2004, text from the original: Amnesty International is concerned that defamation suits against Dr Chee Soon Juan, Secretary General of the small opposition Singapore Democratic Party, may lead to bankruptcy and thus his exclusion from seeking parliamentary election. The suits were brought by Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew and former Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. Dr Chee has no legal counsel, as he could not get a Singapore lawyer to defend him, and he has been denied the right to appoint Queen's Council lawyers from Australia and Hong Kong. No ruling People's Action Party (PAP) leader has ever lost a defamation suit against an opposition figure in court. Dr Chee is recognized internationally as a human rights defender and in 2003 received the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) award as a Defender of Democracy. He had meetings in Canada in 2003 with a number of individuals in government, the Canadian Labour Congress, academics and Amnesty International Canada.

The current suits against Dr Chee stem from the 2001 election campaign during street electioneering, when he publicly challenged then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and the government to explain and justify US\$10 billion of loans previously offered to former President Suharto of Indonesia. Dr Chee later apologised to the Prime Minister for the manner of his questioning and personal offence caused by it. This and a subsequent apology were rejected, and Goh Chok Tong demanded a formal apology, damages and costs for the allegedly libelous attack on his "character, competence and integrity" as Prime Minister. The then Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew made similar demands. Dr Chee subsequently apologised as demanded, agreed not to repeat the allegations and to pay]; (3) Opposition critic and veteran human rights campaigner J. B. Jeyaretnam has faced a series of defamation suits

for several years by members and leaders of the ruling PAP which have resulted in his bankruptcy. He is now appealing for a discharge from bankruptcy, which is being heard the week beginning Oct 25, 2004. If he is successful, he will be eligible to contest the next election and once again enter the official political arena. Leaders of the ruling PAP alleged that Workers' Party leader Jeyaretnam defamed them during the Jan 1997 election campaign. The PAP subsequently won 81 of 83 seats in Parliament. In 1997 AI representative, Canadian Judge Paul Bentley attended the defamation trial, and in 2001 AI and Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada sent Canadian lawyer Howard Rubin to attend two appeals involving J.B. Jeyaretnam. Amnesty International recognizes the PAP leaders' right to defend their reputations, but has continuing concerns that the real motive behind the economically ruinous defamation suits is to silence opposition politicians by removing them from public life. If the suits are not dismissed Jeyaretnam would have to pay damages and costs to both ministers. Damages now are being spoken of in the US\$500,000 range, with legal costs approximately US\$200,000, which he states he cannot pay. Bankruptcy proceedings would then be started against him, and, as a bankrupt, he would not be allowed to seek a parliamentary seat. He is being accused of having foreign links with such organizations as Amnesty International, PGA and Human Rights Watch. Amnesty International's concerns are aggravated by the history of previous defamation suits in Singapore.

A.I. Update (Selected from e-mail received from Margaret John Nov. 10). (1) Reporting on the death sentence faced by Vietnamese/ Australian national Nguyen Tuong Van, Reuters correspondent Jason Szep writes (24/10) that, a day after AI challenged Singapore to disclose the total number of executions this year, the government divulged for the first time that six people had been hanged from January to September 2004 and 19 for the whole of 2003. Earlier requests for these statistics by Reuters had been turned down by the Singapore government. Tim Parritt, Singapore researcher in AI's International Secretariat, commented that providing these figures was a "step forward, but the government should disclose a lot more than the bare number of executions. We call for a full breakdown... year by year... to illuminate to what extent the death penalty may be falling disproportionately on more vulnerable sections of society... whether by reason of the nationality, educational or professional background, socio-economic status etc". Szep refers to American science fiction writer William Gibson's portrayal of Singapore as "Disneyland with the death penalty"; (2) a) Two men charged with kidnapping a seven-year-old girl escaped the death penalty, because they had released her before asking for a ransom -- they were

given instead a life term and three strokes of the cane (**StraitsTimes** Oct. 9) – **b)** 17 Muslim men have had their ISA detention orders extended for another two years -- They were accused of belonging to a militant group that plotted attacks against the US embassy and other targets in Singapore -- They are held without trial -- The Internal Security Department said Mahfuh Halimi and Salim Marwan were released, as they had "responded well to counselling" (**AFP** Sep. 15) -- All calls for the detainees to be brought to trial or released -

- **c)** Former TV presenter Vidya Shankar Aiyar, now serving a 16-month jail term for molesting a woman, has been spared the cane because of a slipped disc (**Straits Times** Sep. 9) -- **d)** Convicted robber Tan Eng Chye, who appealed on the grounds that caning would endanger his life as he had a rare medical condition, lost his appeal (**StraitsTimes** Sep. 7) – **e)** Anwar Ibrahim returned to Malaysia October 31 to crowds of cheering supporters, who ignored the police ban on gatherings to greet him and who garlanded him with flowers as they chanted "reformasi" and "long live Anwar" -- **(f)** Former prisoner of conscience Dr Munawar Anees (Anwar's former speech writer and adviser) gave a talk in New York in late October in the series "What is Enlightenment?" -- The focus was the fate of the Muslim world, which Dr Anees described as a determining factor in the future of the planet and one of the most pressing issues to confront the global community -- Issues included: coexistence of the Muslim world and the West, possible reform of the Muslim world, and democracy and Islam -- Dr Anees's focus mirrors Anwar Ibrahim's reported wish to concentrate for the next year or so on trying to improve relations between the West and Islam – **(g)** Lim Kit Siang, one of several prominent individuals and civil society bodies judging Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi's first year in office, commented that he had "raised sky-high public hopes of reform but...people are still waiting for the rhetoric of a clean, efficient and incorruptible government to be translated into deeds" (**AFP** Oct. 28) -- Addressing the United Nations in September, Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi had advocated "genuine dialogue" and the need to "rid ourselves of the prejudices and bigotry triggered by September 11" -- **(h)** The Malaysian government has offered an amnesty for the estimated 1.2 million illegal immigrants, including 6,000 held in detention centres, so that they can return to their home countries for Hari Raya or Ramadan festivals -- The offer does not apply if they do not have valid travel documents or are needed as witnesses in court cases -- Those who do not take up the offer can be jailed up to five years and/or fined up to 10,000 ringgit or be whipped (**StraitsTimes** 23/10, 30/10, **AFP** 29/10) -- **(i)** Brunei's newly opened Parliament

has approved a constitutional amendment allowing for limited elections, opening the way for the kingdom's first polls in over 40 years -- Up to 15 members are to be elected by the people in the 45-member parliament (**AFP** 27/9) -- The Sultan will retain the power of veto -- Analysts had warned the absolute monarchy that it risked lagging behind free-market economies of southeast Asia and Vietnam if it failed to implement reforms (**AFP** 26/9, **FEER** 7/10) -- Brunei's last elections were in 1962 and won by the Brunei People's Party, which opposed royal rule -- The party was promptly disbanded, and an armed revolt crushed by British troops.

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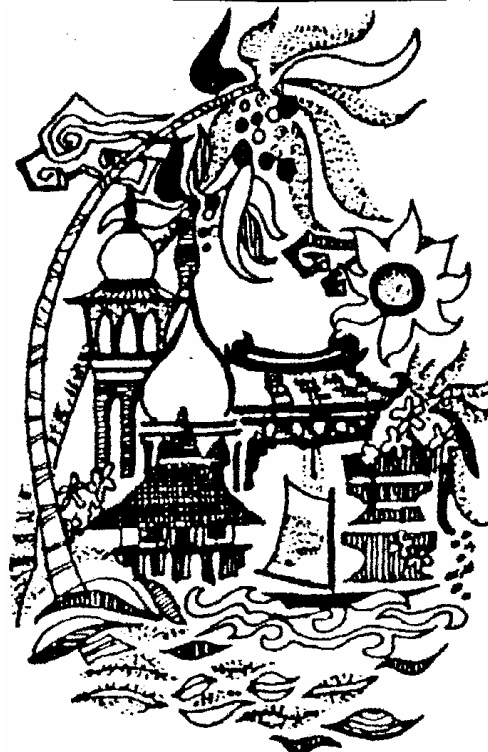
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