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**Brunei Darussalam  
June 19, 2011**

# Brunei Darussalam

## Full Name

Brunei Darussalam

## Capital

Bandar Seri Begawan

## Location

Southeastern Asia, bordering the South China Sea and Malaysia

## Leadership

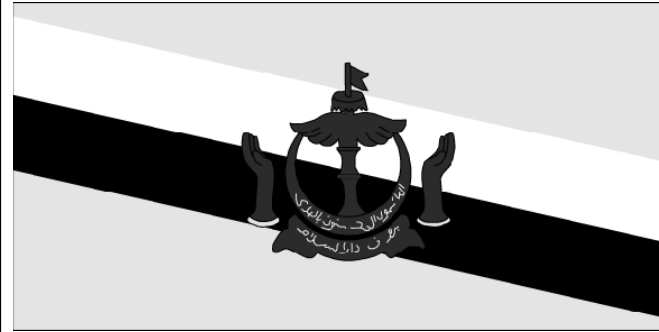
chief of state: Sultan and Prime Minister Sir HASSANAL Bolkiah (since 5 October 1967); note - the monarch is both the chief of state and head of government

## Overview

The Sultanate of Brunei's influence peaked between the 15th and 17th centuries when its control extended over coastal areas of northwest Borneo and the southern Philippines. Brunei subsequently entered a period of decline brought on by internal strife over royal succession, colonial expansion of European powers, and piracy. In 1888, Brunei became a British protectorate; independence was achieved in 1984. The same family has ruled Brunei for over six centuries. Brunei benefits from extensive petroleum and natural gas fields, the source of one of the highest per capita GDPs in Asia.

## Religion

Muslim (official) 67%, Buddhist 13%, Christian 10%, other (includes indigenous beliefs) 10%



## Population

401,890 (July 2011 est.)

## Economy

Brunei has a small well-to-do economy that encompasses a mixture of foreign and domestic entrepreneurship, government regulation, welfare measures, and village tradition. Crude oil and natural gas production account for just over half of GDP and more than 90% of exports. Per capita GDP is among the highest in Asia, and substantial income from overseas investment supplements income from domestic production. The government provides for all medical services and free education through the university level and subsidizes rice and housing. A new monetary authority was established in January 2011 with responsibilities that include monetary policy, monitoring of financial institutions, and currency trading activities.

## Prayer Concerns

drug trafficking and illegally importing controlled substances are serious offenses in Brunei and carry a mandatory death penalty