

50th Anniversary Tour 2016



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AUGUST 2016 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE FIRE
AND DECLARATION OF THE END OF THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION WITH MALAYSIA

Selamat tengahari Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 50th Anniversary Tour to Kuching Sarawak took place between the 24th August and 1st September 2016. The visit was a great success and was well reported in the Sarawak media.

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The main feature was the commemoration ceremony for the unveiling and dedication of the Memorial tablet, made from Sarawak black granite by a Kuching stonemason, Mr Simon Sim, who made the Australian SAS Memorial tablet next to which our's has been mounted. [See Illustration of the memorial tablet below.](#)

The memorial tablet was unveiled by Lieutenant Colonel Jim Ryan, an Australian Instructor of Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College.



Several VIPs attended including LTCOL Stephen Fomiatti the Assistant Defence Adviser from the Australian High Commission in KL, Sarawak government dignitaries, CO of the Malaysian Ranger Battalion Kuching, MAJGEN Stephen Mundaw GOC Malaysian Infantry Divisions and representatives from the Malaysian Rangers Association.

Terima kasih dan jumpa lagi...

Brian Selby
President
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Lest We Forget



Jasamu Dikenang

Courage Mateship Pride

The Sarawak Memorial Tablet





**50TH ANNIVERSARY
CEASE FIRE
AND DECLARATION OF THE
END OF THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION**

On the 11th August, 1966, a peace treaty between Malaysia and Indonesia was signed in Bangkok, Thailand.

This brought to an end, the 4 years of hostilities that had been fought on the Malayan Peninsula, in Sabah and in Sarawak against incursions and terrorism tactics carried out by Indonesia since June, 1962.

Australia was requested to provide additional military assistance by adding Artillery, Infantry, SAS and Engineer units to the FARELF 28th Commonwealth Brigade, air force support to FEAF squadrons and naval support to the FESR sea patrol tasks.

Australian units in conjunction with Gurkha units were also tasked with patrolling the Thai – Malay border to counter the incursions by terrorists supplying arms, ammunition, food and reinforcements to the embedded CT's in the northern states of the Peninsula.

This undeclared war is one of the two post WW2 campaigns that Australian military units have been committed to in Malaya.

Both were complete victories. Not one inch of territory was lost.

On the 29th August in the Sarawak War Memorial Gardens, a Memorial will be dedicated listing the Australian Army and RAAF personnel who Died on Operational Service during the Confrontation.



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KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN