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Friendly Exhibition Polo Match between 61 Cavalry Indian Army Polo Team and Brunei Polo Team, 10 March 2017



A Friendly Exhibition Polo Match was played between the 61 Cavalry Indian Army Polo Team and the Brunei Polo Team in Brunei Darussalam on Friday, 10 March 2017, in the presence of His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam. The visit by the 61 Cavalry team and the match were in honour of His Majesty's 70th birthday.

2. The event began with an impressive ceremony in which two horse-mounted cavalymen in ceremonial dress carried the flags of India and Brunei Darussalam followed by all the polo team members on the field in front of the Sultan's box. The national anthems of the two countries were played.

3. The match was an exciting display of horsemanship and the sportsman spirit. Brunei Polo Team defeated 61 Cavalry 10-4. HRH Princess Azemah Ni'matul Bolkihah distinguished herself on the field by some very expert playing and scored 2 goals. Col. Ravi Rathore of the 61 Cavalry team played a good game too. After the match, His Majesty the Sultan congratulated all the players and presented both teams with medals of participation and posed for a group photograph with them. High Commissioner Nagma M Mallick presented a silver plate to His Majesty the Sultan commemorating the historic event and conveyed the good wishes of the Government and the people of India

to His Majesty. Col. Pattu, the Commanding Officer of the 61 Cavalry Regiment presented memorabilia of his regiment to His Majesty.

4. His Majesty has a long association with 61 Cavalry Polo Team with which he had played polo during his state visits to India in 1992 and 2008. 61 Cavalry has visited Brunei in 1987 when, too, His Majesty played polo with them.

5. HRH Princess Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah hosted a reception after the polo match for the two teams. The event was attended by senior members of the Royal Family including HRH Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, HRH Prince Jefri Bolkiah and HRH Princess Masna, members of Brunei's traditional aristocracy, the *Cheteria*, members of the Cabinet, the three Chiefs of the Armed Forces, Permanent Secretaries of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Defence, High Commissioners and Ambassadors and was a notable success.

















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