



## THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA

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#### FAMILY TRIP TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD, RIYADH

On 3 January 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia, together with a number of Malaysian families in Riyadh organised a trip to the Edge of the World, Riyadh. The trip also includes friends from the ASEAN diplomatic missions in Riyadh.

The Edge of the World, Riyadh is one of the most popular desert treks in Saudi Arabia. Known for its spectacular scenery, the Tuwaiq escarpment that runs about 700km through central Saudi-Arabia is a scenic plateau with plenty of beautiful viewing spots. What makes Edge of the World special is this part of the escarpment has long edges that reach outward from the plateau and the view from them looks “endless”, in other words only a flat plain can be seen in the horizon as far as the eye can reach.



**THE WORKING VISIT OF YABHG. TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI TO RIYADH**

YABhg. Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia undertook a working visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 17 – 21 January 2016, to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam in Riyadh and chair an International Development Bank (IDB) meeting in Jeddah.



**ARRIVAL OF YABHG. TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI  
AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE**

During his visit in Riyadh, TYT Ambassador Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin and spouse organised a luncheon for YABhg. Tun Abdullah and delegation at the Malaysian Ambassador's Residence.



**YB MINISTER OF DEFENCE WORKING VISIT TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

YB Dato' Sri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein accompanied by his counterpart, HRH Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia after their meeting in Riyadh on 29 January 2016. Both leaders discussed among others, bilateral cooperation in the field of security and defence.



**AUDIENCE WITH HM KING SALMAN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD**

YB Dato' Sri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein led a delegation comprising the Minister of Defence of Indonesia and the Deputy Minister of Defence of Brunei for an audience with His Majesty King Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud at the Al Yamamah Palace, Riyadh on 29 January 2016.



**MALAYSIA FEST 2016, SABIC BEACH CAMP, JUBAIL**

The *Kelab Rakyat Malaysia Jubail* (KRMJ) organised the Malaysia Fest 2016 at the SABIC Beach Camp in Jubail, located in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia on 30 January 2015. Officials from the Embassy of Malaysia were invited to participate at the event.

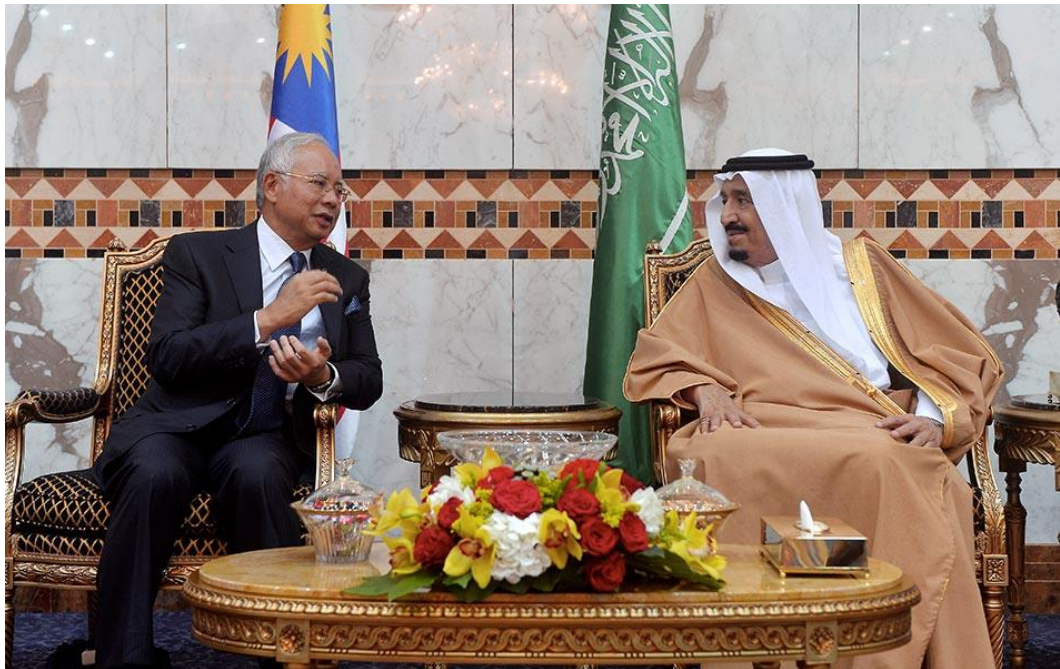
**FEBRUARY**



**FIRST ASEAN-RIYADH COMMITTEE (ARC) MEETING OF 2016**

The First ASEAN-Riyadh Committee (ARC) Meeting of 2016 was held on 16 February 2016 at the Residence of the Ambassador of Indonesia to Riyadh.

The Chairmanship of the ARC is currently held by Indonesia.



**WORKING VISIT BY YAB PRIME MINISTER TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

YAB Prime Minister undertook a working visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 1 – 3 March 2016. His Majesty King Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud hosted a Royal Banquet for YAB Prime Minister at his private residence in Riyadh. It was also attended by Royal family member, Saudi Cabinet Ministers, prominent Saudi businessmen and high ranking Saudi officials in honour of YAB Prime Minister.



**YAB PRIME MINISTER VISITS MALAYSIAN TROOPS IN HAFR AL BATIN CAMP**

During the working visit, YAB Prime Minister took the opportunity to visit the Malaysian troops undergoing the North Thunder Military training led by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Hafr Al Batin. At the camp, YAB Prime Minister delivered a speech and had tea together with the Malaysian military personnel.



**DINNER HOSTED BY YAB PRIME MINISTER WITH MALAYSIANS IN RIYADH**

YAB Prime Minister hosted dinner with the Malaysian community in Riyadh on 3 March 2016 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Riyadh. The dinner was held in a warm and casual manner, with Malaysians taking the opportunity to personally interact with YAB Prime Minister. More than 250 Malaysians attended the dinner.



**ASEAN-RIYADH COMMITTEE (ARC) ROAD RACE 2016**

The Embassy of Singapore in Riyadh organised the ASEAN-Riyadh Committee (ARC) Road Race 2016 at its Embassy in the Diplomatic Quarters, Riyadh. Participants were required to run a total of 3km in three rounds. There were four categories of the Road Race segmented by gender and age groups; men above 50, women above 50, men below 50 and women below 50.



**PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEN ABOVE 50 CATEGORY AT THE STARTING POINT**

#### **APRIL**



**THE RIYADH TRAVEL FAIR 2016**

Tourism Malaysia and the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) participated at the Riyadh Travel Fair 2016 on 12-16 April 2016. The Malaysian booths were among the most visited reflecting the interest of the Saudis in particular, to visit Malaysia.



THE TOURISM MALAYSIA BOOTH



THE MALAYSIA HEALTHCARE TRAVEL COUNCIL (MHTC) BOOTH

**MAY**



**WORKING VISIT OF YB MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

YB Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs met with H.E. Adel Al Jubeir, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Riyadh during his working visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 30 April – 1 May 2016. The Ministers had fruitful discussions on matters of mutual interests relating to the development and well-being of the Muslim Ummah, regional as well as bilateral relations. The discussions were follow-ups to their regular consultations through telephonic communications as well as meetings at side-lines of international events.

Their meeting in Riyadh provided a good opportunity for YB Dato' Sri Anifah and the Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister, H.E. Adel Al Jubeir a more personal interaction to address these matters of mutual interests to both Malaysia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. YB Dato' Sri Anifah was well received by the Saudi Foreign Minister and the meeting was held in a most brotherly and friendly manner reflecting the very close relations between the Ministers and the two countries.



**THE ASEAN-RIYADH COMMITTEE (ARC) SINGING CONTEST 2016**

The Embassy of Indonesia in Riyadh in collaboration with the Embassy of the Philippines in Riyadh held the ASEAN-Riyadh Committee (ARC) Singing Contest at the Embassy of Indonesia in Riyadh on 20 May 2016. There were two categories in the competition; the ASEAN Songs and the Open Category.



Malaysia won the second runner-up for the ASEAN Songs category at the ARC Singing Contest. They performed the famous song by the late Tan Sri P. Ramlee, *Bunyi Gitar*.



**THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OIC TRADE FAIR (2016)**

The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), Jeddah opened a Malaysian booth at the 15<sup>th</sup> OIC Trade Fair, Riyadh Exhibition Center on 22 – 26 May 2016. The Malaysian booth comprises Malaysian businesses from various fields, namely food and beverage, engineering, advertising, and also perfumery promoting Malaysian oud-based products.



**THE FUSE MALAYSIAN OUD-BASED PERFUME BOOTH**



**DINNER ORGANISED BY MATRADE JEDDAH WITH MALAYSIANS IN RIYADH**

On 23 May 2016, MATRADE Jeddah organised a dinner with the Malaysian community in Riyadh in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> OIC Trade Fair. Among the guests of honour were TYT Dato' Ambassador Zainol Rahim Zainuddin and YBhg. Dato' Dzulkifli Mahmud, CEO of MATRADE.



**THE ASEAN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2016**

The Embassy of Vietnam organised the ASEAN Riyadh Committee (ARC) Badminton Tournament 2016 at the King Faisal School, Diplomatic Quarters, Riyadh on 28 May 2016. There were three categories in the tournament; men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.



**MEN'S DOUBLE CHAMPIONS**

Malaysia won the men's double category beating the Philippines in the finals.

**JUNE**



**IFTAR HOSTED BY THE DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RIYADH**

The Dean of Diplomatic Corps, Riyadh hosted Iftar for all Heads of Mission on 8 June 2016 at the Riyadh Marriott Hotel.

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