

Brunei and Malaysia Relationship in Pelita Brunei, 1957-1970

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Abstract

Most of the existing research related to the relationship between Brunei and Malaysia does not use Pelita Brunei as the main source of research even though this newspaper has become the official discourse of the Government of Brunei since 1956. In fact, this newspaper plays an important role in providing information related to the relationship between Brunei and Malaysia in the period specified. Therefore, this study wants to see the extent to which Brunei and Malaysia relationship issues affect Pelita Brunei's reporting from 1957 to 1970. This research has a historical theme and fully uses qualitative methods. Sources and materials are obtained from the National Archives of Malaysia, the National Archives of Brunei Darussalam, the National Library of Malaysia, local university libraries throughout Malaysia and others. The results of the study found that Pelita Brunei played an important role in conveying issues related to the relationship between Brunei and Malaysia from 1957 until 1970. This newspaper also became one of the main mediums in the Brunei Government's efforts to form their own nation state. At the same time, it can be seen that several important issues related to the relationship between Brunei and Malaysia became the focus of this newspaper during the period mentioned. For example, related to the formation of Malaysia, education and security issues of Brunei.

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