

SOUTH ASIA

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Brunei Darussalam and India established diplomatic relations on 10 May 1984.

A range of high-level visits has taken place between the two countries over the years. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's recent visit to India was in December 2012. High level visits from India include the visit of HE Shri E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs, on 26 September 2011.

Relations between Brunei Darussalam and India are close and friendly. Cooperation is mostly focused on trade and defence.

Bilateral Joint Committee Meeting between Brunei Darussalam and India was set up on 24 February 1995. The Joint Committee is intended to promote closer bilateral cooperation between both countries.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of Bangladesh established diplomatic relations on 5 May 1984. Brunei Darussalam opened its mission in Dhaka on 29 July 1999. Bangladesh opened its mission in Brunei Darussalam in July 1985. It was closed in 1988 but reopened in December 1997.

There have been various exchanges of visits on senior official levels. In 1994, Mostafizur Rahman Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh visit Brunei and in 1999, Alhaj Abdus Samad Azad, also the Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Brunei. Meanwhile, former President Khaleda Zia visited Brunei Darussalam in 2004.

Both countries have enjoyed warm and friendly relations. Cooperation has mainly focused on defence, education and labour.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

Diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan were established on 9th February 1984. Brunei Darussalam established its High Commission in Islamabad in 1992, while Pakistan set up its High Commission in Bandar Seri Begawan in 1985.

Over the years, high-level visits were made to Pakistan including those by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in 1992 and 2004, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 1993 and 2007. Visits to Brunei Darussalam include those made by President General Mohamed Zia Ul-Haq in 1984, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in 1996, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 1999, President Pervez Musharraf in 2000 and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz in 2005.

A number of documents have been signed between the two countries including ***the Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation*** (16 March 2006); ***the Agreement on Brunei-Pakistan Joint Investment Company*** (17 March 2006); ***MOU on Cultural Cooperation*** (7 May 2005); ***MOU on Consultation and Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*** (19 May 2004); ***MOU on Defence Cooperation*** (19 May 2004); and ***MOU on Combating Terrorism and other Transnational Crimes*** (19 May 2004).