



BRUNEI SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

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- [New tourism markets targeted ahead of Visit Brunei 2027](#) (2026-03-16 15:41)

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN – Brunei is targeting new tourism markets in 2026—including North America, southwest Asia, and western Europe—as part of a strategic push to boost international arrivals, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) announced Monday. Speaking at the Legislative Council, Dato Dr Hj Abd Manaf Hj Metussin said the sultanate is expanding its global footprint through international expos in hubs like Dubai, Sydney, Seoul, and Shanghai to cultivate new collaborations. Breaking new markets through digital marketing To support this, the Tourism Development Department will appoint overseas representatives to navigate “geo-locked” digital platforms like China’s Douyin, South Korea’s Naver, and WeChat. It is also finalising a comprehensive marketing strategy to bridge the gap between regional visitors and travelers from further afield like Europe and North America. These efforts serve as a runway for Visit Brunei Year 2027, which coincides with His Majesty the Sultan’s Diamond Jubilee. A pre-launch phase will begin in Q2 2026 to ensure the nation’s infrastructure is ready for more tourist arrivals. On the development front, the minister highlighted a 20-year cooperation agreement between the Forestry Department and Borneo Eco Resort to transform Berakas Forest Recreational Park into a world-class ecotourism destination. Cruise ships boost [...] This story 'New tourism markets targeted ahead of Visit Brunei 2027' appeared first on The Scoop.

- [\\$6.3 billion budget bill targets fiscal stability](#) (2026-03-15 15:53)

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN – The government has tabled a BND6.3 billion supply bill for the 2026/2027 financial year, aiming to balance between fiscal prudence with Brunei’s long-term development needs. Addressing the Legislative Council on Saturday, the Second Minister of Finance and Economy, Dato Dr Hj Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah, confirmed that the government expects to carry its fiscal deficit into the upcoming year. While the deficit was originally forecast to reach BND3.1 billion by the end of FY 2025/26, the government has yet to release updated figures. With war in the Persian Gulf disrupting global energy markets, Dato Amin stressed that maintaining macroeconomic stability is now critical. “Global economic uncertainties—influenced by geopolitical tensions, shifting trade structures, modest global growth prospects and climate change—require the government to act strategically,” he said. He warned that an over-reliance on oil and gas is unsustainable, noting that while Brunei remains an open economy, that very openness leaves it “vulnerable to external factors such as trade tensions and import cost pressures”. Tracking economic growth Reviewing the nation’s economic performance, Dato Amin reported that Brunei’s economy grew by 0.7% in 2025.

This was driven by a 3.1% uptick in the oil and gas sector, which offset [...] This story '\$6.3 billion budget bill targets fiscal stability' appeared first on The Scoop.

- [Government unveils strategic priorities in \\$480M infrastructure push](#) (2026-03-15 15:41)

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN – The government has earmarked \$480 million from the FY 2026/27 budget to drive critical infrastructure and socio-economic projects over the coming year. These funds are part of the broader 12th National Development Plan (RKN12), a \$4 billion roadmap comprising 305 projects through 2029, designed to support Brunei’s long-term economic goals. Following the budget readout at the Legislative Council on Saturday, we take a closer look at the government’s strategic priorities for the year ahead. Priority 1: Fiscal stability and governance With a \$22 million allocation, the first priority focuses on strengthening fiscal stability and financial governance. Key projects under this pillar include the development of Bru-HIMS 2.0 and a new national centre for vehicle inspection and automobile standards. Funding will also support several essential studies and master plans, including: Aerial imaging and 3D mapping for geospatial surveying. Coastal protection and sanitation/sewerage master plans. Non-revenue water management to secure the national water supply. Environmental and tourism initiatives are also featured under this bracket, with a focus on forest conservation, carbon trading, and upgrades to Kampong Ayer and the Pulau Selirong Forest Recreation Park. Priority 2: Economic transformation and innovation The second priority — empowering the economy through [...] This story 'Government unveils strategic priorities in \$480M infrastructure push' appeared first on The Scoop.

- [Sultan urges safeguards as Iran war jolts energy markets](#) (2026-03-13 11:40)

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah has called for stronger action to address global economic uncertainty, while urging members of the Legislative Council to focus on key national priorities. The monarch opened the 22nd session of the Legislative Council in his first public appearance since undergoing knee replacement surgery in January. In his titah, His Majesty said Brunei must remain alert to international developments and the impact of global geopolitical tensions on the economy, particularly as fluctuations in energy commodity prices could affect the country’s main source of revenue. Oil prices have surged past \$100 per barrel as the US and Israel wage war against Iran, sending energy markets into a tailspin over fears of a prolonged conflict. The sultan stressed that Brunei is not immune to these global pressures and called on members of the Legislative Council to work together in addressing any uncertainties that may arise. Economic diversification remains key priority To bolster the government’s fiscal health, the monarch urged a sustained push into new sectors and strategic investments that accelerate economic diversification. “The need to develop new areas is no longer a choice but a necessity,” he said, adding that progress must also [...] This story 'Sultan urges safeguards as Iran war jolts energy markets' appeared first on The Scoop.