

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Intercessors

As Malaysia celebrates its 58th year of nationhood and 52nd year of formation this month, we enter a time of great challenge. While we still grieve over the air tragedies, the recent effects of Sabah earthquake, the Kelantan floods, we now face allegations of corruption, mismanagement of funds, abuse of authority and suppression of freedom.

Let us pray that the God of justice and peace continue to reign deeply in our land. Do bless our country with Numbers 6:24-26. Let us also keep lighting the fire of prayer in this land!

A. KEY EVENTS

No	Event	Date	Highlights
1.	Tuai Rumah Panjai Sandah Case	Held on September 9 2015	Federal Court hearing regarding the claiming of Native Customary Right (NCR) land and its extent.
2.	Malaysia Day Prayer Celebrations	September 15- 16 2015	Various Malaysia Day prayer gatherings held across the nation.

B. ITEMS FOR PRAYER

1. INDIGENOUS LAND RIGHTS : TUAI RUMAH PANJAI SANDAH CASE

- a. A landmark case regarding the claiming of native customary rights (NCR) over 5,630 hectares of land was heard in the Federal Court on 9th September 2015. Judgement was deferred to another date to be fixed later. Let us continue to cover this in prayer.
- b. Sandah and Lajang had sued Kanowit Timber Company Sdn Bhd and the state government for encroaching into their NCR land, vide a timber licence issued by the state government to Kanowit Timber Company Sdn Bhd. Although the Court of Appeal has ruled in favour of TR Sandah, appeal to the Federal Court by the state government against the recognition of the Iban customs of 'Pemakai Menoa' (territorial domain) and 'Pulau Galau' (communal forest reserve) was given.
- c. The government contended that Tuai Rumah (TR) Sandah Tabau and a group of Ibans from Ulu Machan only have right over 2,802 hectares which they or their

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ancestors had acquired from clearing virgin jungle for farming as shown in aerial photos taken in 1951, and not the land in the adjoining primary forests of 2,712 hectares where they hunted and foraged for food and medicine.

- d. A decision by the highest Court on these points of law would clarify the law on native rights to land in Sarawak and put to rest the argument on what is native customary land and its extent.
- e. Let us pray therefore for a ruling in favour of TR Sandah. Pray:
 - i. **For the panel of judges, that they will be righteous God-fearing men who will rule justly without fear or favour.** Pray for God to work in the hearts and minds of the judges, that they will acknowledge the right of the indigenous people to their land. Pray that God will intervene.
 - ii. **For justice to prevail in every ruling and decision,** against any exploitation by those in power and any form of trickery with regards to native customary land rights (NCR). Pray that the indigenous people will not be oppressed instead given their full rights as natives.
 - iii. **That the state government will recognise the Iban Adat of Pemakai Menoa and Pulau Galau.**
- f. Read more at:
 - i. <http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/07/25/committee-wants-pemakai-menoa-pulau-galau-to-stay/>
 - ii. <http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/03/12/govt-company-allowed-to-appeal-against-pulau-galau-claim/>

2. MISSING ORANG ASLI CHILDREN IN KELANTAN JUNGLE

- a. Pray for the seven missing Orang Asli children believed to have fled into the jungle from their school hostel on Aug 23 after they were told off for going for a swim in a river without permission. Their names are: Mirsudiar Aluj, 11, Norieen and Haikal Yaakob, 10 and eight respectively, Ika Ayel, nine, Sasa Sobrie, eight, Linda Rosli, eight and Juvina David, seven.
- b. Pray for an intensification of search efforts by authorities, more manpower and help from various groups. Pray for the children to be found.
- c. Pray that the ministry of Education will continue to make efforts to improve safety in school and uphold the rights of the orang asli children.

3. MALAYSIA DAY PRAYER CELEBRATIONS

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- a. Let us be covering the various prayer celebrations happening throughout Sabah, Sarawak and Semenanjung at different venues organised by various churches and bodies.
- b. Pray for God's favour and protection as His church cries out corporately for His Kingdom come and will be done. Pray that the church will be revived to humble themselves, turn from their ways, pray and seek God's face. That God will bring healing to this land. Pray for smooth organisation and no untoward incidents.
- c. Pray for participation from different churches and Christians from all walks of life, pray for the younger generation to catch the spirit of prayer and intercede for the land.
- d. Pray for a church returned to its First Love, holy and pleasing to God. Pray that that we as Christians will be watchful and vigilant, knowing the times and seasons.
- e. The gatherings associated with Prayer United are as follows:
 - i. **Asap**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. @SIB (BEM) Uma Kulit Or Uma Bakah, Asap, Bakun, Belaga *Telephone: +6013-570 2655/+6017-803 0597*
 - ii. **Bario**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 7:30PM - 10:30PM @ SIB (BEM) Main District, Ulung Palang, Bario. *Telephone: +60 13 816 7751*
 - iii. **Bakelalan**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30PM - 10:30PM @ SIB (BEM) Buduk Nur, Bakelalan, *Telephone: +60 19-819 6577*
 - iv. **Bintulu**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015,7:30PM - 10:00PM, Ang Kwang Methodist Church, *Telephone: +60 13-816 7751*
 - v. **Klang Valley**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 10AM-12.30PM @ Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya, *Telephone: +601132110010*
 - vi. **Lawas**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30PM - 10:30PM @SIB (BEM) Church lawas, Lawas Town *Telephone: +6019-482 7889*
 - vii. **Long Lama**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30PM - 10:30PM, SIB(BEM) Church, *Telephone: +6010 598 1163*
 - viii. **Limbang**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30PM - 10:30PM @ Complex Sukan Limbang, Limbang Town, *Telephone: +6014-887 4387*
 - ix. **Sarawak Central Region**, 8:00PM (15TH SEPT) - 9:00PM (16TH SEPT) @Sibu Gateway, *Telephone: +60 19 819 6383*
 - x. **Sarawak Northern Zone**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30 p.m - 10:00 p.m @ Grace Methodist Church 98000 Miri, Sarawak , *Telephone: +60 85-662 660*
 - xi. **Trusan**, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015, 7:30PM - 10:30PM @SIB (BEM) Church, Trusan Tengah, *Telephone: +6019-8381248*

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4. KELANTAN REBUILDING POST-FLOOD CRISIS

- a. As the Monsoon season approaches, continue to pray for initiatives like the *Gabungan Impian Kelantan* led by NGOs and political parties, who are working towards shifting and rebuilding entire communities, moving them to higher ground.
- b. Pray that donors will continue to give generously towards this massive rebuilding. Pray that the Federal Government will avail more resources and funds to flow in speedily to the relevant agencies and places to be implemented urgently, regardless of political affiliation.