

BRUNEI
FACT SHEET

1. **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

	<u>Brunei</u>	<u>Canada</u>
Area:	5,800 sq. km.	9,203,054 sq. km.
Land Use:	72% forest; 8.6% inland water; 2.5% permanent crops; 16% other	7.3% agriculture; 35% forest; 54% wild- erness (including 8.2% water); 2.8% other

2. **DEMOGRAPHY** (1982 estimates unless otherwise indicated)

Population:	193,000 (1981)	24.625 million
Average Annual Growth:	2.4%	1%
Population Density:	94.3 inhabitants per sq. km.	2.6 inhabitants (1981) per sq. km.
Population Distribution:		75.7% urban
Birth Rate per 1,000:	28	15.5 (1980)
Infant Mortality per 1,000:	20	10.4 (1980)
Life Expectancy:	66 years	74 years
Doctors per 1,000:	0.35	1.86

3. **SOCIETY**

Ethnic Composition:

The largest ethnic group, the Malays, make up about 52% of the population; the Chinese comprise 25%, with 15% indigenous tribes and 5% other.

Religion:

Islam is the official religion; 60% Muslim; 8% Christian and 32% other (Buddhist and animist).

Language:

Malay is the official language. English is widely used; Cantonese is spoken among the Chinese.

4. **GOVERNMENT**

Head of State: HH Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin
Waddaulah, 29th Sultan of Brunei

Acting Chief Minister: Pehin Datuk Haji Abdul

Foreign Affairs: His Highness Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah

Type of Government:

Brunei is a constitutional sultanate in treaty relationship with Britain, which retains responsibility for defence and foreign affairs. Full independence is scheduled for January 1, 1984. It appears probable that Brunei will remain an autocracy, with Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah retaining absolute power. There has been no effective opposition to the Sultan since the Brunei People's Party was banned after leading a brief abortive rebellion in 1962.