#### TODAY IN THE ARMED FORCES HISTORY 18 DECEMBER 1989

**Today on 18 December in 1989,** 16 officers and men were killed when the Nuri Helicopter they were in crash-landed onto the river bank of Sungai Lundu, near Kg Kuala Bandang, Sarawak.

### Amongst the 16 killed were:

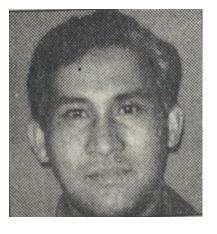
- 1. **Mej Jen Dato' Mustaffa bin Awang**, (51; RAMD), GOC 1st Infantry Division, based in Kuching, Sarawak.
- 2. **Brig Jen Dato' Hasbullah bin Yusof**, (47; RAMD), Commander 3rd Infantry Brigade, based in Kuching, Sarawak.
- 3. Lt Kol Mohd Mohd Mustapha Kamal bin Mohd Yusof, (47; PDR), SO1 (Operations), HQ 1st Infantry Division, based in Kuching, Sarawak.
- 4. Lt Kol Mohd Johari bin Selan, (44; RENJER), Commanding Officer, 5 Renjer Battalion, based in Bau, Sarawak.
- 5. **Lt Kol Tengku Abd Aziz bin Tunku Osman**, (40; RAMD) Commanding Officer 13 Royal Malay Regiment, based in Kuching, Sarawak.



Mej Jen Dato' Mustaffa



Brig Jen Dato' Hasbullah



Lt Kol Mohd Mustapha Kamal



Lt Kol Mohd Johari



Lt Kol Tunku Abd Aziz





Mej Jen Dato' Mustaffa was to go to Kem Semantan to officially close a Combat Intelligence course and to meet the course participants. Due to the weather, the flight was delayed for about an hour before taking off. When the helicopter was in the Kg Kuala Bandung area, 60 km from Kuching, the weather turned bad with heavy rain, strong wind and lightening. The helicopter was forced to crash land, landed on the bank of the river mouth, killing all the 16 officers and men, including the helicopter pilot and crew.

Let us remember this day and the sacrifices these 16 officers and men had made, ending in their tragic death, 33 years ago. Al-Fatihah!

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KILLED . . . generals Datuk Mus-taffa and (below) Datuk Hasbullah



Three colonels also among the 16 dead

KUCHING, Tues. — Two generals and three colo-nels were among 16 army and RMAF personnel killed when a Nuri heli-copter crashed in Lundu, 86km north-west of here, today.

The helicopter, which left the Kuching RMAF base at 8.50am for Sematan, crashed in bad weather into the mouth of Sun-

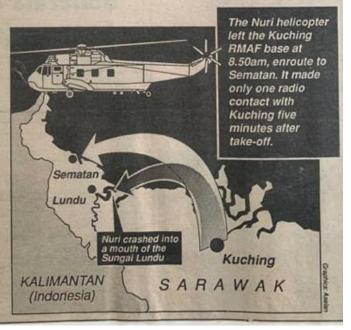
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killed was Tunku Abdul Azix Tunku Osman, son of the first Armed Förces Chief of Indepen-dent Malays, Tungku Osman Mo-hamed Jews. He was the com-manding officer of the 13th Royal Malay Regiment.

The other two were Haji Moha-mad Johari Selan, the command-ing officer at the 5th Malayrian Ranger Regiment, and Mustafa Kamal, Staff Officer 1 (Opera-tions).

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The tragedy occurred just over month after a Nuri crashed between Mt Bilah and Mt Gerah ang the Prash Kelantan border 1 Nov 9, killing all 21 aboard. That crash is still being investited.

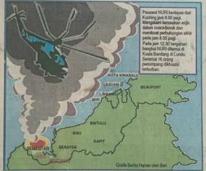


#### DETIK SEBELUM MALANG BERLAKU

# Nahas Nuri di Sarawak

# 16 tentera terkorban

## **NAHAS PESAWAT NUR! TUDM**



### Lembaga penyiasat ditubuh

Tidak sempat

hajat terakhir

penuhi



## Kehilangan pegawai berpengalaman

#### 14 sudah dikenali