

LIVING ON THE PERIPHERY; Development and Islamization among the Orang Asli in Malaysia

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As discussed thus far, Kampung Durian Tawar has been given the role as a model for development and has been positioned close to the state by the JHEOA and other government authorities. Many incidents relating to Islamization in the village, therefore, call for attention beyond the village level and must be considered in the context of its relation with the state.

In Part III, I describe various incidents caused by Islamization in Kampung Durian Tawar, and focus on the responses of the Orang Asli to state-led Islamization. Many of the incidents described occurred between 1996 and 1998, when I was staying in the village.



Plate 64: Undang's visit and Islamic missionary activities. The purpose of this program was to promote Islamic missionary activities at Kampung Durian Tawar. PERKIM, the state government, and the JHEOA invited the Undang of Jelebu to visit the village and to meet the villagers. Batin Janggut and the village leaders could not refuse to allow this program because they heard that the honorable Undang (Malay regional chieftain) had hoped to visit their village. [NT-1998]

