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Jud 16:18-22; Isa 57:15

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TIMES TWO

From rice & water



☐ The group preparing for the 'miracle'.

4-day climb up mountain by 600 'pilgrims'

ORE than 600 people from all over the region in the Fifth and Fourth Divisions of Sarawak gathered in Ba Kelalan in mid-July to prepare for the epic hike up Sarawak's highest mountain, figuring Murud, as instructed by 'holy man' Agung Bangau.

According to the 'ptlgrims' who had participated in the journey, it took about four days to reach the top of the 7,800 feet mountain where they spent two nights.

Customs officer Ramina Tadam, 22, from Lawas who made the hike, said it was one of the toughest walks in her life. But will-power and to pray the whole night. I was wrapped in a plastic sheet. We were just below the peak where the miracle was to appear, "spealled George.

As night fell and everything was in darkness the chanting of prayers increased in intensity. There were small camp fires which were difficult to keep alight because of the rain, while others had pressure imps or kerosene lamps for light.

At about midnight, Agung brought a piece of zinc. He placed sand, stone and weimoss (lichen) on it and took it to the top of the mountain about 100 yards away and night it on WO brothers — Musa Sigar and Mika Sigar say they witnessed the "changing of rice into flour and water into oil".

Both religious teachers at Ba Kelalan, they hadgene on a trip to Bukit Tudal with a group of 37 people, mainly women, to see the miracle as predicted by village 'boly man' Agung Bangau.

Musa, who is in his early 40s, said that they were instructed to bring along with them an empty biscult tin, four small empty milk tins, a bottle of water and two gantangs of uncooked rice placed in two seperate red plastic bags.

Led by Agung, they left Buduk Nur at 8am on September 20 last year and climbed to a spot on the hill where the 'miracle' was to occur.

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It took them almost two hours to reach their destination.

The congregation then prayed for an hour before walking about 50 metres to another spot to place the foodstuffs on the ground.

Agung then asked four people to taste the bottle of water they had brought along to prove it was water and not oil.

They were then asked to pour a little of the water into three small empty milk tins and the biscuit tin.

All of them then retreated back to the original spot to pray.

After about 30 minutes the four returned to the place where the foodstuffs had been placed as instructed by Agung and found that the rice had turned to flour and the three empty tinswith a drop of water were now, brimming over with sugar.

They quickly returned to they congregation and related what had bappened.

Azing then instructed them to prayefor another miracles They did so for about 15 minutes.

After prayers they went to the same spot and found that he had been a bottle of water which had been a placed there had turned stoo oil and the large biscuit time the a drop of water in it was now filled to the brim.

After that the congregation broke down and cried

Musa said: "I was there and saw it with my own eyes. That w certhinly a miracle..."

...To flour & oil



☐ Close-up of the foodstuff after the 'miracle'.

Rice Changed to Flour and Sugar, Water Changed To Cooking Oil



TIMES TWO

SARAWAK SIGHTINGS

WHERE do they come from, these mysterious, dancing tongues of bright, ethereal light? And, above all, what are they? To countless sceptical but mystified observers they remain simply Unidentified Fiery Objects. To the devout congregations of Sarawak's remote Ba Kelalan valley however, they are nothing less than a sign from God...

A STRANGE phenomenon described as a 'miracle' by seyeral hundred people who witnessed balls of fire in the sky at the mountain village of Ba Kelslan over the past eight months has dictated the lives of the strongly religious Christians living there.

Six incidents of such nature have been seen by the people who include government officers, people from the private sector and simple village folks.

Not only have they seen strange lights but they have also witnessed incidents which they believe are signs from God!

Numerous photographs have been taken of these incidents including a one-hour video tape recording of a dancing ball of light and cassette tape recordings of birds accompanying a 'holy man' called Agung Bangau while he was singing hymns during meditation in the jungte.

The people believe that these are 'signs' from God following a Christian 'revival' in the area in 1973. Police have reports of the sightings.

While a few are sceptical about the incidents and 'miracles' and prefer to remain silent on their views, the majority of the people at Ba Kelalan have accepted the phenomena as a revelation from God.

Many people have

Many people have seen the sightings and are not in the least surprised. They don't even question the authenticity of the Theidents because of their strong beliefs.

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I naw a video-tape
recording of one of the
miracles. It captured
the ball of glowing light
moving in a strange
manner in the sky for
almost two hours.

The video tape recording shows the villagers of Ba Kelalan waiting for the miracle, with the women dressed in white skirts and yellow blouses and flowers in their hair waiting for THE sign.

Looking up to the sky they began to sing hymns just before 7pm. Then as they began Villagers witness 'miracles'



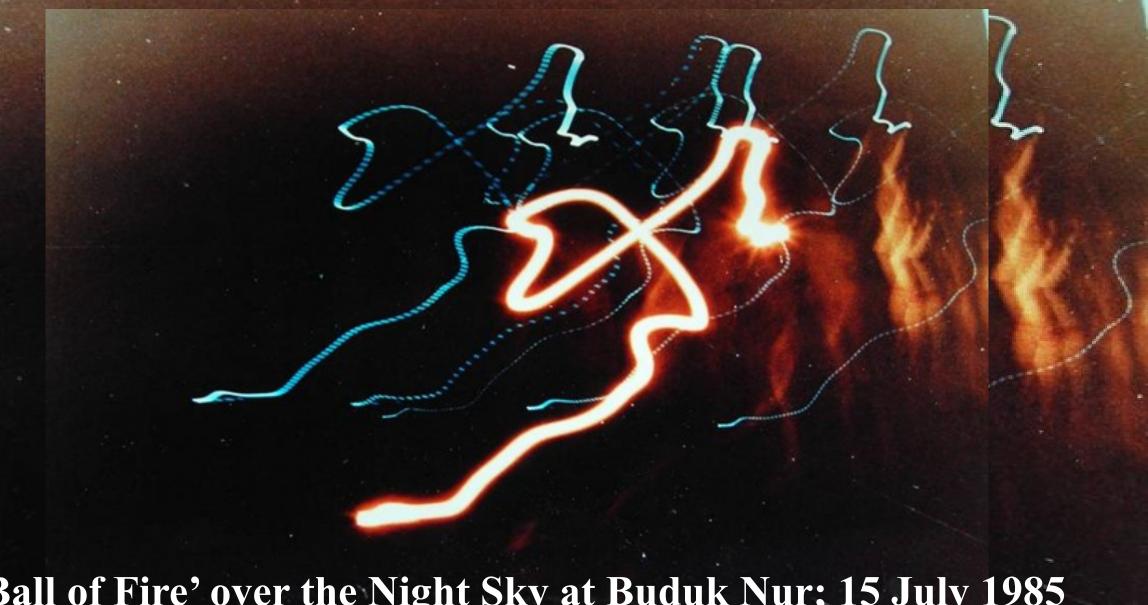




The mysterious ball of fire as captured on film. The lines in the background are caused by firm exposure.

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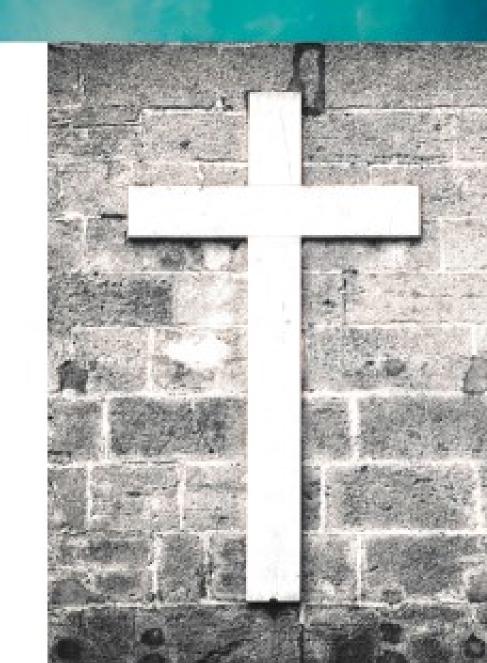
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'Ball of Fire' over the Night Sky at Buduk Nur; 15 July 1985 Time-Lapsed Photo reproduced in NST (2 Dec 1985)

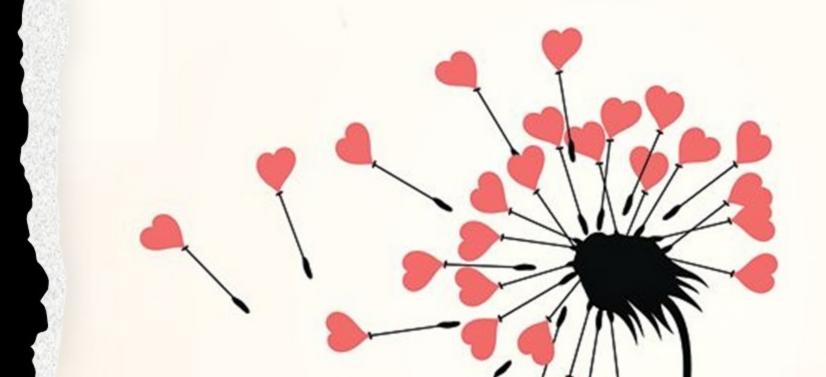
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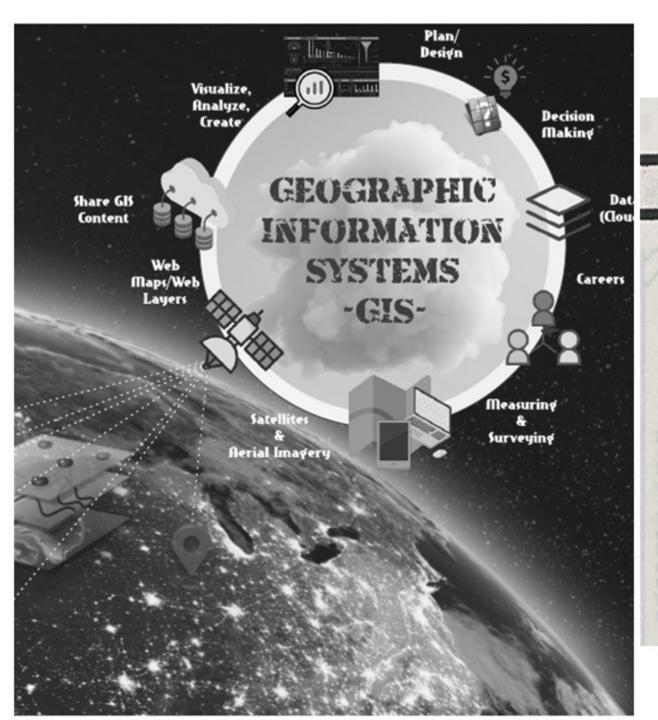


"We cannot always trace God's hand, but we can always trust God's heart."

- Charles Spurgeon









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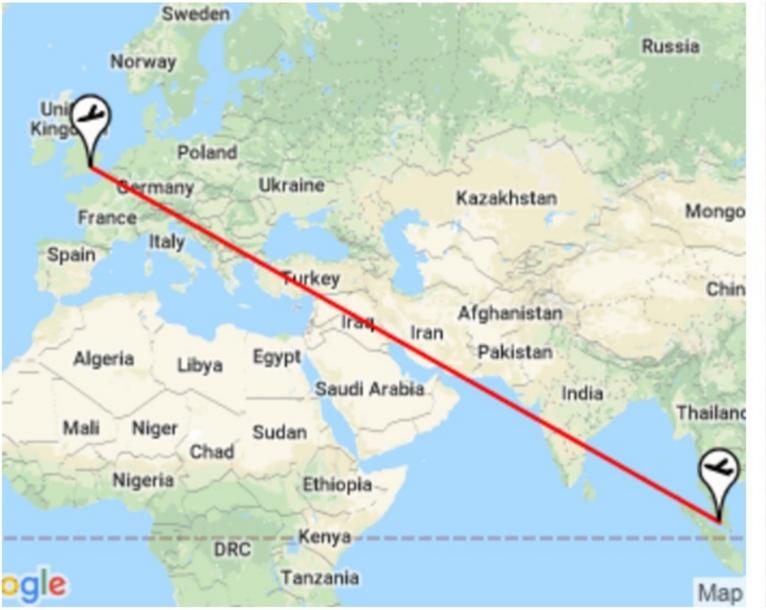


















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