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SOUTHEAST ASIAN NEWSPAPERS**

Explore rare English-language newspapers published in present-day Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand that showcase the impact of the British Empire, colonial and postcolonial history of Southeast Asia, and the history of journalism and publishing.

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NUMBER OF TITLES:
36 newspapers and periodicals

NUMBER OF PAGES:
Approximately 1 million

DATE RANGE:
1806-1977

DISCIPLINES SUPPORTED:

- British Imperial History
- Colonial and Post Colonial History
- History of Journalism
- Anthropology
- Area Studies

- Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology



ABOUT THE ARCHIVE

British Library Newspapers, Part VII: Southeast Asian Newspapers contains a total of 36 rare English-language newspapers and periodicals published out of the former British colonies of **Burma**, **Malaysia**, and **Singapore**, alongside **Thailand**, a country that, though never colonized by any Western powers, had been heavily influenced by British politics and culture during the same period.

These newspapers and periodicals, many of which were run by colonial officials, Western merchants, missionaries, and local entrepreneurs and elites, showcase the intricate relationship between the colonial powers and the native people, and demonstrate how the ideals of Western knowledge, culture, and institutions influenced the local culture, even after these former colonies gained independence.

Scholars of Southeast Asian history can explore approximately one million pages of primary sources that are key to understanding this long historical period (1806-1977). As a new instalment to the *British Library Newspapers* series, *Southeast Asian Newspapers* offers an essential window into the lives of the settlers and the locals. Alongside the other parts of the series, it provides countless possibilities to explore how the opinions of British government representatives, merchants, and locals of Southeast Asia interacted with and, sometimes, clashed against each other in the larger context of the British Empire.

Alone or combined, this digitised collection provides a rare and invaluable collection for all those teaching and studying in the fields of History, Area Studies, Political Science, Economics, Journalism, Anthropology, and Sociology.

EXAMPLES

- **The Government Gazette:** One of the oldest English-language newspapers from this region. It was published in Penang (then George Town) by the colonial administration under multiple names.
- **The Malacca Observer:** A regular paper that represented the voice of the Chinese community in Malaya.
- **The Malay Mail:** One of the longest running newspapers and is still publishing today.
- **Straits Produce:** A satirical magazine that sought to illustrate the lives of the white colonial rulers and settlers in tropical Malaya and Singapore through humorous caricatures and amusing sketches.
- **New Times of Burma:** A locally published paper that championed nationalism and the independence of Burma, then controlled by British India.
- **The Siam Repository:** A paper published by Samuel Jones Smith, a Baptist missionary, in Bangkok, Thailand, reporting on various aspects of Thailand in the 1860s and 1870s.



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