

# DO YOU KNOW

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## WHERE TO STAY

**L**epa which means boat to the Sabah East Coast Bajau community is of tremendous importance to them. Intricately carved and lovingly made, it used to be their home. Made of Red Seraya wood, it is believed to have been inherited by the people for many generations, thereby making them their heritage.

Lepa is believed to be utilised by the people of Bum Bum Island and the Pala'u people who lives along the Semporna coast.

A Lepa Regatta was carried out in 1994 by Sabah Tourism Board (STB) in its bid to include the Bajau tradition as a tourism product. It has been carried out annually henceforth. During the event, the Bajaus show off their decorating prowess in their attempt to win the Most Beautiful Lepa prize.

They are judged by their decoration, local ethnic music and dances performed on board and sails.

Other attractions include sea sports such as rowboat and sailing. Usually cultural performances will be performed at an event hall.

The STB has a calendar of events that will announce the date for the Lepa Regatta Semporna.

# Lepa



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## JANUARY EVENTS

### OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2007

Date: January 2007  
Organiser: Mahkamah-Mahkamah Sabah (Kota Kinabalu) / Sabah Law Association  
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**"FALLEN HEROES" OF PETAGAS**  
Date: 21 January 2007  
Organiser: Kota Kinabalu City Council  
Contact Person: Elizabeth Borubui

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**KOTA KINABALU CITY IDOL**  
Date: February 2007  
Organiser: Kota Kinabalu City Hall  
Contact Person: Joannes Solidau  
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**CITY DAY CELEBRATION**  
Date: 02 February 2007  
Organiser: Kota Kinabalu City Hall  
Contact Person: Faradillah Abdul Rani

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**CITY DAY REGATTA 2007**  
Date: 03 - 04 February 2007  
The city Day Regatta is held over two days, comprising of several races to determine the champions in various classes of boats. The event is held as part of the KK City Day celebrations.  
Organiser: Kinabalu Yacht Club  
Contact Person: Johnny Tan (Vice Commodore)  
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## Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamus are held in almost every town/district in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or barter their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional ware, musical instruments, etc.

**SUNDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

**MONDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Tandek

**TUESDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Kiulu

**WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

**THURSDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

**FRIDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

**SATURDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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