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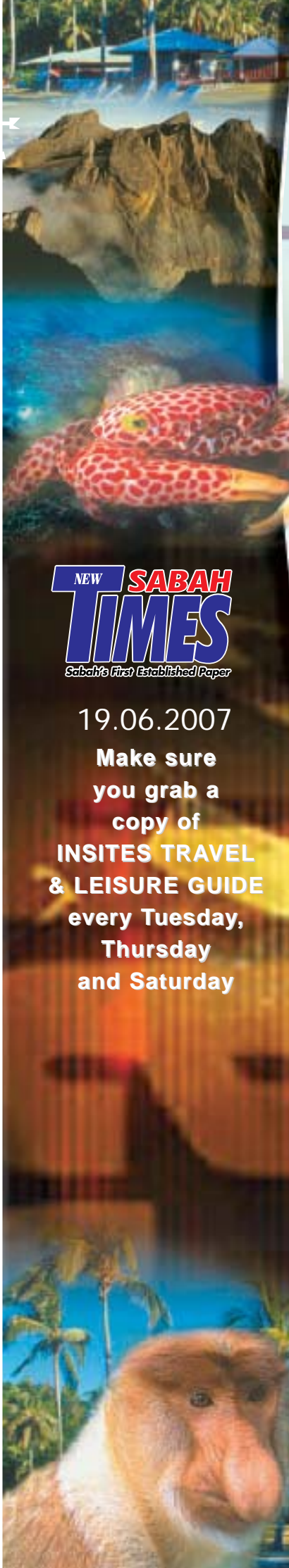
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Semporna

shows 'em all!!

By ANNA VIVIENNE

The dancers swayed to the music, gracefully following the beat and the rhythm of the cymbals. They moved so fluidly that they looked like beautiful wraith, caressing the air.

Their attire, coloured purple red and yellow seemed to complement the exotic music. The dancers danced their dance, occasionally washed by stage lights, almost oblivious of their surroundings. The audience watched, enthralled.

The dancers were members of the Semporna Community Welfare Association (PERKASA) and they were at a leading hotel recently to showcase their cultural and traditional dances and songs.

According to the president Datuk Ujang Sulani, the association wants to ensure that the culture and traditions of the people of Semporna, most of whom are Bajaus, lived on.

He said that the association was a platform for youth to understand and know their culture.

"We must realise that in this modern world, the interest towards traditions is waning and it can disappear if we do not take heed and try



to preserve it," he said.

According to him, there are youth who still had some interest in this (traditions) and as such the establishment of the association some 5 years ago was timely.

"We want quality and not quantity and so that is why we have not been heard of

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