



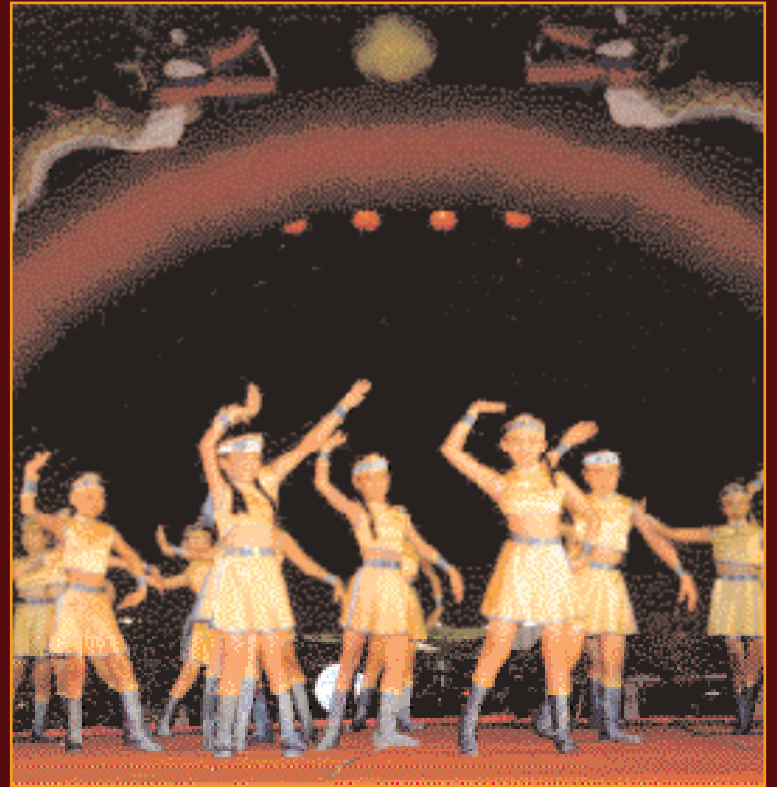
Ramadhan Bazaar September 2008

While the month of Ramadan is the fasting month for the Moslems the world over, it also the time when food stalls start to emerge, selling tantalizing food for breaking fast. But the bazaar is not just for those taking part in the fasting month. Mention the Ramadan Bazaar and food lovers will perk up with excitement. A huge variety of food and drinks will be sold for takeaway. Look out for food items like chicken rice, *soto* (noodle soup), kebabs and an array of colourful local cakes. Try out extraordinary looking drinks such as *cincau* (grass jelly drink), *chendol* (green jelly drink) or *air bandung* (a pink drink made out of milk and rose syrup).

Visit these bazaars in the fasting month of September:

Location	Time
Sembulan Asia City Market Lintasan Deasoka, Gaya Street Wawasan Plaza Sinsuran Night Market Inanam Traditional Tamu Indah Permai (near the Giant Hypermarket)	1.30pm to 6.30pm

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Mooncake Celebrations September 2008

This year the Chinese mooncake festival falls on the 14th September, a celebration also known as the Lantern Festival or the Mid-Autumn Festival. The most famous legend surrounding the mooncake festival is connected to the role of the mooncake in Chinese history, which dates back to a 14th century revolt by the Chinese against the Mongols. In 1376, the Chinese overthrew the Yuan (Mongols) dynasty (1280-1376) in an uprising brilliantly devised by lantern-bearing messengers who delivered mooncakes. Legend has it that the time and place of revolution were concealed in the mooncakes send to friends and relatives. The midnight massacre of the Mongols was led by Liu Bowen who helped to establish a new era the Ming Dynasty.

Throughout the month of September, several areas around Kota Kinabalu will be gaily decorated with Chinese ornaments in a celebration of the Mooncake Festival. The colourful occasion will be filled with lion dances, live entertainment and food fairs - a grand affair indeed! This year's special highlight will be the acrobatic lion dances by the Yit Nam Lion Dancing Troupe which won the coveted title in "the world Lion King" championship held in China last year. The Yit Nam Troupe is well trained in the Martial arts (Kung Fu) and their members are skilled acrobats. Other attractions of the variety show include a magic show, folk dancing and a fashion parade.

Check out the Mooncake celebrations below:

Location	Date and Time
Luyang Mooncake Celebration Foh Sang shopping area	7 September 7.00pm- 9.30pm
Gaya Street Mooncake Celebration Gaya Street	13 September 7.00pm- 9.30pm

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