SARAWAK CORRIDOR OF RENEWABLE ENERGY (SCORE) PROJECT IN SARAWAK AND ITS IMPACT TOWARDS THE PENAN COMMUNITY, UPPER BARAM, MIRI, SARAWAK

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to examine and analyse the political, economic, social and cultural implications of the SCORE Project towards the Penan community, with particular focus on Upper Baram, Sarawak. This research work used the human security theory which is apart of the non-traditional security issues. The actors involve in this study are Sarawak government, non-state actors such as Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), Bruno Manser Fonds, *Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia* (JOAS) and *Sahabat Alam Malaysia* (SAM) and the Penan community in Upper Baram, Sarawak. It is divided into four parts. The first part looked at the political implications of the SCORE Projects towards the Penan Community. These included: lack of participation decision-making process on the part of the Penan Community, marginalization and the changes align with the development process. The second part looked at the the economic effects of the said projects such as hunting, fisheries and agriculture. The third part looked at its social implications such as the facilities, ethnic identity and land ownership. The last part looked at the cultural implications of the SCORE Project like heritage, traditions and identity of the Penan people in Upper Baram, Sarawak. The data for this study were collected from both primary and secondary sources. The primary data includes the data from the government official website, speeches and report. Questionnaires were also distributed to extract much needed information. The secondary data includes the books, journals and newspapers. The study found out that there are several far-reaching implications of the SCORE Project towards the Penan community in Upper Baram, Sarawak. The SCORE Project brought changes that affected the traditional lifestyle of the Community through the introduction of modern lifestyle in the area. These contradictions led to a protracted conflict between the Penan Community and the developers of the SCORE Projects.

Keywords: Penan community, human security, politics, economics, social and cultural
ABSTRAK


Kata kunci: komuniti Penan, keselamatan manusia, politik, ekonomi, sosial dan kebudayaan.
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<td>CHS</td>
<td>Commission on Human Security</td>
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<td>DBP</td>
<td>Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka</td>
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<td>EIA</td>
<td>Environmental Impact Assessment</td>
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<td>FDS</td>
<td>Flying Doctor Service</td>
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<td>GNP</td>
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<td>IHAS</td>
<td>Integrated Highland Agriculture Station</td>
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<td>JOAS</td>
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<td>Sarawak Baram Penan Women Association</td>
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<td>REACH</td>
<td>Rural Expeditions Aiding Community Health</td>
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<td>SAM</td>
<td>Sahabat Alam Malaysia</td>
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<td>SEB</td>
<td>Sarawak Energy Berhad</td>
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<td>SCORE</td>
<td>Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy</td>
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<td>SESCO</td>
<td>Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation</td>
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<td>SIA</td>
<td>Social Impact Assessment</td>
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<td>SUHAKAM</td>
<td>Human Right Commission of Malaysia</td>
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<td>ECOSOC</td>
<td>Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Working Group</td>
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<td>UN</td>
<td>United Nations</td>
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<td>UNDRIP</td>
<td>UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</td>
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<td>UNDP</td>
<td>United Nation Development Program</td>
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CHAPTER ONE

ANALYZING THE IMPACT OF SCORE PROJECT

Introduction

The purpose of this study is to examine and analyse the political, economic, social and cultural impacts of SCORE Project in Sarawak towards the Penan Community in Upper Baram, Miri. Basically, the starting of the Penan community participation in political phenomenon (blockades) was started from 1987 which they were fighting to stop the logging activities. Since then, they continuously conducted blockades to stop the SCORE Project because the projects destroyed the Penan’s land. The destruction of jungle also destroyed the food chain and affecting the Penan security. They lose their worship places, graveyard, food and water supply, medicine resources and so on. When the contractors exploited the lands and flooded the dam with water, it destructed the Penan’s villages and the habitat of flora and fauna. The development had affected the Penan’s politics, economic, social and cultural in that affected areas.

Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study is to examine and analyse the political, economic, social and cultural impacts of SCORE Project in Sarawak towards the Penan Community in Upper Baram, Miri. Indeed, this protracted conflict has started since 1987 when the Penan Community attempted to stop the logging activities. Since then, they continuously conducted blockades to stop the SCORE Project because the projects
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