

A Riddles' Structure of Iranun in Sabah

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Abstract. Riddles are very popular in Malaysian oral literature. Amongst Sabah's many ethnic groups, riddles have their own names. The KadazanDusuns call them *sudait*, the Iranuns call theirs *antuka*'. Riddles are put forth as questions to be guessed, as well as to create a feeling of togetherness through entertainment in the community, particularly so in rural and village communities. *Antuka*' flourished among the Iranuns in Kota Belud, on the West coast of Sabah. There are Iranuns in Lahad Datu, on Sabah's South-eastern coast, however this study is a collection of 555 *Antukas*. The present study documented, translated, and classified the *Antukas* by their structure. The *Antukas* are used as entertainment and have simple structures, using various objects as subjects to elucidate the riddles. The riddles collectively showcase the mindset of the community that created them.