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n.

A spicy condiment used especially in Indonesia and Malaysia, made with chili peppers and other ingredients, such as sugar or coconut.

[Malay, from Tamil *sambhar*, from Prakrit *saṃbhārei*, he gathers, from Sanskrit *saṃbhārayati*, he causes to be brought together : *saṃ*, together; see [SANSKRIT](#) + *bharati*, he carries, brings; see *bher*-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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