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Summary of Security-Related Issues throughout Indonesia

The following selected information was compiled from local media sources and submissions by AGI, Hill & Associates. We are deeply grateful to the contributors. This report contains information on a broad spectrum of security concerns and incidents which have occurred in Indonesia during the reporting period. Readers are advised that while there are security risks that companies and individuals need to be aware of, avoid or address, Indonesia is a country of over 230 million people living on 17,500 islands that stretch over 4,800 kms. The vast majority of foreign companies that operate in Indonesia, and expatriates who reside in or visit the country, do so without incident providing sensible security precautions are taken.

TERRORISM & TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

Philippines Considered Top Terror Hotspot: Steve Vickers, chairman of FTI International Risk, stated the Philippines has overtaken Indonesia as the country facing the greatest threat from terrorism in Southeast Asia. A presidential spokesman in the Philippines said the FTI report overstated the threat and the statement could affect foreign investment. The Abu Sayyaf Group in the southern Philippines has been supported by cadres from Indonesia's Jemaah Islamiyah since the 2002 Bali Bombing. Dulmatin, who was killed by Indonesian counter-terror forces last year, was there for several years but returned to lead the Al Qaeda Group in Aceh. Other JI cadres are believed to be operating with the Abu Sayyaf Group. It's believed the JI cadres in the Philippines could return to Indonesia, but they appear to remain in relative safety at this time. While the Philippines appears to be the most active location in Southeast Asia, it should be noted there have been more terrorist-related deaths in southern Thailand than in the rest of Southeast Asia combined. The real danger would occur if groups in Thailand link up with JI and Abu Sayyaf.

25 January - Det88 Conducts Raids: Special Detachment (Det88) anti-terror Police Headquarters announced they conducted a series of raids in Central Java, resulting in the arrest of at least eight suspected terrorists. Four men were arrested in Merbung, South Klaten District. Three additional men were arrested in separate raids in Karang Takel (Crucuk District), Buntalan (Central Klaten District) & Mutihan (Jatiwarna District). The raids followed the arrest earlier that day of a man identified as Roki Apres Giyanto alias Antok in Sukoharjo, Central Java. Antok is alleged to be a former member of the group Hisbah and believed to be a key figure in the terror network in Sleman, Klaten and Sukoharjo. Members of the group are believed to have been involved in terror acts directed at churches in the Solo area before Christmas last year. The eight terror suspects admitted to having held paramilitary type training in remote areas of Klaten in Central Java to ensure that they were ready to "face their enemies at any time". Following the arrests the police seized bomb-making materials, including gunpowder, potassium chlorate, home-made detonators and water bottles fashioned into nail bombs. Police also seized documents in which the suspects had styled themselves as members of Al Qaeda in Indonesia. The training was conducted by Antok, who is alleged to have connections with Sogir, a well-known JI bomb maker who trained under Dr. Azahari Husin, the now dead Malaysian JI terrorist and bomb maker.

Regional Terrorism and Organized Crime Incidents and Issues

24 January - Light Sentences Handed out in Papua Torture Case: A military tribunal in Papua, hearing charges in relation to the torture of two Papuan civilians, handed out relatively light sentences to three soldiers who were convicted of insubordination. The soldiers were not charged with the more serious offense of torture, since the alleged victims refused to testify for fear of possible reprisals. The sentences ranged from 8-10 months and have caused a raft of allegations of injustice from civil rights activists. The sentences may cause unease for the United States and Australia, where there may be

calls to cut back cooperation with the Indonesian military. Permanent damage to relations is not considered likely.

Civil Unrest and Political Violence Incidents and Issues

3 January - Clash in East Bolaang Mongodow, North Sulawesi: A clash between residents from Bangunan Wuwuk and Bongkuda villages in East Bolaang Mongondow, North Sulawesi, started after a traffic accident involving locals from both villages. The villagers armed themselves with guns, sharp weapons, and stones. Two people were shot, while several others were suffered from stoning and slashing wound and a house was burned. The police were deployed to the area to prevent further clashes.

3 January - Demonstrations in Palu and Bogor: Thousands of traditional gold miners from Paboya, Palu, South Sulawesi, demonstrated at the Palu Legislative Council, rejecting plans by a local mining company to conduct exploration in their area. The exploration is to be carried out by PT Citra Palu Mineral, a subsidiary of the Bakrie Group. The miners are concerned that the exploration could cost them their jobs.

6 January - Petrol Bomb Attack in Yogyakarta: A house belonging to a prominent supporter of the continued direct appointment of the Sultans of Yogyakarta as governors of the Yogyakarta Special Region was attacked by a petrol bomb in Sidomulyo Village, Yogyakarta. The fire caused minor damage to the house however there were no injuries.

6 January - Houses Attacked in Flores: 16 men attacked two houses in Larantuka, Flores, East Nusa Tenggara, due to an allegation the residents were practicing black magic. They damaged the houses' facilities but the residents were uninjured. Police arrested the perpetrators.

9 January - Clash in West Jakarta: A clash occurred between members of Betawi Brotherhood Forum (FBR) and east Indonesian youngsters in Jelambar, West Jakarta, due to old grudge. It was reported the FBR members were paying their last respects to a friend who had passed away that morning when the east Indonesian youngsters attacked them with sharp weapons. Several motorbikes were damaged, some people were injured, and a large amount of sharp weapons were confiscated.

11 January - Demonstration in Pangkalanbun, Central Kalimantan: Thousands of people held a demonstration at the Pangkalanbun Attorney Office in Central Kalimantan, protesting a dispute in the Kotawaringin Regent Election. The demonstrators held a rally to the Central Kalimantan Legislative Council, where they said two witnesses provided fake information that caused their Regent candidate to be eliminated from the election.

13 January - Vandalism in Central Sulawesi: Gangs of armed residents from several villages in Palu, Donggala, and Sigi regencies (both in Central Sulawesi) stopped and searched cars traveling through the area following the circulation of a series of SMS text messages alleging kidnappings in the area. The angry mobs caused concern and panic because of their often violent actions when attempting to stop vehicles. According to a woman who was stopped, an angry mob approached her car and started to smash the windows, continuing to throw things at the vehicle when she sped away in panic. Local police later brought the situation back under control.

13 January - Police Open Fire on Student Demonstrators, West Sulawesi: Hundreds of police officers clashed with student demonstrators at Al-Asyriah Mandar University, Polewali, West Sulawesi. The demonstrations were prompted by District Court ruling that the campus was to be vacated as a result of an ownership dispute. The demonstration turned violent when a group of students attacked police inside the campus and police officers subsequently opened fire. It is unclear whether live rounds or rubber bullets were used, but reports indicate that at least 11 students and one lecturer were evacuated to hospital as a result of injuries. Students are continuing to blockade the campus.

15 January - Police Shoot Unarmed Farmers: Six farmers in Jambi Province were shot by members of the Indonesian National Police Mobile Brigade (BRIMOB). The farmers were involved in a dispute with a palm oil company, Kresna Duta, a subsidiary of the Sinar

Mas Group, and claim they were harvesting palm fruit on their own land when they were attacked by BRIMOB officers. Six of them suffered serious injuries, including one who is in a critical condition after having been shot in the face.

17 January - Locals Blockade Pipeline in Bojonegoro, East Java: Residents of Sambiroto Village, Kapas District, Bojonegoro, are continuing to obstruct construction of an oil pipeline by a joint Pertamina and Petrochina operating body in East Java. The obstruction took the form of a blockade of land where oil distribution pipes are to be laid. This was a continuation of a protest action that commenced three days earlier, when residents prevented heavy equipment from entering the work site. Local residents are demanding the companies follow through on an alleged agreement to repair 1.8km of roadway in the village before they will allow work to commence. They are also demanding that more locals be employed during the pipe laying.

17 January - Shrimp Farmers Occupy Company's Ponds: Thousands of shrimp farmers occupied the ponds area belonging to PT Aruna Wijaya Sakti in Tulang Bawang, Lampung. They occupied the area for 12 days, paralyzing the company's operations. Violence between the farmers and company employees almost occurred on a number of occasions, but police had been successful in keeping emotions in check. The farmers are demanding the company finish a planned revitalization of their ponds and repair the fishpond area. It was reported the company planned to implement the revitalization program across 16 blocks, in eight villages during Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009, but the project had barely commenced, causing the farmers to experience loss due to poor harvests.

17 January - Clash in Samarinda, East Kalimantan: A clash occurred between hundreds of students and the police in Jl Gajah Mada, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, during to the relocation of market stall vendors at the Pagi and Mahakam River banks markets. The students, who were defending the vendors, came with sharpened bamboos stakes, provoking the clash with police. A policeman and five students were injured.

17 January - Demonstration in Bogor: About 1,000 people demonstrated at the Cibinong District Court in Bogor, demanding the release of suspects related to the Ahmadiyah Mosque attack in October 2010. The mob barged into the courtroom after they passed the security and their actions forced the court session to be suspended.

15-19 January - Clashes in Palu, Central Sulawesi: Clashes occurred over several days between two groups of teenagers occurred in Tatura Utara, Palu City, South Sulawesi. The clash was triggered by provocative comments posted by two boys on the social network website Facebook. Four people were shot and a house was burned.

18 January - Airport Blockaded in Sampit, Central Kalimantan: Dozens of people claiming right of inheritance over airport land blockaded the runway of Haji Asan Airport in Sampit, Central Kalimantan, using barbed wire. The action caused suspension of scheduled commercial flights, but charter flights continued to operate. The protestors demanded the airport authority settle the land dispute.

20 January - Clash in Sidrap, South Sulawesi: A clash occurred between two opposing groups in Lagading Village, Sidrap, relating to a land dispute involving PT Probuli. The 6,000 hectare land issue split the village locals into two groups, pro and cons. They armed themselves with sharp weapons, killing two people and injuring three others.

25 January - Villagers Attack Local Government Office, Lombok: Hundreds of villagers in West Lombok attacked the office of the Agricultural Counseling Agency following an unresolved land dispute with the local government agency. The dispute involved a land swap deal that went wrong after the villagers accused the local government of trickery. The villagers smashed all the windows in the new agency building on their land and vandalized a high school under construction before blockading the village hall. The sole local police officer was forced to stand by acting only as a spectator.

25 January - Angry Residents Close Roads to Coal Trucks, South Sumatra: The residents of Prabumulih Muara Enim Regency set up a blockade preventing trucks from passing between Muara Enim and Lahat to Palembang and Lampung. They have been complaining the trucks damaged 230 kilometers of state roads as they passed through

with a capacity far higher than the normal limit. The Muara Enim Police said at least 1,000 trucks passed over the roads every day.

26 January - Clash Between Village Youths Leaves Two Dead in Polewali Mandar, West Sulawesi: A clash between groups of village youths from Onodo-Onodo Village in Mapilli District, Polewali Madar Regency turned serious when it strayed into neighboring Luyo Village. When youths from Luyo attempted to detain some of the fighters from Ondo-Ondo, the Ondo-Ondo boys turned on the group from Luyo and a full scale riot ensued. Two youths are reported to have been killed in the clash, which has caused panic among local residents. Dozens of police officers from the Polewali Mandar police command were deployed to the scene to bring the situation under control and to prevent a resurgence of the violence.

27 January - Sumbawa Residents Protest Newmont Share Divestment: About 500 West Sumbawa residents staged a demonstration at PT Newmont Nusa Tenggara (NTT) mining area near Benete Village, Maluk District. Initially the crowd chanted slogans demanding the government hand over to the West Sumbawa regency government the 7% of shares that were to be divested in 2010. They also demanded that Newmont unconditionally comply with Regulation No. KSB. I/2010. A riot started when police tried to prevent the crowd from entering the mine's port area. Several protestors were detained by the authorities.

Violent Crime Incidents and Issues

30 December - Robbery in Sumedang, West Java: Two armed bikers robbed a car belonging to an entrepreneur in front of Badung Girigahana golf club in Sumedang, West Java. According to the driver, the robbers broke the window, threatened them with guns and demanded a bag containing Rp1.2 billion in cash be handed over.

30 December - Kidnapping in Depok: A 40-year-old woman was kidnapped while she was on her way to her office in Jl Margonda, Depok. The woman was traveling by public mini-bus (*angkot*) when suddenly a car stopped near the *angkot* and a male passenger forced the victim to get into the car. In the car, she was forced to disclose her ATM PIN number, which resulted in her losing Rp15 million. She was released two days later, abandoned at Tambun, Bekasi before reporting the case to the police.

4 January - Woman Attacked in Ladies Room: At 2310, a woman was attacked inside a ladies toilet in Cilandak Town Square mall in South Jakarta. It was reported a man entered the toilet and attacked the victim by electrocuting her with a stun gun. The victim became temporarily paralyzed, while the perpetrator starting to search her bag for valuables. Upon finding nothing, the attacker left the toilet but the victim was able to scream for help and caught the attention of a security guard. The perpetrator is in police custody.

10 January - Robbery in East Jakarta: Four masked men robbed a warehouse belonging to Telkomsel in Jl Suci, Ciracas, East Jakarta. They came into the building, threatened three of the employees with sharp weapons and tied them up. About 80 Base Transceiver Station (BTS) batteries and 100 boxes of copper wire were stolen. According to a witness the perpetrators made off in a truck. The police are investigating the case.

11 January - Motorcycle Thieves Shot in Tangerang: Members of the Pamulang Police Sector, South Tangerang, Banten, shot dead two motorcycle thieves during a raid on a suspected hideout. The men were members of a syndicate specializing in motorcycle theft. Besides the two men who were shot, police also arrested five others believed to be involved in the gang. Police recovered four stolen motorcycles and a hand gun.

12 January - Robbery in Bekasi: A 16-year-old student was shot to death near his house in Regency Dua housings, Cibitung, Bekasi, when he caught five men attempting to steal his motorbike. The robbers were caught in the act when they were about to drive off with the victim's motorbike. The victim tried to chase the robbers but was shot in the chest; he died after being rushed to hospital.

16 January - Police Shootout in Cibubur: Police engaged in a gun battle with a car thief

in Jl Alternatif Cibubur, en route to the Jagorawi Toll Road. The incident started when police attempted to arrest two car thieves in the area. During the attempted arrest, one of the suspects drove off, leading to a gun fight with police. The suspect was arrested after he crashed the car into a vending cart; he also had falsified car documents. The two suspects are now in police custody.

17 January - TransJakarta Bus Shooter Arrested: A suspect was arrested in the road rage incident involving a TransJakarta Bus on Jalan Pluit Permai Raya in Penjaringan. The suspect was a motorist and is reported to have fired at least five shots at the bus, one of which narrowly missed the fuel tank. The bus driver managed to note down the number of the shooter's vehicle, which was registered to a resident of the National Police residential complex in Cipinang, East Jakarta. According to the Penjaringan Police Sector Chief, the suspect is a policeman who was known to have a poor service record, which made him easier to identify. The suspect was arrested in his house in Pantai Indah Kapuk, North Jakarta, and police found two firearms, thousands of narcotic pills, and over Rp100 million of suspected illicit earnings. Police also discovered two men, alleged to be the suspect's accomplices in his drug business, who had been tortured and locked in the basement. At a second house belonging to the suspect, located 100 meters from the first, police found drug precursor chemicals and equipment for producing ecstasy pills. A large number of sharp weapons such as machetes and swords were also confiscated from the suspect's car, as well as a house in Kamal Muara, North Jakarta.

17 January - Mobile Brigade Officer Shot in Bogor: At 0230, three unidentified men broke into a house in Kampong Cibeber, Kelapa Nunggal District, Bogor. A Police Mobile Brigade officer guarding the house was asleep and awoke to discover that his revolver had been taken by the intruders. While attempting to fight back, the robbers shot the officer in the chest and killed him. The police are investigating the case.

18 January - Police Arrest Two Airport Criminals: Police arrested two alleged criminals who were drugging victims before stealing their valuables at Terminal 1 Soekarno Hatta Airport. The arrests were conducted following reports by a victim the previous week. The criminals approached their victim, who was waiting for transport, and invited him to come with them instead, claiming that they were heading in the same direction. In their car, the victim was drugged after receiving a drink offered by the criminals, and was later abandoned in the airport area. The police are still looking for two of the masterminds.

18 January - Robbery in East Jakarta: A businessman was robbed in front of PT Keza office in Jl Rawa Udang, Cakung, East Jakarta. He attempted to enter the office to drop-off a large sum of money, but was intercepted by four men on motorbikes. The robbers threatened him with guns and machetes, demanding he hand over the bag containing cash. One of the robbers slashed the victim's hand when he refused to fulfill the demand and then ran off. The total loss was Rp100 million. Police are investigating the case.

19 January - Wife of Expatriate Killed: The Indonesian wife of a UK national was found dead in their home at Umasari Housings in Petitenget, Badung, Bali. The victim was found in her bedroom covered in blood. Police said it was a robbery gone wrong since there were valuables missing including a laptop and a smartphone.

19 January - Home Invasion in East Jakarta: A group of robbers barged into a house in Jl Pulomas Raya, East Jakarta, and threatened the residents with guns and sickles. The robbers locked the residents in a room before stealing valuables including a laptop, 200 grams of gold, and cash. The police are investigating the case.

20 January - Car Robbery in Jakarta: At 0130, a man was found on the Jagorawi Toll Road claiming to have been the victim of a car robbery. According to police, he was abandoned on the side of the road after a group of men hijacked his car and drove around the city with the victim. It is not clear how and where the robbers stole the vehicle since the victim was still in shock and has not been able to provide authorities with much information. The police are investigating the case.

24 January - Robbers Posing as Couriers Invade Home: At 1400 a house on Jl. Danau Poso, Bendungan Hilir, Central Jakarta, was robbed by four people who pretended to be

employees of the owner trying to deliver a file. After the guard opened the door, three of the perpetrators beat and bound the guard and locked him in a bathroom. The robbers fled the scene with electrical goods, photographic equipment, mobile phones, credit cards, and cash estimated to total Rp125 million. The case is being investigated.

25 January - Police Shoot Foreigner with Tranquilizer Gun: At 0930 an Australian tourist, identified by authorities as Simon Monthey, took a female employee of MM Juice Bar at Bali Galeria Mall in Denpasar hostage. He threatened the employee with a pair of scissors, and refused to let go of the victim until the police arrived to resolve the situation. Police were forced to shoot the suspect with a tranquilizer gun and took him to the Bali International Medical Centre for further examination. Authorities believe Monthey to be suffering some form of depression as he had earlier been taken to the Kuta police station by locals for attempting to strip naked in the middle of the road.

23 January - Armed Robbery in Medan: A house in Medan was robbed by armed gunmen at 0700. A maid who was sweeping the house was visited by several men wearing masks, pointing a firearm, and covered the victim's mouth and ushered into the house. The robbers also locked up four people in the house. The owner of the house said the robbers took Rp300 million, a set of diamonds, six computers, watches, and other items. The perpetrators remain at large.

East Jakarta Most Prone to Firearms Crime: East Jakarta is reported to be the most prevalent area for crimes involving firearms. In the first three weeks of January there were nine incidents of crimes involving firearms and 54 cases of motor vehicles thefts in the area. Only four cases of motor vehicle theft have been resolved.

Bali Police to Shoot on Sight: The Bali Chief of Police said that in the light of the current increase in the crime rate and the effect it is having on the island's tourist industry, police should be prepared to shoot criminals on sight should they try to escape arrest. He said the frequency of crimes against both foreign tourists and local inhabitants had reached worrying levels, especially in Denpasar and the surrounding district of Badung.

28 January - Policemen Shot Dead by Motorbike Thieves: A policeman was shot to death in an attempt to arrest three motorbike thieves in Jl Sadang Serang, Bandung, West Java. The police ambushed the perpetrators when they were attempting to steal the motor cycles and then shooting broke out. One thief was arrested and two others managed to escape. The police officer was shot in the chest and died in hospital.

Non-Violent Crime Incidents and Issues

Fake Airline Tickets in Soekarno Hatta: The Airport Police District commander, Senior Commissioner Turnagogo Sihombing, announced that counterfeit airline tickets have been circulating at Soekarno Hatta Airport, and said authorities have arrested three suspects and confiscated a range of evidence including hundreds of counterfeit tickets. It was not confirmed whether airline employees were involved in this case. It was further reported that counterfeit tickets were also circulating at Polonia (Medan) and Adi Soemarmo (Solo), along with boarding passes and airport tax stamps.

2 January - ATM Robbery in West Jakarta: Three men robbed a Bank BNI ATM located at Alfa Midi in Jl Panjang, Kebon Jeruk, West Jakarta. The machine had just been refilled with Rp125 million the day before the cash went missing. Police are investigating and have CCTV images of the crime.

5 January - Police Arrest Car Theft Syndicate: Jakarta Metro Police arrested 15 people from West and Central Java and Banten, involved in a car theft syndicate. A total of 26 cars with false documents were confiscated. The police stated the syndicate often targeted cars parked outside of houses or on the side of a road. After stealing the cars, the gang made fake documents and sold them on at low prices.

7 January - Police Arrest Illegal Workers Trafficking: Police arrested two men in Surabaya, East Java, involved in an attempt to traffic workers overseas. The two were conducting a migrant workers business without possessing the necessary permits and

were charging Rp4.8 million from each candidate before sending them to another country. About 31 illegal workers were planning to be sent to Malaysia from Juanda Airport. The police also confiscated passports, ID cards, and plane tickets to Malaysia.

12 January - Five Police Imposters Arrested: Five thieves, posing as police officers, were arrested in five separate locations in Batam, Riau Islands. The five were involved in a motorcycle theft syndicate and posed as policemen when selling the stolen motorbikes, often also attempting to extort their victims. Four motorbikes along with equipment used in the robberies were confiscated by police.

14 January - US National Involved in Gayus Passport Case: Indonesian National Police said they were attempting to identify the current location of a US national, whose initials are believed to be J. A., in connection with his involvement in the issue of a fraudulent passport in the Gayus case. Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of the US national and will be seeking the assistance of Interpol and the US Embassy in tracking him down. Justice Minister Pratiwi said that there is no proof the passport concerned was produced in any Indonesian immigration office and there is a belief that it was manufactured overseas. Meanwhile, National Police Chief Spokesman Boy Rafli Amar stated they were seeking another suspect who was part of a passport forgery syndicate.

19 January - Tire Tacking Continues on Jakarta Streets: Jakarta Metropolitan Police have recorded a list of areas that have a high potential of tire tacking throughout Jakarta. The nails are commonly hidden under things that may be seen as garbage such as papers, plastics, or Styrofoam. The police have advised drivers to take care while driving through the following areas:

- **Central Jakarta:** Jl Letjen Suprpto, especially in front of Senen underpass, Jl Hayam Wuruk, Pasar Baru, in front of the House of Representatives building.
- **West Jakarta:** Slipi en route to Grogol, Pesing Flyover en route to Cengkareng, Jl Raya Panjang, Grogol area.
- **South Jakarta:** Jl Buncit Raya both ways, Jl Fatmawati en route to Pondok Labu, Simprug Flyover en route Kebayoran Lama underpass, Semanggi Bridge en route to Blok M and HI Roundabout, Jl MT Haryono, Pancoran en route to Cawang.
- **North Jakarta:** Cakung, Cilincing, Jl Yos Sudarso en route to Tanjung Priok, Plumpang.
- **East Jakarta:** Cawang en route Kalimalang, Jl Perintis Kemerdekaan, Cimanggis, Cawang tunnel en route to Cililitan, Jatinegara.

21 January - Two Police Officers Involved in Theft of Vehicle and Load: Jakarta Police have alleged that two police officers were involved in the theft of a cargo van carrying laptop computers. Police said the van was stopped by police officers in Mangga Dua who claimed they were conducting checks on illegal shipments. The van driver was told it would be taken to Jakarta Police Headquarters and the vehicle could be picked up there after the load was checked. The van owner was unable to find the van at the Jakarta Police headquarters and reported the case to police, who found the vehicle and most of cargo, and arrested the two police officers.

25 January - Police Breakup Fake Drug Makers Syndicate: Depok Metro Police dismantled a counterfeit drug and supplement-making syndicate. The counterfeiters utilized waste goods from pharmacies in the area of Depok, Jakarta, and Bogor, and then updated the packaging with material ordered from a printing press in Central Jakarta. Police seized drugs and supplements, including Enervon-C tablets, cough medicine OBH Combi, Pharmaton tablets, multivitamin Cardiomin, injection drug Cedocard, and Vicilin. In addition to various types of drugs, the police also seized tools such as screen printing to print expiry dates, a pressing machine for pressing and packaging tablets and a wire knife for pressing caps. Police arrested two suspects and are currently chasing down the rest of the gang.

25 January - Five BTW Towers stolen and sold: Police arrested three of five people suspected of having stolen five tower base transceiver stations during the past year. The group was able to dismantle the towers because they found out when the lease expired and created a false letter addressing the demolition to the surrounding community. One

of them was an employee of PT LBU, the contractor that installed the towers.

27 January - Australian National Arrested for People Smuggling: Indonesian National Police announced they arrested an Australian National Haydar Khani in an apartment in Senayan, South Jakarta, for smuggling illegal immigrants from Indonesia to Australia. Police said Haydar on at least six occasions organized the smuggling of illegal immigrants from Indonesia to Australia. National Police are to send a team of investigators to Australia to investigate further and to see whether Haydar was behind the incident on 15 December 2010, when at least 30 potential illegal immigrants died when their boat was smashed against the rocks on Christmas Island.

Environmental Incidents and Issues

31 December - Floods in Bali and Pekalongan: Flash floods occurred in the western part of Singaraja Town in Bali, drowning two residents, destroying a bridge in Titab village, and carried away dozens of cows. In Pekalongan, Central Java, flash floods struck four villages due to overflow of the Sengkarang River. Thousands of houses were inundated forcing its residents to flee from their homes.

2 January - Tornado in Lamongan, East Java: A tornado hit three villages in Lamongan, East Java, causing major damage to the area. It was reported that four people were injured, 25 houses had collapsed, and damage was inflicted on 148 houses, two mosques, and two schools.

2 and 18 January - Earthquakes in Bengkulu: At 2219 hours on 2 January, an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale occurred 157 kilometer southwest of Bengkulu. The quake caused public panic but there were no reports of casualties. It was followed by another earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale occurred 115 kilometers southwest of Bintuhan, Bengkulu. The second quake caused public panic in Bintuhan City however there were no reports of casualties.

3-20 January - Cold Lava Flooding in Magelang, Central Java: "Cold lava", a combination of volcanic ash and rainwater (also known as "lahar"), flowing from the slopes of Mt. Merapi caused flooding in seven villages in Magelang, Central Java, destroying bridges and killing three people. In Gempol Village, with the floods forming a new river flow in the middle of the villages, hundreds of people lost their homes. The piling up of volcanic materials along sections of the main route between Magelang and Yogyakarta caused a narrowing of the available roadway and resulted in significant traffic congestion. The road has been closed eight times during this period, with some vehicles were trapped in 2 meters of "lahar", which sets like concrete when it dries. On 9 January more cold lava floods occurred in eight villages in three districts in Magelang, Central Java. The villages, located around the Putih and Belan river banks, were damaged due to the floods. Thousands of people were evacuated, others were isolated and are still waiting for help.

4 January - Floods in Ponorogo, East Java: Floods occurred in Krajan and Gragaan villages in Balong District, Ponorogo, due to overflow of several rivers after a five-hour non-stop downpour of rain in the area. Hundreds of houses were inundated.

5 January - Floods in Probolinggo, East Java: Four hours of heavy rain caused flooding in four districts in Probolinggo, East Java. Thousands of houses were inundated, 25 of which were swept away.

5 January - Earthquake in Mentawai, West Sumatra: At 1715 hours, an earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale occurred 15 kilometers northwest of Pagai Utara, Mentawai, West Sumatra. The quake caused panic in Sikakap District but there were no reports of casualties.

6 January - Floods in Medan, North Sumatra: Flooding occurred in Medan City, North Sumatra, due to overflowing of the Deli River. Thousands of houses were inundated, causing residents to be evacuated. Furthermore, hundreds of houses in Tanjung Anom Village in neighboring Deli Serdang Regency, have also been inundated. There are no reports of victims.

7 January - Floods in Pasuruan, East Java: Floods occurred in three districts in Pasuruan, East Java, due to the overflow of several rivers in those districts. Thousands of people were evacuated and the traffic along Surabaya to Probolinggo was disrupted.

10 January - Floods in Cilegon, Banten: Floods occurred in five districts in Cilegon, Banten, after eight hours of heavy rain. Bad drainage worsened the floods, causing thousands of houses to be inundated. The water level reached two meters in height.

11 January - Evacuation Plans in Place for Anak Krakatau: South Lampung Disaster Mitigation Agency has drawn up plans to evacuate thousands of residents following recent continuous volcanic ash emissions over the previous days by Anak Krakatau. The continuous eruptions and the fact that the seismic instruments used to measure the volcano's activity have failed has caused fear amongst residents. The Agency mapped out tsunami prone areas long the coast facing the Sunda Strait as one anticipatory measure. In spite of the lack of seismic instrumentation, visual observations have shown that volcanic ash and smoke was being pushed some 500 meters into the atmosphere and ash was falling in parts of Banten Province and South Lampung.

12 January - Gales in East Java and West Nusa Tenggara: Gale force winds hit East Java and West Nusa Tenggara, killing two people in Lombok and uprooting many trees. The winds reached up to 70 kilometers per hour, forced cancellation of flights from the Abdurrahman Saleh Air Force Base in Malang and whipped up waves up to 6-meters high off the East Java Coast. The winds also caused damage to over 500 houses in 4 villages in East Java.

13 January - Tornado in East Java: A tornado hit Lumajang Regency in East Java, damaging dozens of houses. There were no injuries reported however the total loss was estimated to be in the hundreds of million of rupiah. It was reported that the tornado also damaged 104 houses in Sumenep and 546 houses in Bondowoso, both in East Java.

13 January - Bali Harbor Temporarily Closed: Authorities closed Padang Bai Harbor in Karangasem, Bali, due to bad weather. It was reported that high tides in the Lombok-Bali strait have reached 4 meters in height.

14 January - Floods in South Sulawesi and West Kalimantan: Seven regencies in South Sulawesi were submerged by floods due to heavy rain that inundated the rivers around the regencies. The regencies include Barru, Pangkep, Maros, Bone, Gowa, Takaran, and Makassar. Thousands of houses are inundated.

16 January - Tornado in Makassar, South Sulawesi: A tornado struck two sub-districts in Makassar, South Sulawesi, causing major damage to the area and public panic. It was reported that 50 houses in Rappokaling and 52 houses in Suangga were damaged and fallen trees also caused power loss.

18 January - Floods in Subang and Indramayu, West Java: Flooding occurred in Pamanukan District, Subang, due to heavy rain which caused the Cigadung, Kalimati, and Cipangaritan rivers to overflow their banks. Thousands of houses were inundated forcing the residents to flee from their homes. Floods also occurred in four villages in Patrol District, Indramayu, this morning, due to overflowing of the Bugel River as a result of heavy rain that occurred all night. At least 3,000 houses were inundated.

18 January - Earthquake in Sinabang, NAD: An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale occurred 7 kilometer southwest of Sinabang, NAD. The quake caused panic in Simeulue District, however there are no reports of casualties.

Industrial and Transportation Incidents and Issues

4 January - Riau Airlines Back in Business: Riau Airlines is officially back in business following a stoppage of their activities on September 2010 after two of its Fokker 50 aircraft were suspended by Aero Century for a Rp17 billion debt. The airlines' first flight flew from Pekanbaru to Tanjung Pinang, carrying 74 passengers. The airline plans to operate 10 aircraft by the end of this year.

13 January - Mandala Airlines Temporarily Suspend Operations: Mandala Airlines announced it temporarily suspended operations to conduct internal re-structuring. The Director General of Air Transportation, Heri Bakti Singayudha, stated the airline would restructure to pay outstanding debts. Mandala obtained approval to suspend operations for a period of 45 days, but the President Director, Diono Nurjadin, stated that hopefully the it will be able to complete the restructuring and commence operations sooner.

27 January - Helicopter Crashes in Kendari Bay, Southeast Sulawesi: A commercial helicopter operated by Intan Angkasa Air Service crashed landed in Kendari Bay, Southeast Sulawesi, while conducting a medivac flight. The helicopter, a Hughes 500 with tail number PKIWS, crashed into the bay at about 0815 after taking off from Haluoleo Airport at 0730 en-route to Kendari. The aircraft had three people aboard and was flying at around 500 feet when it lost altitude, fell into the sea and sank. One crewman was reported to be critically injured, while the two passengers had only minor injuries.

27 January - Merak Ferry Fire: The Laut Teduh II ferry, which caught fire off Merak, continued to burn as of this writing, but was towed close to shore in an attempt by authorities to suppress the blaze. About 434 passengers and crew were successfully evacuated, but 11 people are reported to have lost their lives in the fire. Most of the deaths were attributed to people panicking and jumping into the sea. There were media reports that crew members saved themselves rather than trying to assist passengers. It is believed the fire started in the air conditioning system of a bus that was on board.

Drug and Narco-terrorism Incidents and Issues

2 January - Police Raid Three Ecstasy Home Industries: Police raided three houses suspected of being used as laboratories for the production of Ecstasy in Jl Tidore Dalam in Central Jakarta, Jl Daan Mogot in West Jakarta, and Jl Seruni in Karawaci. The raids started from information regarding a man dealing at his house in Tidore Dalam and the police then expanded their investigation, resulting in the discovery of thousands of ecstasy pills and precursor materials in the three houses worth Rp76 billion. Two suspects were arrested.

11 January - French Citizen Arrested in Soekarno Hatta Airport: A 53-year-old French national was arrested by Customs officials at Soekarno Hatta Airport, Tangerang, for smuggling 5.1 kegs of shabby shabby worth Rp7.6 billion. The man arrived from Turkey on Emirates Airlines. Police later arrested an Iranian man and an Indonesian woman in a hotel in West Jakarta who were believed to be the recipients of the drugs.

24 January - Explosion at House in Pamulang, Tangerang: At 0100 an explosion occurred at a house in Villa Dago housing estate, Pamulang, South Tangerang. Police confirmed an LPG gas cylinder exploded while the occupants were producing narcotics. One person was suffered serious burns.

26 January - Police Dismantle Shabu Factory: Police raided a shophouse on Jl. Tubagus Angke, West Jakarta, that was being used to manufacture up to 5 kilograms per day of methamphetamines and had been operating for a year without the knowledge of local people. The Jakarta Police's Drugs Directorate uncovered the shabby factory after the arrest of a suspected user. Police arrested two other suspects, including the shop-house owners. Police also seized five kilograms of shabby and shabu-making tools.

Medical Emergency Incidents and Issues

16 January - Bali Health Warning: Reports emerged that 13 recent visitors to Bali from Australia have come down with Legionnaires' disease picked up while holidaying on the island. The disease is identified by symptoms such as headaches, fever, chills, muscle aches and pain and can lead to respiratory problems and pneumonia. The disease is acquired by breathing in very fine droplets of water containing the bacteria, but at this stage the exact location where the visitors stayed or may have contracted the disease is not known. The Australian Government issued a travel advisory warning visitors to Bali to take care. As a result, the Bali Provincial Governor I Made Mangku Pastika urged hotel owners in Bali to thoroughly clean their swimming pools and air conditioning systems.

New Bali Health Risks for Australians: The new air link between Townsville in Australia and Bali has been described as a possible means of visitors bringing tropical diseases into Australia from the holiday Island of Bali after two residents of Townsville were identified as having returned there from Bali with dengue fever that they said was contracted there. A current outbreak of 30 cases of Type 2 dengue fever that has broken out in the Townsville area is believed to have been initiated by the disease being brought to Australia from Bali by visitors.

Other Incidents and Concerns:

1 January - Fire Guts a Villa in Bali: A fire gutted a rented villa on the Bakrie Estate Villa Block 57 at the Bali Nirwana Resort at Tanah Lot. The Russian tenant of the villa claimed the fire was started by firework rockets falling onto the villa's thatched roof. It is believed the fireworks were set off about 2230 in celebration of the New Year. There are no reports of injuries and the blaze was eventually brought under control by the local fire brigade.

2 January - Foreigners Banned in Sukabumi, West Java: Four Dutch citizens were banned from Sukamantri Village, Sukabumi, West Java. It was reported they were forced to leave their house in Bumi Cisaat Pratama housing estate due to violating their immigration permit and for improperly using the house. It is not clear how the house was improperly used, but it was considered to be contrary to local culture and religion values.

4 January - Fire in Denpasar, Bali: At 0830 local hours, a fire broke out in Jl Danau Tendano, Sanur, Denpasar, engulfing 11 houses and causing residents to suffer hundreds of million of rupiah in losses. Based on the preliminary investigation, the fire was caused by short circuit electricity. One person was injured.

11 January - Fire in North Jakarta: Dozens of houses caught fire in Penjaringan, North Jakarta, due to an electrical short circuit in one of the houses. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire, however, the total loss was estimated to be hundreds of million of rupiah. The fire also caused traffic congestion in the vicinity.

12 January - Fire in West Jakarta: Hundreds of houses caught fire in Tambora, West Jakarta, due to an electrical short circuit in one of the houses. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Crack Down on Expatriate Documentation: Following the revelation that John Jerome Grice, the US national who has been alleged to have assisted Gayus Tambunan and his family to obtain Guyanese passports, had lived in Indonesia for a length of time with a residency permit based on a fake sponsor, Justice and Human Rights Minister Patrialis Akbar has vowed to conduct a crackdown on expatriates and their documentation. Patrialis said that he would have all expatriates in the country checked and rechecked in order to ensure that their documentation is in order. He said that he did not want to issue residency permits if they are only proposed by a regional office adding the past way of doing things by handing out permits too easily must be fixed. He said that well-defined regulations should be enforced and followed by all expatriates if they wish to stay in Indonesia, particularly as regards having a suitable sponsor with thorough background checks and identity checks and a clear purpose for staying in Indonesia.