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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

TERRORISM & TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

Bashir on Trial for Terror Offences: Prosecutors officially charged Abu Bakar Bashir with inciting others to terrorism and planning and attempting acts of terrorism. The charges carry a maximum penalty of death by firing squad and the trial began 10 February. Prosecutors allege Bashir and his organization, Jamaat Tawid Anshoru (JAT), were involved in setting up the Al Qaeda training camp in Aceh and were preparing to launch Mumbai-style attacks in Indonesia against western and Indonesian government targets. Police deployed 2,500 officers to take part in the security operation in anticipation of potential unrest outside of the courthouse. While demonstrations are expected to continue to cause traffic disruptions along Jl. Ampera on trial days (Mondays and Thursdays), it is likely that there will be only limited incidents until a verdict is close at hand. Baashir was found guilty of relatively minor charges and released in June 2006 after only serving two years in prison. He has claimed the charges against him were set up and were part of a U.S. led conspiracy to put him in prison.

21 February - Two Terrorists Given 10 Years Imprisonment: Qomarudin (alias Mustaqim) and Luthfi Haidaroh (alias Ubaid) were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for their involvement in the terror group known as Al Qaeda in Aceh. The court heard that the group had planned to carry out Mumbai-style attacks involving squads of suicide gunmen targeting westerners and Indonesian political leaders and police officers.

REGIONAL TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

6 February - Attempted Church Bomber Arrested, Batam: A 22-year-old man, Jamil, was arrested for attempting to plant a bomb at Indonesian Bethel Church in Batam during morning services. A member of the congregation, who is also a police officer, saw a man drop a package at the church entrance. A note was attached to it saying that no one should touch the package. The police officer pursued the man and detained him before handing him over to the local police station. The device, which contained a small quantity of explosive, was dealt with by the local police Bomb Squad, which conducted a controlled detonation. Jamil, the suspect, is originally from Riau and had been living in Batam for the last few years. Police are investigating the motives for his actions, including any links to suspected terror groups.

7 February - Ahmadiyah Members killed by Mob in Banten: Approximately 1,500 Banten residents attacked 25 members of the Ahmadiyah sect after they had refused to leave the house of a local leader of the sect, leaving at least six dead and several injured. The attack was "regretted" by President Yudhoyono, who ordered the Chief of the Indonesian National Police General Timur Pradopo and the Minister for Religious Affairs, Suryadharna Ali, to go to the scene immediately. The President also said that steps should be taken against those who had violated the law. The Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, Djoko Suyanto, promised a thorough investigation would be carried out but also called on the Ahmadiyah community to respect the joint Ministerial agreement signed in 2008 (a decree

banning the sect from worshiping in public and spreading its beliefs). Several hundred police officers have been drafted in to secure the area and prevent further attacks.

On 11 February, the Indonesian National Police Deputy Spokesman Brig. Gen. Ketut Untung Yoga confirmed that the Head of the Banten Police Brig. Gen. Agus Kusnadi, his Head of Intelligence Chief Comr. Aditiawarman, and the head of the Pandeglang Police Adjutant Chief Comr. Alex Fauzi Rasyad had been removed from their posts following the attack on the Ahmadiyah Community in Cikeusik. The Profession and Protection Division later said seven policemen are under investigation in relation to the incident.

9 February - President SBY Calls for Disbanding of Violent Groups: President SBU called on authorities to disband any organization that urged its members to resort to violence. In a speech in Kupang in West Timor SBY said, "If there is an official public group or mass organization that has repeatedly conducted or even suggested violence, legal authorities must disband the organization, according to the rule of law and democratic ethics. Even though a democratic country upholds freedom of expression and the right to assemble we must not give any space and tolerance to public speech or calls to carry out violence or murder on anyone." He added that the anti-Ahmadiyah attacks in Banten and the unrest in Temanggung in Central Java could have been prevented if authorities had been proactive and swifter in their response.

In response, the Front Pembela Islam (FPI) warned President SBY that they will bring down his government if he should dare to disband any mass organization. The FPI military commander Munaman said, "Yudhoyono will become like Ban Ali of Tunisia. Indonesia will be like Egypt. We will topple SBY because he has diverted attention from the [Ahmadiyah] issue." Munaman made the statement in response to SBY's calls for the disbanding of any violent mass organization after the attack on the Ahmadiyah group in Banten. He claimed that SBY had made a mistake because the Banten attacks and the attacks on the three churches in Temanggung had not involved any mass organizations.

On **16 February**, the FPI once again declared that it would no longer support the President if the organization was banned. The FPI Chief in Jakarta Salim Alatas said, "If we are dismissed, be prepared, we will no longer support the president. But if the president doesn't want to be pinched then don't pinch." He added that the FPI always acts according to the rules stating "before conducting a raid we send a report letter to the police. If it is ignored three times then we carry out the raid." A February 14 statement by FPI Chairman, Rizieq Shihab said: "If there is any Muslim organization being dismissed in a despicable, barbaric and cruel manner then I will call on any Muslim to overthrow SBY." Presidential spokesman Julian Aldrin Pasha commented on that threat the same day, stating "We will not allow violent practices, threats to individuals, groups and of course the head of state."

On 17 February, President SBY called a meeting with government ministers, religious figures and human rights activists in an attempt to find a solution to the problems of violence associated with religion. The impromptu meeting was attended by Vice President Boediono, Home Minister Gamawan Fauzi, Attorney General Basrief Arief, Religious Affairs Minister Surydharma Ali, Coordinating Political Legal and Security Affairs Minister Djoko Suyanto, National Police Chief General Timur Pradopo, Military Chief Admiral Agus Suhartono and Cabinet Secretary Dipo Alam.

In a related development the House of Representatives Law Commission has urged the National Police to take firm measures against the leader of FPI Rizieq Shihab and his lieutenant Munarman for their comments described above. The Chairman of House Commission III Benny K Harman said that the threats by them to topple the president was subversive adding, "The Police Chief must take firm action against anyone who breaks the law, inciting [violence] and hatred against public officials."

28 February – Ahmadiyah Banned in Kalimantan and Java: The East Java Governor and the mayor of Samarinda in East Kalimantan issued letters banning all Ahmadiyah activities in their regions. The ban includes preaching and the spreading of Ahmadiyah teaching and the wearing of attributes that identifies them as Ahmadiyah members. Both leaders claimed to

have issued the letters in order to keep peace and to avoid incidents such as the one in Cikeusik, Banten. It was reported that police are being deployed at the Ahmadiyah mosque in Sidoarjo, East Java, in anticipation of acts against the controversial sect.

CIVIL UNREST AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

9 February - Anti-Ahmadiyah Residents Pursue Prosecutors: The trial of suspects charged in relation to the destruction of the Ahmadiyah complex in Cisalada, Bogor, was scheduled to hear witness testimony from Ahmadiyah followers and a Cisalada resident named Riki. The defendants in the case are Cisalada residents who allegedly took part in the destruction of the Ahmadiyah complex last October. After the judge moved to adjourn proceedings until the following week, Riki, a Cisalada resident who was summoned to appear, confronted prosecution attorneys outside the courthouse over why he had not been called to give his testimony. The prosecutor declined to respond and continued towards her vehicle with a colleague. Riki became incensed by the slight and started shouting at the prosecutor, prompting other local to join in. The mob then chased after the attorneys, but was dispersed by police on security duty at the court.

9 February - FPI Raids in North Sumatra and West Java: Dozens of FPI members raided internet gambling houses in Medan, North Sumatra. They confiscated a number of computers and detained several women allegedly working there. The raid went smoothly as police were accompanying the FPI members. In contrast, in West Java a joint squad of local police and TNI members thwarted an attempted raid conducted by FPI against an orphan house belonging to the Ahmadiyah sect in Cicariang, Kawalu District, Tasikmalaya. The authorities blocked the road en route to the house and prevented the FPI members from passing.

9 February - Church Occupied in Bekasi: Dozens of people from the Bekasi Anti Apostasy Front occupied the Galilea Church project in Villa Galaksi, Bekasi. They were protesting the construction of the church as they believed the developer did not have the appropriate development permits.

17 February - Violence Follows Court Sentencing: A crowd of women in the Gowa District Court in South Sulawesi tried to attack the defendant in a murder trial after he was sentenced to 6½ years imprisonment. The women fought with court security guards and shouted their disapproval of the sentence, which they said should have been 20 years. Dozens of police officers held the group back while the defendant and the judges were led to a rear exit from the court room.

VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

31 January - Robberies in Bekasi and Bogor: Seven men robbed a factory located in Jl Pilar Sukatani, Karang Bahagia, Bekasi. They barged into the office and tied up the security officers before damaging the safety deposit box. The total loss was estimated to be hundreds of millions of rupiah.

31 January - Police Imposters Arrested: Three men posing as policemen were arrested in Purbalingga, Central Java. The perpetrators whose daily jobs are construction workers, often extorted their victims and even raped their female victims while dressed in police uniform. The arrests took place after one of the victims reported the case to the police. A motorbike, cash, and sharp weapons were confiscated as well.

31 January – Police Shoot Man Dead in West Jakarta: A man was shot dead by the police in Kaliangke, Cengkareng, West Jakarta. The incident occurred when the police received a report alleging that a man was burning a local's car in Kaliangke. After they arrived at the scene, the suspect was seen carrying gasoline and a machete. He attempted to attack the police and was shot after ignoring the police warning. He died at the hospital..

3 February - Kidnap Rumors Cause Panic and Fear: Widespread rumors on kidnappings have left South Sulawesi in a state of fear and panic. The rumors spread by Blackberry Messenger and text claimed to come from the Makassar City Police and stated child abductors were on the loose and searching for 4,300 children for their organs. The messages stated the gang was using several vehicles with Central Sulawesi license plates. The messages also alleged the abductors had already kidnapped children in Enrekang in South Sulawesi. The fear generated by the messages appears to have caused three people to be attacked by a mob and their car damaged in Makassar on 3 February, while the previous night a man was killed by a mob of 3,000 when residents suspected that he was a kidnapper because they did not know him and he was driving the same type and color of car reported in the messages. The South Sulawesi Police Chief Johny Waenel Usman has confirmed the text messages were a hoax and urged the public not to panic.

5 February - Robbery in North Jakarta: Four men robbed a house belonging to an Indian family in Sunter, Tanjung Priok, North Jakarta. They entered the house, threatened the victims with guns, and stole valuables. There were no injuries however the total loss still unknown.

6 February - Bali Police Shoot Robber on Sight: Bali Police shot dead a suspected armed robber who tried to avoid arrest by fleeing. The dead robber, Syahri, was believed to be part of an armed robbery gang that was cornered at a house where they were believed to be in the process of selling stolen items. Four members of the gang were arrested but Syahri tried to escape and was shot in the head. Police seized Rp17 million in cash, a laptop computer, jewelry and two machetes. The arrested members all had criminal records and confessed to at least 13 armed robberies, including a series of housebreakings at the homes of both local Balinese and expatriates. Bali Police Chief General Hadiatmoko issued the shoot on sight policy following a spate of violent crimes against expatriates that he feared would harm the island's tourist industry.

7 February - Robbers Targeted Women in Cars: A woman was robbed while driving along Jl Mas Mansyur, Tanah Abang, Central Jakarta. The victim pulled over when she thought she had a flat tire. After checking the tire and getting back into the car, she found that her belongings, including Rp1.3 million in cash, an iPod, and mobile phone were missing. The police are investigating the case. On the same day, a woman was also robbed while driving along Jl M. Yamin, Bekasi. Two men on motorbikes forced her to pull over before threatening her with a machete. The robbers stole her bag filled with Rp4.5 million in cash and 2 mobile phones. The police are investigating the case.

8 February - Riot in Temanggung, Central Java: Serious rioting occurred throughout the city of Temanggung, Central Java, prompted by a religious defamation trial at the District Court in Jl Jenderal Sudirman. The riot broke out after prosecutors called for a sentence of five years against Antonius Richmond Bawengan for his involvement in a case of religious defamation. It was reported that the defendant, a Jehovah's Witness was arrested in October 2010 when he was distributing pamphlets allegedly insulting to Islam during his stay at a relative's home in Kenalan Village, Krangan District, Temanggung. Hundreds of people attacked the Court house over their dissatisfaction with the prosecution and clashed with police. The trial was quickly dismissed and the angry mobs were dispersed from the court house area after the police fired tear gas. The mob later damaged three churches and other public facilities and burned a number of vehicles, including those belonging to the police. Nine people were hospitalized. Police were deployed throughout the city in anticipation of further unrest.

10 February - Violence in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara: Thousands of people demonstrated at the Lambu District Office in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, rejecting a gold mine in the district. The demonstration became violent when the mob started to throw sticks and stones at the police. They also burned the office, 4 cars and 7 motorbikes. However there were no reports of injuries.

10 February - Robbery in Tangerang: Four men broke into a house in Vila Melati Mas, North Serpong, Tangerang. They tied the residents and locked them in a room before stealing valuables including gold jewelry and cell phones. It was reported that one of the victims

died when he was still tied up. It was reported that there were bruises all over his body indicating that he had been severely assaulted.

10 February - Man Dies After Tangerang Armed Robbery: Tangerang police are investigating the death of a man after an armed robbery at his home. It is reported that the householder died, probably from a heart attack, after armed robbers entered his home in the Villa Mas residential complex in Serpong. It is alleged that the robbers arrived in a vehicle and entered his house through the front gate and front door that were left unlocked. The robbers tied up all the occupants of the house before making off with all valuables from the property but the householder who had a history of heart problems died shortly thereafter. The East Jakarta police believe that the robbery was carried out by a gang that has been terrorizing the area targeting homes that are left unlocked and unsecured. Police have urged all Jakarta residents to ensure that their property is properly secured at all times.

12 February - Robbery in East Jakarta: Three men robbed a taxi by posing as a passenger while two other were tailing the car. It was reported that one of the perpetrators stopped the taxi in Pasar Inpres, East Jakarta. Not long after the taxi started moving, a motorbike halted and the passenger pointed FN pistol at the driver while another man from the motorbike threatened him with a sickle. The perpetrators then abandoned the driver in South Jakarta before they drove off with the taxi. The injured driver then reported the incident to the police. The taxi was later found at Gandul, Tangerang along with the gun and the sickle.

12 February - Kidnapping in Biak Numfor, Papua: The people of Biak Numfor Regency urged the police to investigate the kidnapping that led to murder of an elementary student. It was reported that 8-year-old Fandoi Mega Dewi Aulia was kidnapped from her school and found dead four days later in Oridek District. The motive for the kidnapping is unknown.

13 February - Robberies in Bali and Jakarta: Police arrested seven men believed to be responsible for a series of gas station robberies in Jimbaran, Ubud, and Abiansemal, all in Bali. It was reported two of the gang are Police Brigade personnel who also acted as the masterminds. The police confiscated sharp weapons, motorbikes, and a safe deposit box.

15 February - Robbery in Bekasi: Five men broke into a factory warehouse in Jl Teuku Umar, Bekasi. They threatened the employees and two security guards with sickles and machetes and tied them up. The robbers stole the safe deposit box and forced it open, removing the cash inside. Total loss was hundreds of millions of rupiah. The police are investigating.

17 February - Armed Bank Robbery in Bandung: A group of armed men robbed Rp67 million from a Bank Tabungan Negara (BTN) branch in Bandung Kidul in Bandung. It is reported that just before the branch closed two men entered brandishing weapons, tied up the staff and covered their mouths and eyes with tape. Two other members of the gang then entered and ordered the head of the branch to produce the cash held in the safe. After the robbers left a toy rifle was found on the bank officer's desk.

17 February - Robbery in Bekasi: Two men posing as the employees of the State Electricity Company (PLN) robbed a house in Kayuringin Jaya, South Bekasi. They came into the house, claimed to check the electricity meter before they grabbed the house lady and tied her up. They stole jewelry and Rp20 million in cash. The police are investigating.

18 February - Police Arrest Bali Villa Robbery Suspect: Police arrested one of four alleged robbers who broke into a villa belonging to a US citizen in Jl Kesambi, Kuta, Badung Regency, Bali last month. A Bali police spokesman stated the suspect was arrested in Lombok Tengah, West Nusa Tenggara. The suspect claimed that he was asked to participate in the robbery by a recidivist who often conducted robberies in the regency. The police are now still looking for the mastermind.

20 February - Robbery/Murder in Probolinggo: Four bodies were found in a store at Jl Panglima Sudirman, Probolinggo, East Java, by a man who delivered goods to the store. He was suspicious when he arrived at the store and it wasn't open. He found the bodies, one of

which was the store owner. All had died of slash wounds. The police found two sickles in the store and believe that it was a case of a robbery gone wrong.

21 February – Newspaper office Attacked in Maluku: Dozens of people attacked a local newspaper office, *Suara Malinesia*, in Tual City, Southeast Maluku. They came into the office, damaged its facilities, and assaulted the Editor in Chief, Nisar Salim Sether. Nisar, who is currently hospitalized, suspected the attack was triggered by the newspaper's reporting about a drugs transaction involving Hamer Roroa.

25 February - Car Robbery in Bekasi: A Honda CRV was stolen from the garage of a house in Jati Sari, Bekasi. It was reported that the owner was about to go to work when he found that his car was missing. A few hours later he received a telephone call from his household staff saying he had been kidnapped by three men during the theft of the vehicle and was abandoned in Ragunan, South Jakarta. He claimed the men entered the house when he was washing the car, threatened him with guns, and forced him to get inside the car and drove off. The owner reported the case to the police who are now investigating.

27 February - Attack in Central Jakarta: Dozens of unidentified men attacked four security guards at Gajah Mada Plaza in Central Jakarta. According to witnesses, the group attacked the guards with machetes. The injured guards are being treated at Tarakan Hospital. The motive of the attack is still unknown and the police are investigating the case.

NON-VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

1 February - Italian Man Sentenced for 5 Months in Bali Prison: The Gianyar Court in Bali sentenced an Italian man to five months imprisonment for acting as a broker of stolen sacred ceremony utensils (Pratima) belonging to Bali temples. Italian Roberto Gamba was arrested last year at his house in Kerobokan, Denpasar, where the police found 110 stolen Pratima. Dozens of people from the Sandhi Murti Institute demonstrated and forced their way into the building, demanded to see the judge as they are not satisfied with the verdict.

9 February - Attempted Robbery in Denpasar, Bali: Three men were almost robbed after they withdrew a large sum of money in Denpasar, Bali. It was reported that the three had left by car from the BCA Bank branch in Jl Gatot Subroto Timur after withdrawing Rp133 million when they noticed one of their tires had gone flat. Realizing that two men on a motorbike were following them, the three decided not to stop and went directly to the Bali Police headquarters, by which time the two followers had given up. The Bali police are encouraging people to follow this lead whenever they believe they are being followed by robbers.

22 February - Police Arrest “Fancy Houses” Robbers: Police arrested six men who allegedly specialized in robberies of high-end houses in several locations in Jakarta. It was reported the group acted as if they were guests after making sure the homeowner had left and the pembantu was alone in the house. The police believe that they are responsible for a number of house robberies in Jakarta.

24 February - Police Arrest Internal Bank Fraudster: Police arrested a man for committing an internal bank fraud last month. It was reported that on January 24, Bank BRI Panakkukang in Makassar, South Sulawesi lost Rp30 billion after it was “transferred” to two people in Jakarta. The police confiscated evidence from the suspect's house including cell phones, fake documents from several banks in Indonesia, and US dollar printing tools. So far the police have arrested three men, one of whom is the Bank BRI assistant manager, and are searching for three others. The syndicate is also involved in SMS fraud and counterfeiting of US dollars.

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

31 January - Floods in East Java: Floods occurred in four districts in Gresik, East Java, due to continuous heavy rain. Thousands of houses were inundated but residents refused to be

evacuated. Flashfloods also occurred in three districts in Bojonegoro, East Java, after the Pascal Dam overflowed due to heavy rain. More than 400 houses were flooded.

1 February - Tornado and Floods in Aceh Province: Flooding also occurred in five suburbs of Tapaktuan, South Aceh due to heavy rain. Hundreds of houses were inundated.

2 February – Tornado Strikes Aceh: A tornado hit four villages in Banda Aceh, Aceh Province, damaging dozens of houses. However, there were no reports of casualties.

2 February - Landslide in Central Java: A landslide occurred in Selo District, Boyolali Regency, Central Java, shutting the access to Kampong Gesikan and Kampong Tumut in Jakah Village. Around 700 people were isolated. It was reported that the locals around the area were working together to make an emergency route to reach the isolated victims.

3 February - Floods in Aceh and East Java: Flooding occurred in three districts in Aceh Singkil, Aceh Province, due to heavy rains that caused Cinendang River to overflow. Hundreds of houses were inundated by the 2 meter high water. Flooding also occurred in Rambipuji District, Jember, East Java, due to overflowing of the Dinoyo River. Dozens of houses were inundated and several roads around the area were paralyzed.

6 February - Floods in Central Java and South Sulawesi: Flooding occurred in 26 villages in three districts in Pati, Central Java due to overflowing of the Juana River as a result of nonstop rain. Thousands of houses were inundated and 700 families in Banjarsari Village were isolated. Flooding also occurred in Pallangga District in Gowa, South Sulawesi due to heavy rain that caused the Bontorea River to overflow. Hundreds of houses were inundated.

7 February - Earthquake in Padangsidempuan, North Sumatra: An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale occurred 93 kilometers southwest of Padangsidempuan, North Sumatra, at 1508. The tremor was felt in Sibolga, Central Tapanuli Region and caused public panic. There were no reports of casualties.

8 February - Earthquake in Bali: At 2226 an earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale occurred 235 kilometers off Nusa Dua, Bali. There are no reports of casualties.

8 February - Floods in Bolaang Mongondow, North Sulawesi: Flooding occurred in three villages in Bolaang Mongondow, North Sulawesi, due to heavy rain and bad drainage. Hundreds of houses were inundated with 1 meter deep floods.

9 February - Floods in Lamongan, East Java: About 1,421 houses in five districts in Lamongan, East Java were inundated by floods due to the overflowing of the Bengawan Jero and Deket rivers. About 2.131 hectares of fields also have been inundated causing the people to suffer billions of rupiah in crop losses.

13 February - Tornado in Ciamis, West Java: A tornado hit three villages in Ciamis, West Java. About 325 houses were damaged forcing its residents to flee from their homes. Two people were reported to have been injured.

16 February - Flashfloods in Gorontalo: Flashfloods occurred in Donggala, Gorontalo City, due to 8 hours of heavy rain. Hundreds of houses were damaged but the residents refused to flee. No injuries have been reported.

15 February - Earthquake in Poso, Central Sulawesi: An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale occurred 143 kilometers southeast of Poso, Central Sulawesi. The tremor was felt as far away as South Sulawesi, causing thousands of people from two districts in Luwu Timur Regency to flee from their homes. The people claimed to be afraid of further earthquakes and the possible overflow of the Towuti and Matano lakes.

20 February - Tornado in Central Java: A tornado hit Pekalongan Utara and Pekalongan Timur districts in Karawang, West Java. About 346 houses were damaged and one local was reported to have been injured.

27 February - Floods in Tuban, East Java: Floods occurred in three villages in Palang District, Tuban, East Java due to heavy rain. Hundreds of houses were inundated with 50 centimeters deep flood waters forcing its residents to flee from their homes.

28 February - Floods in Solo, Central Java: Hundreds of houses in the area of the Bengawan Solo river were inundated by floods as the river is on alert level 3 (1 is the highest) since it overflowed due to heavy rain. The flooding reached 1 meter in depth causing hundreds of people to flee from their homes.

INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

8 February - Stowaway Discovered on Aircraft in Medan: A man was able to gain unauthorized entry aboard a Lion Air flight bound for Jakarta while it was parked at Polonia Airport in Medan, North Sumatra. The man claimed to have gained access to the airport through a drainage channel at the end of the runway under cover of darkness. The man stole a yellow safety vest belonging to airport staff in order to move around the airport and gain access to the aircraft. He was discovered by flight crew when seated aboard the flight without a boarding pass and was handed over to Air Force Police. He was questioned for over 12 hours before being handed over to the Airport Police Post late in the afternoon. It is alleged that the man's intention was only to experience flying in an airplane and was seeking to travel to Bali.

8 February - Drydocks World Dismisses Hundreds of Workers, Batam: Drydocks World, which operates three large shipyards in Batam, announced the immediate dismissal of 534 workers, mostly permanent employees, from its Pertama shipyard located in Tanjung Uncang, Batam, Riau. The workers were said to be shocked and surprised by the announcement. They found out about the dismissal upon arriving for work and found their names on lists of a dismissed employees list posted on a notice board. Management claim the decision is in the interests of improving efficiency in a climate of dwindling orders. The shipyard was the sight of violent rioting in April 2010, fuelled by poor management of local staff and contractors.

8 February - Batam Ferry Catches Fire off Jakarta Coast: The Selvia Ferry caught fire 26 kilometers north of Jakarta when it was sailing to Batam. The fire broke out at 0335 and was extinguished about 90 minutes later. All 225 passengers were rescued.

12 February - Airplane Crash in Riau Islands: A Cassa 212 aircraft belonging to PT Sabang Merauke Air Charter (SMAC) crashed at approximately 1330 while on a flight test at Malang Rapat Village, Teluk Dalam District, Bintang, Riau Islands. Five crewmembers died, including Australian co-pilot Richard Bakalow. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) subsequently suspended SMAC's air operating certificate (AOC) following an enquiry as a preventative action pending a full safety audit of the airline. The test flight from Batam was carried out after replacement of an engine and the preliminary finding of the enquiry was that the pilot in command was not qualified, there was no permission for the test flight, and a spare engine was carried on board the aircraft during the test flight.

14 February - Merpati Engine Failure: A Merpati Fokker 100 experienced problems with one of its engines shortly after taking off from Haji Asan Sampit Airport in East Kotawaringin in Central Kalimantan when it. The aircraft was forced to return to the airport and managed to land safely despite the engine problem but left 100 passengers stranded at the airport.

14-15 February - Lion Air Planes in Landing Accidents: A Lion Air aircraft en route from Jakarta to Pekanbaru skidded off the runway while landing at Sultan Syarif Kasim II Airport in Pekanbaru, Riau. The incident apparently was caused by heavy rain. The following day another Lion Air aircraft en route from Medan to Pekanbaru experienced the same type of incident when it skidded off the runway while landing at Sultan Syarif Kasim II Airport. There were no reports of injuries in either incident.

16 February - Cassa 212 Aircraft Skidded off the Runway: A Cassa 212 aircraft with 20 passengers belonging to the National Police skidded off the runway while landing on Pondok

Cabe Airport in South Tangerang, Banten. It was reported that a problem occurred with the front wheel control system. The aircraft stopped five meters past the runway for 5 meters. There were no reports of injuries.

17 February - Lion Air Planes Clip Wings: The wings of two aircraft belonging to Lion Air collided at Soekarno-Hatta Airport when the aircraft were being towed to their aprons. One of the aircraft ended up with a tear on its wing. Both aircraft were unable to commence their flights to Padang and Makassar and passengers were redirected to other flights.

19 February - Merpati Aircraft Aborts Takeoff from Kupang: A Merpati aircraft bound for Satar Tacik airport in Flores aborted take off from El Tari Airport in Kupang and the aircraft stopped in the middle of the runway blocking the departure of seven other flights. The aircraft was reported to have suffered an engine failure, but the pilot is believed to have claimed there was a problem with the aircraft's steering system. The runway was closed for five hours before the aircraft was towed away.

22 February - Adi Sucipto Airport was Temporarily Closed: The International Airport Adi Sucipto in Yogyakarta was temporarily closed due to bad weather. The closure had interrupted at least seven flights to Yogyakarta; a Batavia Air was reported to be forced to return to Jakarta after it was impossible to land in such poor weather conditions.

23 February - Vandalisms in Samarinda and Riau: Hundreds of people from the Students and Youth for Apau-Kayan damaged the facilities of Temindung Airport in Samarinda, East Kalimantan. They forced their way into the airport by breaking the runway fence. After they got inside, they started to break the VIP lounge windows and forbid anyone to get access to the apron. The mob demanded the management of PT Sabang Merauke Air Charter (SMAC) be responsible for 50 Apau-Kayan locals who are stranded due to the ban on its flight operations. This action caused disturbance on air traffic.

DRUG AND NARCO-TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

17 February - Filipino Jailed for Narcotics Smuggling: A 29-year-old Filipino woman named Evangeline Sonets was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment by a Sidoarjo court for smuggling 1.5 kilos of methamphetamine into Indonesia. Sonets was caught when she arrived at Surabaya airport from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2010. The sentence was less than the prosecutor's request for life imprisonment.

17 February - Prison Inmate Running Meth Factory: Jakarta Police Narcotics Division uncovered a drug ring producing crystal methamphetamine that was controlled by an inmate at the Banceuy Prison in Bandung, West Java. Police traced the ring to the inmate following the arrest and interrogation of suspects in a raid on a drug factory in Kampung Sawah in Bekasi.

POLICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

4 February - Sweeping in Central Jakarta: North Jakarta district Police raided houses in Johar Baru, Central Jakarta, related to recurring clashes in the area. The police were targeting men that are often seen in the clashes. Nineteen youngsters and several adults considered as provocateurs were arrested and a large quantity of liquor and sharp weapons were confiscated.

8 February - Police Investigate Shooting of Demonstrators in North Maluku: North Maluku Police has commenced an internal investigation into the shooting of three demonstrators during a protest outside the South Halmahera Regent's Office in North Maluku Province. It was reported that thousands of Obi Island locals demonstrated at the office demanding their separation from South Halmahera Regency. When the demonstrators became violent, the police engaged in a clash with the demonstrators leaving three people injured and one shot. Investigators have collected the weapons of officers on scene during the protest in an attempt to identify the shooter.

17 February - North Sumatra Police Order to Shoot Rioters on Sight: The chief of the North Sumatra Police, General Oegroseno, ordered a shoot on sight policy against rioters. Oegroseno said "I have ordered all chiefs of municipal and regency police officers to dismiss their doubts and order their subordinators to simply shoot the perpetrators of riots on sight." He added that he had issued the order to prevent the recent religious based clashes that occurred in Java from spreading to North Sumatra.

17 February - Susno Freed From detention: Former Indonesian National Police General Susno Duaji was released from his prison cell in Kelapa Dua from detention. Susno had been the subject of an ongoing graft trial that has been prolonged due to the non-appearance of several of the 111 witnesses and Susno's absence due to illness. Prosecutors have demanded that Susno be sentenced to seven years in prison and a fine of Rp500 million for embezzlement in the 2008 regional election in West Java, where he was chief of police, and for receiving bribes when he was the national chief of detectives.

23 February – Shoot on Sight Order from Metro Jaya Police Chief: Metro Jaya Police Chief Inspector General Sutarman issues a shoot-on-sight order after the threat of recidivism was believed to be causing anxiety among the citizens of Jakarta. It was reported that on 21 February police shot dead a recidivist specialized in motorbike thefts in Kramatjati, East Jakarta. The Chief encouraged police officers to follow this action but it should be based on the police technical code, i.e. only shoot when the target is a recidivist who is causing terror in the community. Current incidents of lawlessness have led to some police districts instituting this policy and this is the third police district to adopt such a policy. Others can be expected to follow suit.

24 February - Riots in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara: Hundreds of people attacked the Parado Police Office in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, an attack triggered by the arrest of one of the locals in relation to the arson against PT Tambang Emas. The mob burned the office facilities including four police motorbikes, occupied the office, and took the Parado Police Chief hostage. Later that night, the police struck back in an attempt to free the chief. Several people were shot while rescuing the chief, who was unharmed. Three people were arrested. The current situation in the area is still tense and locals are blockading certain roads around the district. Police and TNI are standing by on high alert status.

Jayapura Police Officers Jailed for Serious Sexual Assault: Three officers from the Jayapura Police have been jailed for 21 days for repeatedly forcing a female prisoner to perform oral sex acts on them over a period of 3 months. The victim who had been arrested for illegal gambling maintained that the incidents of sexual assault occurred after she was forced by one of the defendants to drink alcohol that rendered her unconscious. The incidents only came to light when the victim revealed what had happened when she was in a delirious state following an overdose of diet pills.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

2010 Saw 195 Rabies Fatalities: The Health Ministry recorded 74,858 cases of rabies with 195 fatalities nationwide in 2010. It is endemic in 24 out of Indonesia's 33 provinces. Bali is the most prone area with 82 fatalities followed by North Sumatra (35 fatalities) and NTT (20 fatalities). 195 people died of rabies in 2009, 122 in 2008, 104 in 2007 and 142 in 2006. Bangka Belitung, West Kalimantan, Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Central Java, East Java, Papua, West Papua and NTB are rabies-free.

29 January – Legionnaire's Disease in Bali: A total of 14 foreign tourists are now confirmed to have contracted Legionnaires' disease in Bali, provincial health officials said on Saturday 29 January. The three new cases were all Australians. A joint investigation by the Health Ministry and the WHO following the initial reports pinpointed the source of the infection to a hotel in the vicinity of Matahari Square in the tourist hub of Kuta. Authorities were checking the hotel's air-conditioning cooling tower, shower heads, faucets, plumbing and swimming pool.

30 January - Nine Sub-Districts in Pekalongan are Dengue Potential: The Pekalongan Health Agency Chief stated nine districts in Pekalongan, Central Jakarta are having high dengue risk. The spreading of the disease is caused by climate change that has impacted on the disease's spreading pattern. Those sub-districts include Bendan, Medono, Sapuro, Kandang Panjang, Kraton Lor, Kuripan Lor, Tirto, Pasirsari, and Tegalrejo. The chief ordered the people to maintain environmental hygiene in order to avoid the disease.

1 February – More Deaths from Traditional Alcohol: Eleven people were killed and six hospitalized after consuming traditional alcoholic beverages in North Barito regency, Central Kalimantan. Police are investigating. Hundreds of people died after consuming similar beverages in Jakarta, West Java, Central Java and Bali during 2010.

21 February - Bird Flu in Garut, West Java: The Disease Prevention Chief of Garut Health Agency stated seven people in Banyuresmi Village, Garut were infected by H1N5 virus following hundreds of chickens died over the weekend in the area. All patients are now being treated in the local health center.

OTHER MAJOR CONCERNS OR OTHER ISSUES TO SHARE:

13 February - Papua Prison Escape: 19 prisoners escaped from Manokwari Prison in Papua after attacking a prison guard and pulling down the main gate to the prison. The escapees are reported to have convictions ranging from robbery to murder and are being hunted down by police and prison officials. There was a previous escape from the prison last September and there were two escapes from the notorious Abepura jail in Jayapura in May and June of last year.