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Committee Developments:

On May 27, AMCHAM hosted a cocktail party to honor the leadership of Mr. Dave Potter, who stepped down as Chair of OSAC and the AMCHAM Security Committee. Mr. Jeff Lischke, the Regional Security Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, presented Mr. Potter and Mr. Brian Campbell Watters with plaques from the U.S. Embassy.

Summary of Security-Related Issues throughout Indonesia

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TERRORISM

- **1 May – Alleged Terrorists Arrested:** Indonesian National Police Anti Terror squad Detachment 88 and the Police Mobile Brigade arrested three men in Waikoli Village, Waisama District, Buru Selatan, Maluku. Police confiscated dozens of weapons and ammunition and believe the arrested suspects probably were involved in a terrorist network.
- **5 May – Additional Arrests by Anti-Terror Police:** The police's elite counterterrorism unit arrested seven men in Pasar Minggu, South Jakarta. It is believed that the men had been renting a house in Pasar Minggu for the past year and had been under surveillance by the crack counter terrorist unit for the past three months.

The arrests are thought to be part of an ongoing Police hunt for suspects following the extensive arrests of members of a terror group operating in Aceh.

- **8 May – 12 More Arrests of Alleged Terrorists:** The Police Public Relation Division Head Edward Arotonang said they arrested a total 12 men alleged to be terrorists. Seven were arrested in Pasar Minggu, three in Setu, Bekasi, one in Menteng, and another one in Petamburan. The police believed that these people are linked to the Aceh terrorist network.
- **10 May – Additional Arrests:** The National Police counterterrorism squad has arrested two more terror suspects bringing the total to 14 within less than a week. The suspects' lawyer Achmad Michdan, a member of the Muslim Lawyers Team (TPM), identified the last two suspects as the Jakarta head of Jamaah Anshoru Tauhid (JAT), Harisa Mirfalah, and JAT follower known as Ilham. JAT is an Islamic organization founded by noted activist cleric Abu Bakar Baashir in 2008.
- **13 May – Police Capture 17 and Kill 5 Suspected Terrorists:** The Indonesian Police anti-terrorist squad Densus 88 captured 17 terrorist suspects alive and shot dead five others. The raids were conducted in Cililitan, East Java, and in Cikampek, West Java. All the suspects were linked to the terror network in Aceh which was raided in March after the police discovered its training camp inside a jungle in Aceh Besar regency. A police spokesman said a preliminary investigation into the terrorist suspects arrested in the past week revealed that the group had planned an imminent strike but he refused to provide details of the target. That the group were planning an imminent attack is alarming and in spite of the arrests it cannot be ruled out that other members of this terror cell could be in a position to carry out the attack.
- **May 13 – Eleven Terrorist Suspects Released:** Moslem Lawyer Team (TPM) Guntur Fatahillah stated tat the Mobile Brigade Headquarters in Kelapa Dua, Depok, eleven terrorist suspects arrested last week in several places including Pasar Minggu and Menteng had been released. The release was due to a lack of evidence tying them to a terrorist network in Aceh.

Furthermore, at the National Police Headquarters, the Police Chief Gen. Bambang Danuri stated that based on the investigation of Aceh terrorists network, it was revealed that they were planning to conduct a series of attacks on August 17 when the state officials are attending Independence Day ceremony at the State Palace. The terrorist were also planning to attack hotels where foreign state

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guests staying during the national celebration. Danuri added that the police found weapons intended to be used for assassination attack against the foreigners.

- **16 May – Blog Message from Abdullah Sunata:** The Police blocked a web blog publishing an article believed to be written by fugitive terrorist Abdulah Sunata. In the blog, Sunata is said to have called on fellow former convicted terrorists to keep their faith in Jihad and not to follow the footsteps of those he said had become “the helpers of evil”. Sunata is said to have called on Jihadists to exterminate those who are considered enemies of Islam and anyone who did not apply the Islamic Shari’a. The writer also encouraged his followers to strive with a gun and not to follow the former chief of Jemaah Islamiyah, Nasir Abas. The National Police spokesman, Sr. Comr. Zulkarnaen, said they were still investigating those behind the blog and coordinating with law enforcement in the US to shut it down.
- **17 May – Densus 88 Arrested two Students in Solo:** Indonesia Police Headquarter Densus 88 arrested two brothers, Abdul Rohman and Abdul Rohim, in Solo, Central Java. Both of them are students of Engineering Faculty Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta (UMS). They were arrested for alleged terrorism offenses. Densus also seized one unit computer and CDs.
- **24 May – 10-year Prison Term Sought:** Prosecutors at the South Jakarta District Court sought a ten year prison term for Amir Abdillah for his role in last year’s Jakarta hotel bombings. They said he was ordered by Noordin M. Top to pick up Danny Dwi Permana, one of the suicide bombers at the JW Marriott, and was a driver for Top and terrorist Syaifuddin Zuhri during the planning of the bombings.

Police released 15 of a total of 30 suspects arrested across Greater Jakarta and Central Java in May for lack of evidence. Many were suspected of having links to the Jemaah Anshorut Tauhid, a hard line group founded by controversial cleric Abu Bakr Ba’asyir in 2008. Lawyers and Muslim groups went to the National Commission for Human Rights on Wednesday **26 May** to lodge complaints about abuses in the police counter-terror drive and demand action to stop the killing and torture of suspected terrorists as well as the fabrication of cases.

DOMESTIC INCIDENTS

- **21 May – Shooting Incident in Puncak Jaya, Papua:** Approximately 20 armed men allegedly members of the Papua Liberation Organization (OPM) attacked Yambi TNI post in Mulia District, Puncak Jaya, Papua. The attack caused two TNI members to be injured. Not long after the attack, a police car sent to evacuate the victim was shot at two kilometers from the post. A police officer was injured in the second incident.

CIVIL UNREST, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

- **10 May – Office Attacked in Makassar:** A group of men attacked and damaged an Event Organizer office in Jl Andi Pangerang Pettarani, Makassar, South Sulawesi. They damaged the facilities and assaulted two of its employees with machetes. The police arrested five of them and still investigating the motive.
- **11 May – Clash in Sragen, Central Java:** A clash occurred between thousands of people and the police when the people were demonstrating in front of Sragen Regent’s office at Jl Sulowati, Central Java. They demanded the Regent to step down due to his alleged involvement in corruption and sexual harassment cases. The demonstrators also damaged the office facilities. Dozens of people were reportedly injured.
- **20 May – Clash in Kotamobagu, North Sulawesi:** A clash occurred between people from the villages of Potondon and Pangian in Kotamobagu, North Sulawesi. They armed themselves with machetes, sickles, and stones. Dozens were injured and several houses were damaged. The police are still investigating the motive.
- **21 May – Violence in Mojokerto, East Java:** Hundreds of people from the Mojokerto People Alliance held a demonstration at the Mojokerto Legislative Council and the Mojokerto Regent Office, both in Jl Ahmad Yani, East Java. The protesters claimed the government had failed to

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allow their candidate to compete in the regent elections. The demonstration turned violence when the police prevented them from entering the offices. Protesters threw Molotov cocktail bombs and burned cars in the vicinity. Nine people were injured, including a police officer, dozens other were arrested, and at least 16 cars were burned

- **24 May – Arson in Nabire, Papua:** Dozens of Dani Tribe people attacked and burned a store in Kotalama, Nabire, due to an alleged murder case involving one of their people. The victim was found dead near the store. They damaged the store and then burned it down. The store owner suffered hundreds of million of rupiahs loss. The locals suspected the murderer was an outsider.
- **27 May – Dorm Attacked in Makassar:** dozens of unidentified men attacked Luwu students dorm in Jl Kijang, Makassar, South Sulawesi. They came with motorbikes and use arrows and stones to attack the dorm. Walls and windows were damaged. Two days later, dozens of unidentified men attacked Indonesian Moslem University student dorm in Jl Urip Sumoharjo, Makassar, South Sulawesi. They came inside the building, using machetes and sickles to attack the residents and damaging the facilities. A student was reported to have been injured. The police are still investigating the case, they suspected that these two attacks are related.
- **30 May – Clash in Kosambi, West Jakarta:** a clash between two social organizations (Ormas) occurred in Rawabuaya, Duri Kosambi, West Jakarta due to a minor accident involving a taxi and a private car in Jl Ring Road, Pondok Randu, hours before the clash. A man was reportedly to have died, at least 84 houses, two pick up cars, and three trucks were burned.
- **Riot in Cengkareng:** A car driven by a Betawi man grazed a taxi driven by a Madurese man in the outer Jakarta suburb of Cengkareng. The drivers argued and then departed from the accident scene. Later that day a group of Betawi men led by a chapter head of Forkabi (Betawi Communication Forum) visited the area where the Madurese taxi driver lived. An argument between the group of Betawi men and the Madurese resulted in the chapter head of Forkabi being stabbed. He later died as a result of his injuries. A larger group of Betawi men returned to destroy the property of the Madurese. Arson attacks resulted in the burning of 45 shops, five homes and 19 vehicles. Police, who ironically stated that the riot was not due to ethnic tension, were blamed for their slow reaction to deal with the violence. Considering the spread of ethnic groups throughout the archipelago, there is always a potential for such inter-ethnic incidents to occur.

VIOLENT CRIME

- **Bali Rapist Confesses:** Mochammad Davis Suharto confessed to raping 12 girls in both Batam and Bali following the release of DNA results by the police. With this arrest and the arrest of two other men in Bali, all rape suspects in the recent Bali rape cases have now been arrested and charged.
- **4 May – Soldier Stabbed to Death in Makassar:** A soldier from the Territorial Battalion Cavalry 10 Command VII Wirabuana was stabbed in the back. Information from the scene indicated the victim had quarreled with some youths and escalated into a fight. He was eventually killed by one youths. Police have formed an investigation team.
- **May 16 – Bali Villa Robbery:** A villa belonging to an Australian national was robbed in Lalang Temu, Jimbaran, South Kuta district, Badung regency. According to the victim, the robbery resulted in approximately Rp300 million in losses. Police said the victim returned home to find the villa ransacked. It was not immediately clear how the perpetrators entered the residence.
- **May 17 – Armed Robbery in Gianyar:** A 41-year-old French national was robbed by two armed men at her rented house on Jl. Nyuh Gading in Celuk village, Sukawati district, Gianyar regency. Two masked perpetrators armed with bladed weapons entered the residence in the early morning hours, holding the victim at knifepoint before fleeing with jewelry, a cellular phone, a laptop computer, a digital camera and Rp80 million in cash.
- **May 20 – Armed Robbery in Mengwi, Bali:** An American national was robbed by two armed men at her villa in Pererenan village, Pererenan sub-district, Mengwi district, Badung regency.

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Two masked perpetrators entered the villa in the early morning hours, held the victim at knifepoint and fled with Rp50 million in cash, electronic devices and jewelry.

It is apparent that the explosion of villas in Bali has been accompanied by an increase in crime, possibly due to difficult economic conditions in neighboring Java and West and East Nusa Tenggara. The existence of exposed, luxury villas logically will present considerable temptation to those desperate to find ways to improve their economic situation.

- **19 May – Gold Robbery in Lumajang, East Java:** Six men robbed Semar Gold Store in Kunir Market, Kunir District, Lumajang, East Java. They came into the store, threatened the employees with guns and took away 3 kilograms of gold worth Rp300 million. At Jatiroto District, the police headed off the perpetrators and engaged in shooting contacts. Two robbers died, one arrested, and the others managed to get away. A police officer was reportedly to have been injured.
- **20 May – Shooting Incident in North Jakarta:** A man claiming to be a member of Police Mobile Brigade randomly fired gun at people in ITC Mangga Dua, North Jakarta. The shooting caused three people to be injured, including two security guards. The perpetrator is now under police custody for further investigation.
- **27 May – Bank Customer Robbery in Semarang, Central Java:** at about 1000 hours, four men with motorbikes robbed a bank customer in front of Bank BNI branch Diponegoro University in Semarang, Central Java. It was reported that the robbers were tailing her since she got out from Bank BCA in Tlogorejo. She was going to deposit the money in Bank BNI when suddenly two of the robbers stopped her after she got out from her car, injured her hand with a machete and kicked her leg. Two other robbers came and threatened the bank security officer with guns when he attempted to help the victim. She lost Rp5 million and now is being treated in a hospital.
- **30 May – Kidnapping in West Jakarta:** A 9 year old boy was kidnapped in front of his house in Jl Kubur, Kembangan, West Jakarta, when he was playing there in the afternoon. The kidnapers sent a text message to his parent demanding Rp35 million ransom or they would kill their son. The police are still investigating the case.
- **31 May – Attempted Kidnapping in Central Java:** A girl was almost kidnapped in front of her school in Bedono Village, Semarang, Central Java. She was being tempted by a man who claimed would give her ice cream and Rp100,000. After getting inside the car, the girl suddenly realized that she might be the victim of a kidnapping attempt, and she bit the kidnapper and ran back to her school. The teacher tried to chase the perpetrator, but he managed to get away.

NON-VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

- **26 May – Theft in Kediri, East Java:** a group of unidentified men robbed an electronic store in Kediri, East Java. They got inside the store through an empty building next to it and broke the wall that connects the two buildings. They took electronic stuffs and IDR 30 million cash. The total loss was estimated to be IDR 100 million rupiah. The police are still investigating the case.
- **30 May – Pawn Shop Robbery in North Jakarta:** A group of thieves broke into a Pawn Shop in Cacang Kalibaru, Cilincing, North Jakarta. They took about 1,600 sacks of gold and Rp75 million cash. The total loss was estimated to be Rp4.3 billion.

INDUSTRY, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION

Bali Airport Axes Biometric Checks Over Long Delays: The biometric border control management system which involves photographing and fingerprinting all arriving passengers has been discontinued at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Bali. It is understood that the suspension of the checks was as a result of complaints by furious passengers who were forced to wait in long queues. The BCM system is currently being installed at Sultan Iskandar Muda International Airport in Aceh and it is planned that

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a similar system will be installed at a further 27 air and sea ports by the middle of the year. The same system has been in place at Soekarno Hatta airport in Jakarta for two months and has also created long queues there. It remains to be seen whether the system will be restarted in Bali and whether at other locations more immigration officers will be recruited to prevent the long queues.

Police Tighten Security at Soekarno Hatta Airport: Police guarding Soekarno-Hatta International Airport have tightened security at the airport's back gate following its use as short cut by thousands of motorists. In spite of the fact that the gate is supposed to be for emergency access only over 10,000 vehicles a day were reported to be using it as a short cut. It may be that this tightening up of security is related to the latest terrorist arrests and the danger of an imminent attack but it may also be that the authorities wish to tighten up perimeter security following the incursion onto a runway in Tangerang last month that resulted in the death of two men on a motor cycle which was crossing a live runway and the pilot of an aircraft that ran into them.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

- Police have stated that approximately 70 companies in the greater Jakarta area have been illegally producing cooking gas canisters. Explosions of these illegal canisters have resulted in the deaths of 6 people and the injuring of at least 30 people. An executive of one of these manufacturing companies was arrested. The company is believed to have produced approximately 200,000 canisters since 2009.

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