

**OVERSEAS SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL JAKARTA COUNTRY COUNCIL
AMCHAM SECURITY COMMITTEE, REPORT ON EVENTS IN DECEMBER 2011**

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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, and media reports. 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.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM OR TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM INCIDENTS

8 November - Six Terrorists Sentenced: six people were sentenced to between 5 and 6 years imprisonment for their involvement in a series of bomb incidents in Central Java last year. The ringleader of the group Roky Aprisdianto was found guilty of several offences under the Anti-Terrorism Law and was sentenced to six years imprisonment. Roky's followers were sentenced to five years imprisonment each for their part in the planting of bombs and dummy bombs at several locations in Solo and Klaten including churches, mosques and police stations. Two of the 5 were students at the State Vocational School in Klaten and the other 3 were former pupils. It is worthy of note that earlier this year another student from the same school was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for terrorist offences. It is also of interest that Roky was connected to a well known bomb maker known as Sogir who was trained by the infamous Malaysian bomb maker Dr. Azahari Husin who played a major role in assembling the bombs used in the Bali bombings in 2002.

Philippine phone hacking linked to terrorists: four people in the Philippines hacked into the accounts of AT&T business customers in the United States and diverted money to a group that financed the regional Jemaah Islamiah (JI) network, police said. A statement from the Philippines Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, a law enforcement agency, said three men and a woman had been arrested in raids across the capital Manila last week. The agency said the men were working with the JI, the group linked to Al Qaeda and was responsible for the 2002 bombings in Bali that left 202 people dead. JI has been held responsible for several other terrorist attacks in Southeast Asia, mostly Indonesia, but also the Philippines. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was working with police in the Philippines on the investigation of the telephone hack, which began as early as two years ago. Suspects remotely gained access to telephone operating systems of an unspecified number of AT&T clients and used them to call telephone numbers that passed on revenues to the suspects. Philippines police said the scheme cost some \$2 million in damage. The scheme is known as a "remote toll fraud", which identifies telephone accounts that are protected by weak passwords. The accusations highlight a troubling new connection between hackers and terrorist cells. Such a link is another example of JI's ability to evolve, adapt, and reinvent itself.

13 terrorist suspects arrested in Malaysia linked to Indonesian group: Malaysian police arrested 13 members of Darul Islam, an Indonesian group, on terrorist charges. Malaysian media reported they were also planning to hold a police officer hostage to gain the release of some of their colleagues. Malaysian counter-terror officials were quoted as saying the group had received guerilla warfare training in Sulawesi, Indonesia, and had been taught to make bombs. Group leader Abdulla Omar was arrested in Indonesia in July.

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Bali terrorism suspect planned to join Afghanistan jihad: Indonesian Islamist militant Umar Patek, suspected of making bombs used in the 2002 Bali attack, said in court he had planned to go to Afghanistan. He said he had forged travel documents for himself and his wife. Mr. Patek was in court to testify over the trial of his wife Ruqayyah Husein Luceno, accused of using a false identity to get a passport in 2009, which she used to travel to Pakistan. The terror suspect and his Filipina wife were caught in January in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad, where Al Qaeda's global figurehead Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. Special Forces months later. Mr. Patek had fled to the Philippines after the Bali bombing and in the past has been one of Asia's most wanted terror suspects with a \$1 million bounty on his head. Mr. Patek has admitted to taking part in the night-club blasts on Bali Island that killed 202 people. He even showed investigators how he allegedly mixed the chemicals used for the attack. Mr. Patek's wife, who appeared in a flowing black robe and veil claimed ignorance, saying she had only followed her husband. It is a moot point whether Patek did indeed plan to go to Afghanistan as claimed for purposes of Jihad or whether he was in Pakistan to meet with al Qaeda leaders to discuss the way forward for terrorist attacks in Indonesia – it should be noted that Patek and bin Laden had fought together with the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan during the Russian occupation of the country between 1979 and 1990

REGIONAL TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME INCIDENTS

OPM Anniversary in Papua: Related to the anniversary of the separatist group OPM, it was reported that several Bintang Kejora flags were being displayed in Puncak Jaya, Wamena, Jayapura, and Timika early in December. Two police officers were attacked in Kampong Berap in Nimbo-krang Sentani District in Jayapura, when they responded to local reports regarding the display of OPM flag, Bintang Kejora. One of the police officers was caught and assaulted and struck by an arrow. He is now hospitalized. Three people were arrested in Timika after they displayed the flag.

1 December - Bomb Explodes in Aceh: at 1930 hours, a bomb exploded in front of the house of the Secretary of the Politics and Legal Ministry in Jl Daud Beureueh, Lampiet, Banda Aceh. Three bystanders on the street outside the residence were injured by the explosion and were hospitalized. The police suspect that the bomb was a terrorist attack against the Aceh Governor's Election because the Secretary was in Aceh campaigning for the election.

3 December - Shootings in Papua: shootings occurred between Mobile Brigade Police officers and armed civilians, allegedly OPM, in Kampong Wondegobak, Mulia, Puncak Jaya. The perpetrators stopped a police car and initiated the shootings. Two officers were killed and a third sustained a gunshot wound to the thigh.

14 December - Police Confiscate OPM Weapons: the Information Division Head of the National Police, Senior Commissioner Boy Rafli Amar announced that the Mobile Brigade (Brimob) confiscated a supply of weapons and documents belonging to the separatist group OPM at a safe house in Eduda, Paniai Regency, Papua. The seizure, including rifles, air soft guns, and sharp weapons, took place after the Brimob were attacked by a group of armed civilians in the area. They chased the group and found the safe house. One Brimob officer was shot in the leg; however, he is expected make a good recovery.

17 December - Freeport Helicopter Attacked: gunmen opened fire on a helicopter that was carrying workers from the Freeport mine in Papua. It is understood that the gunmen opened fire as the helicopter left the mine site at Tembapapura carrying 29 workers who had just completed their shift. The damage to the helicopter was slight and it was able to continue its flight to Timika but one of the passengers who is the Filipino wife of an employee was injured and is being treated for shrapnel wounds. In spite of the deployment of extra police personnel, attacks on police officers, military officers and mining personnel in the area of the Freeport mine operation continue with the police apparently unable to bring the situation under control. The authorities have pinned the blame for the attacks on the separatist group Operasi Papua Merdeka (OPM) but many observers have commented that there is scant evidence to prove that the attacks are the work of the OPM.

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19 December - Bomb Found in Palu, Central Sulawesi: an improvised bomb was found near a pork market in Jl Sulawesi, Palu, Central Sulawesi. The bomb squad Gegana found that the bomb contained black powder, cables, battery, and pipes. The police believed that the bomb was intended to spread terror approaching Christmas.

18 December - Shooting in Mulia, Papua: an ojek driver was shot dead at Jl Purlume, Mulia, Puncak Jaya, Papua. It was reported that a group of unidentified men shot him and took off. It is not clear at this stage whether it was the separatist group OPM or not.

20 December - Police Arrest Three Men in Palu, Central Java: police arrest three men related to the finding of a bomb in a pork market in Palu, Central Sulawesi. The police have not yet released the suspects' identification and are still investigating the motive.

20 December - Arson in West Papua: it was reported that the Angkaisera Police District office was burned by a group of people allegedly from the separatist group OPM. The arson took place during a blackout in the district which is located in Yapen Regency, West Papua. The OPM flag was displayed on the office's flagpole. Furthermore, the police have now arrested 14 men allegedly involved in the arson of the West Papua Governor elect's house in Manokwari related to their dissatisfaction toward the election result. They are currently being questioned by the police.

CIVIL UNREST AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

5 December - Vandalism in Manokwari, Papua: about 30 people attacked the office of the Manokwari Mayor in Papua. They were armed with machetes and stones and they damaged the office windows, doors, and other facilities. It was reported that the group was led by the Treasurer of the Manokwari Administration. The motive is still unknown.

7 December - Vandalism in Palembang, South Sumatra: a group of unidentified men attacked the Democrat Party's representative office on Jl Kol. H. Burlian, Sukarame District, Palembang, South Sumatra. The group came armed with crowbars and damaged office windows. The police are still investigating the case.

13 December - Clash in Ambon: a clash occurred between two groups of locals from Ponogoro, Sirimau District, Ambon. The clash was triggered by an old grudge between the parties. They threw petrol and improvised bombs, arrows, and stones. Several houses were burned and dozens of people were hospitalized after suffering from gunshot and arrow wounds. The police swept houses in the area and seized improvised bombs and arrows stored in the locals' houses.

13 December - Clash in Makassar, South Sulawesi: a clash occurred between students of the Industry Engineering and Computer Science faculties at their campus Indonesian Moslem University in Jl Urip Sumoharjo, Makassar, South Sulawesi. The clash was triggered by a misunderstood over a text message. The police arrested two students for possessing sharp weapons including arrows and machetes.

14 December - Clash in Central Jakarta: a clash occurred during a demonstration conducted by the students of Bung Karno University in front of their campus in Jl Diponegoro, Central Jakarta. The students were demanding the government to take responsibility over the death of Sondang Hutalaglung after he torched himself in front of the State Palace the previous week. The clash was triggered when police forced the students to open the road blockade. The students threw stones at the police, injuring the Central Jakarta Police Chief. Ten students were arrested.

15 December - Clash in Ambon, Maluku: a clash between two groups of locals occurred on Jl Dr. Latumenten, Ambon, Maluku. The police believe the clash was triggered by old grudge between two parties, stating that such conflicts are common in the area. Several kiosks were burned, however there were no reports of injuries.

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15 December - Clash in Garut, West Java: a clash occurred during a demonstration carried out by the Garut Movement to Denounce in front of the Garut Regent Office in West Java. They demanded the Regional Secretary step down. Twenty people and four police officers were injured.

20 December - Arson and Blockade in Manokwari, Papua: hundreds of people blockaded Jl Rendani in Manokwari, Papua, during their protest against the Papua Governor elect whose house is located on that street. The demonstrators were from the Governor elect's opponent and were protesting his reelection. In the middle of the protest, the mob burned the house and blockaded the road with eight trees, causing 9 cars and 20 motorbikes to be burned.

28 December - Vandalism in Sukoharjo, Central Java: about 100 students of Muhamadiyah Surakarta University damaged the police station located in Jl Ahmad Yani, Sukoharjo, Central Java by throwing stones at the building, shattering the windows. They protested the police actions in Mesuji and Bima.

28 December - Clash in Seram, Maluku: a clash occurred between two neighboring villages, Negeri Iha and Negeri Luhu, in Huamual Muka District, Seram, Maluku. The clash was triggered by old grudge between both villages. The locals armed themselves with homemade guns, petrol bombs, arrows, and other sharp weapons. It was reported that dozens of houses were burned, tens of people were injured, seven of whom were hospitalized.

VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS

1 December - Police Arrested Gold Store Robbers: the police announced that they had arrested 5 men who specialized in robbing gold stores located in North and East Jakarta, Bekasi, Bogor, and Banten. The police said that they often posed as journalists when they were monitoring the target before finally going ahead with the robbery. The suspects claimed to have frequently been asked by the people around the store whenever they were monitoring so they came out with the idea of telling the people that they were journalist from Warta 5.

12 December - Man Attacks TV Crew on Jalan Thamrin: a man armed with a knife attacked a TV One crew who were about to commence filming an evening talk show at the Wisma Nusantara building. The man who is believed to be deranged seemed to focus his attack on a female presenter and the number 1 on the TV One logo shouting "one can only represent God" and "Allahu Akbar". The female TV presenter managed to escape into the building but another TV crew member who tried to stop the man was stabbed in the stomach as was a security guard at the building who tried to apprehend the man who was eventually detained and handed over to the police.

12 December - Child Killed in Attack in East Nusa Tenggara: a group of unidentified men attacked a house belonging to a Rote Ndao News journalist in Kuli Village, Lobalain District, Rote Ndao Regency, East Nusa Tenggara. Stones were thrown, killing a 1 month old infant inside the house. The police suspect that the attack was related to the reporting of an alleged corruption case relating to the Regional Budget.

14 December - Bank Robbery in Semarang, Central Java: four masked men robbed Bank Centratama Nasional located at Jl Pedamaran, Semarang, Central Java. They entered the bank and poured gasoline on the floor, threatening that they would torch the building. Two employees and a security guard were forced to hand over 66 million rupiah cash after they were threatened with sickles.

16 December - Two Australian Tourists Stabbed in Bali: two Australian tourists were hospitalized in Bali after having been stabbed in the Bounty discotheque in Kuta on 16 December. It is understood that a fight broke out in the disco and the two Australians and two locals were injured. Fights in discos and other night entertainment spots in Bali are not uncommon and two years ago a New Zealand tourist died after being attacked in the Bounty night club by 2 employees of the establishment who were later convicted of his murder.

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Another Woman Raped on a Public Bus: a female vegetable seller was raped by the driver and 2 passengers on a public minibus in Depok in the south of Jakarta. The incident is the fourth rape in five months involving a public mini bus driver. In October, a 38-year-old woman was raped and robbed by a driver near Kalimalang in East Jakarta. In September, a 27-year-old woman was raped by four men inside one of the minibuses and a month earlier, 21-year-old student was raped and murdered after taking a minibus to her university in West Jakarta. These rapes and sexual assaults on women on public transport have promoted the Jakarta Branch of the Organization of Land Transportation Owners (ORGANDA) to call on the government to set up a mobile task force to deal with the problem.

17 December - Arson in East Java: a house belonging to a Shiite Islamic flock was torched by the local citizens of Bluurang Village, Karang Penang District, Simpang, East Java. The torching was triggered by the locals' hatred toward the group's preaching which they considered to be false. No injuries were reported.

20 December - Bank Robbery in East Java: at approximately 0700 hours, a group of men armed with FN pistols robbed Bank Muamalat at Rungkut Industri, Surabaya, East Java. It was reported that they entered the bank, tied up four employees including a security guard, and stole the money from the safe. The police encountered difficulties in tracing the robbers who had cut off the power before entering the bank in order to avoid being recorded on the CCTV camera. The total loss was 90 million rupiah. Furthermore, it was also reported that four men armed with a revolver and machetes robbed a minimarket located in Gunung Putri, Bogor. They came into the shop, threatened the employees and even slashed two of them with machetes after the victims tried to fight back. The robbers took the employees' wallets, cell phones, and cash from the safe.

20 December - Bomb in Sleman, Yogyakarta: two men with a motorbike threw a petrol bomb at two ATM machines belonging to Bank BNI and Bank BRI in Jl Magelang, Sleman, Yogyakarta. One pedestrian was injured and hospitalized with a wound in her leg. This is the second ATM bombing occurrence in Sleman this year.

27 December - Robbery in Tangerang: six men with masks robbed the office of PT Besari Jelita in Cikupa industrial area in Tangerang. They broke into the building and threatened two of the employees with guns before taking their personal money amounting to IDR 850,000. After that, the robbers entered the director's office and stole IDR 20 million in cash kept inside the drawer together with two laptops.

28 December - Taxi Robbery in West Jakarta: a man was robbed in a white taxi in West Jakarta. It was reported that he got inside a taxi from Season City in Tambora and intended to go to Grogol, West Jakarta, when the taxi suddenly stopped and three men got inside and threatened the victim and beat him. They took cash and a cell phone and abandoned the victim on the toll road in Jl S. Parman, West Jakarta.

29 December - Arson in Kotawaringin, Central Kalimantan: hundreds of people burned the official house of the Kotawaringin Regent in Jl Antasari, Central Kalimantan. The incident was triggered by the locals' dissatisfaction with the Supreme Court's verdict that disqualified the winner of the Regent election who had gained 67 percent of the vote. No injuries were reported.

31 December - Four Killed in Aceh Violence: a gang armed with AK 47 high powered rifles attacked workers installing a fiber optic cable for Telkom in the Bireuen District killing 3 and injuring 7 others. On the same day 2 men on a motor cycle shot dead a shopkeeper in Banda Aceh. The province has been largely peaceful since the government signed a peace pact with the separatists in 2005. There is no indication as yet that these attacks have any separatist involvement but they may be connected with the upcoming elections.

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NON-VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS

19 December - Foreigner Arrested for Counterfeit Currency: the police arrested a man with an American passport at a hotel in North Jakarta for an accusation of a counterfeit currency fraud. It was reported that the police had been searching for the suspect after receiving a report from a Japanese citizen who was a victim of suspect's scheme. The Japanese intended to buy gold bars from the suspects for IDR 20 billion on August 2011. After waiting for a long period of time and the gold having not yet been received, he asked for his money back. He then realized that the money returned was counterfeit. The suspect was arrested with his wife and they are currently under police custody. Related to incident, it was reported that the police raided his house in Raffles Hills, Bekasi, and found 7 bags filled with counterfeit currencies in Rupiah and USD. The police also confiscated a money making machine inside the house. The suspect and his Indonesian wife were arrested at a hotel in Ancol during their attempt to run off to England.

ROAD SAFETY INCIDENTS

Nails along Harmoni, Central Jakarta: the police collected one kilogram of nails spread along Jl Majapahit at the Harmoni intersection in Central Jakarta. According to a local, he saw many bikers walk with their motorcycles' tire flat all morning. He then reported to the police and it was revealed that nails were the cause of the incidents. The police suspect a tire repair service to be responsible for spreading the nails.

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

Note: Earthquakes and other natural incidents resulting in no reports of casualties or tsunami alerts are not listed

3 December - Flashfloods in Sigi, Central Sulawesi: flashfloods occurred in Kulawi District, Sigi Regency, Central Sulawesi, after continuous heavy rains overflowed the river. At least 100 houses were damaged and/or swept away and the mud paralyzed access to the district. Three people died and three others remain missing.

3 December - Flashfloods in Pati, Central Java: flashfloods occurred in five villages in Sukolilo District, Pati Regency, Central Java, due to continuous heavy rains. At least 100 houses were damaged causing residents to flee from their homes. Two people died and six bridges were swept away. Flashfloods were also reported in 2 districts in Kudus, Central Java where one man was killed.

4 December - Volcano Erupts in Ternate, North Maluku: Gamalama Volcano in Ternate City erupted spewing thick ash around the city leading to the temporary closure of Sultan Baabullah Airport. Two thousand people were evacuated. It was reported that nine students were hiking on the mountain the day it erupted. Six of them have been found alive whilst 3 remain missing.

4 December - Wall Collapse in Makassar, South Sulawesi: the wall of The Mutiara Residence in Panakukkang District, Makassar, South Sulawesi, was reported to have collapsed and fell onto the temporary houses behind it. The residence, which was still under development, borders a poorly constructed neighborhood inhabited by squatters. Eight people died and 10 others were injured. The cause of the collapse is still under investigation.

6 December - Floods in Ciamis, West Java: floods occurred in Cinta Maju Village, Ciamis, West Java, due to heavy rain that overflowed Citunggis River. About 160 houses were inundated forcing the residents to flee from their homes.

9 December - Hundreds of Houses were Inundated in Bandung, West Java: hundreds of houses were inundated by flood waters in Cingised village, Arcamanik, Bandung, West Java. The floods were caused by the collapse of the embankment of the Cironggeng River.

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13 December - Earthquake in Gorontalo: an earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale occurred 71 kilometer southeast of Gorontalo. The tremor caused public panic at Kota Utara District, Gorontalo.

15 December - Floods in Depok: floods occurred in Sukmajaya District, East Depok, due to heavy rain. Hundreds of houses were inundated by waist high water, forcing the residents to flee from their homes.

17 December - Flashfloods in Sikka, East Nusa Tenggara: flashfloods occurred at Lidi Village, Sikka Regency, East Nusa Tenggara after heavy rain occurred in the area. Four people were injured with broken bones after being swept away and buried by the mud. Two people were reported missing.

25 December - Whirlwind in Brebes, Central Java: a whirlwind occurred in Bulusari Village, Brebes Regency, Central Java. About 180 houses were damaged and tens of people injured.

25 December - Floods in Cirebon, West Java: floods occurred in five villages in Gunugnjati District, Cirebon, West Java. Thousands of houses were inundated by 2 meter high water, forcing the residents to flee from their homes.

26 December - Floods in Langkat and Kampar: floods occurred in three villages in Batang Serangan District, Langkat Regency, North Sumatra, due to heavy rain that overflowed the Batang Serangan River. Six hundred families left their homes after they were flooded by 1 meter deep water. The following day, floods occurred in 7 villages in Kampar Kiri District, Kampar, East Kalimantan, due to overflow of three rivers, Subayang, Sutingkai, and Senggigi. At least 1,200 houses were inundated.

27 December - Mount Lokon Erupts Again: Mount Lokon volcano erupted again causing panic amongst local residents. The eruption which was heard up to 5 kilometers away sent up ash clouds that affected two villages involving some 10,000 people. Lokon is one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes and last erupted some six months ago leading to the evacuation of several thousand residents. Readers intending to visit north Sulawesi are advised to be aware of the danger of further eruptions and the potential to close Manado's airport which remains open for the time being. The warning level for the volcano will remain at the second highest level (known as alert) with an exclusion zone extending to 2.5 kilometers from the volcano.

27 December - Cold Lava Floods in Ternate, Maluku: cold lava floods occurred in Ternate City, Maluku, due to heavy rain that brought volcanic ash from Mount Gamalama into the Tubo River, causing it to overflow. Hundreds of houses were inundated and dozens of others were swept away. Three people were reported to have died, 15 others were injured nine of whom have been hospitalized.

INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

Note: Incidents resulting in no reports of casualties are not listed

3 December - Merpati Air, Tire Burst in Larat, Maluku: a Merpati Airlines aircraft type Cass 212 PK-MCZ en route Langgur – Larat burst a landing gear tire while landing at Watidar Airport in Larant, Maluku. Two passengers were injured and hospitalized.

17 December - Light Aircraft Crashes in Papua: a light aircraft skidded off the runway whilst landing in bad weather in the Pegunungan Bintang District of Papua. The aircraft caught fire and it is believed that the pilot died in the wreck and 4 passengers received suffered burn injuries with 2 of them being in a critical condition. Remote areas in Papua are served by light aircraft from various Christian organizations and it is understood that this aircraft had been transporting supplies for such an organization. This is the latest in a series of fatal accidents involving aircraft in Papua. In the last 3 months there have been two serious incidents involving fatalities: two expatriate pilots

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were killed when their Susi Air Cessna Caravan aircraft crashed followed by another crash involving a light aircraft which killed its American pilot and two passengers.

19 December - Airplane Accident in Cirebon, West Java: a Cessna aircraft belonging to Wing Flying School crashed on a beach in Bungko Lawas Village, Kapetakan District, Cirebon. It was reported that the pilot intended to make emergency landing but lost control and crashed. The pilot and co pilot survived and were hospitalized.

20 December - Sriwijaya Air Skids off the Runway: a Sriwijaya Air aircraft en route Jakarta – Yogyakarta skidded off the runway while landing at Adi Sucipto Airport. The accident was reportedly due to heavy rain that caused the runway to become slippery. Sparks came from the wheels and a tire was destroyed. Five passengers were injured with bruises. The airport was temporarily closed.

31 December - Indonesian Authorities Rescue Hijacked Tug: Indonesian authorities rescued a tug that had been hijacked in the Straits of Singapore. The barge that was loaded with heavy machinery and piling equipment was hijacked on 27 December. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) praised the Indonesian authorities for their quick action in recovering the vessel. The Straits of Singapore have seen a rise in hijackings with 11 attacks in 2011 compared to only 3 the previous year.

Update - Indonesian bridge collapse highlights general risk: support cables snapped and the bridge buckled, hurling cars and trucks into the water killing an estimated 39 bridge users. Numerous construction problems emerged during investigations of the bridge's construction. A structural engineer at the Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS) in Surabaya said an investigation by a team from the university found the anchor blocks for the suspension bridge's pillars had shifted at least 10 centimeters. He said the shift was the result of the bridge's foundation shifting, with the pillars themselves warping by 15 cms and in turn the deck of the bridge sagging by 75 cm. The collapse sent dozens of cars and trucks into the Mahakam River. Murky waters and torrential rains complicated rescue efforts.

DRUG AND NARCO-TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

8 December - Drugs Raid in West Jakarta: the police raided a notorious drugs area, Kampung Ambon in Cengkareng, West Java. Five hundred policemen came to the area with drug sniffing dogs and stormed houses in the area allegedly inhabited by drug dealers. Forty five men and 13 women were arrested for possession of drugs. The police confiscated various types of drugs including cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and ecstasy worth 11 billion rupiah. They also found sharp weapons, FN and revolver pistols, 218 million in cash, and a lookout CCTV installed at a kiosk in front of Kampung Ambon entrance.

25 December - Another Prison Drug Bust: the Justice Ministry announced that yet another prison based drug ring had been busted following the arrest of 2 prisoners and a prison guard at Cipinang Prison. This is the latest in a series of prison related drug rings and follows a similar operation at a Medan prison last week and another bust at the Nusakambangan Prison last month.

POLICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS

10 December - Sharia Police Arrest Punk Fans in Aceh: the Aceh Sharia police arrested 65 punk-rock fans at a concert in Banda Aceh. They then shaved the youths' hair and removed their body piercings, saying that it threatened the Islamic value. The punk music lovers were also stripped of dog-collar necklaces and chains and then thrown in pools of water for 'spiritual' cleansing, before later being sent to a police school to receive mental and spiritual guidance. This was the latest effort by authorities to promote strict moral values in Aceh, the only province in the country to have imposed Islamic laws.

24 December - Clash in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara: a clash occurred between the police and locals who occupied Sape Port in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, as a protest against the operation

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of PT Sumber Mineral Nusantara in the regency. It was reported that the police attempted to disperse the locals occupation that started the previous week. The effort turned into clash after the locals refused to go, leading to shootings by police against the locals. Two people reportedly died from gunshot wounds, dozens of other were injured nine of whom were hospitalized. It was further reported that after the clash, locals who escaped from the police ran off to Wambu Police District and started damaging the office by stoning and torching it.

Sumbawa Exploration Company Halts Operations: following the deaths of anti-company demonstrators when the police allegedly fired on a crowd, a series of protests have spread throughout Indonesia and the exploration company at the center of the dispute has halted its operations at Bima on Sumbawa Island. The company has confirmed that it is only an exploration company and had no plans to open a mine. However in spite of that its shares tumbled by 20%. This incident illustrates the potential for problems when it appears that the police or the military are acting on behalf of a foreign company.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INCIDENTS

HIV Danger in Bali: Australian health authorities have reported that a patient recently diagnosed with HIV most likely caught the virus whilst having a tattoo done in Bali and have recommended that anyone who has recently had a tattoo or body piercing done in Bali should undergo tests for blood borne diseases including hepatitis B and C. HIV/AIDS cases in Bali have soared over the past year with authorities reporting that 25% of prostitutes are HIV positive up from 19% a year ago. Meanwhile the Bali health authorities have promised to take action against the tattoo parlor believed to be responsible for infecting the tourist with HIV.

OTHER INCIDENTS

Blackberry Messenger System under Threat: the Indonesian Telecommunications Regulatory Body (BRTI) has announced that it may put an end to the Blackberry Messenger service in Indonesia in a fit of pique after the owning company RIM had opted to build a server in Singapore instead of Indonesia. In September RIM committed to carry out four agreements by the end of the year one of which included the building of a server or establishing a data centre in Indonesia. Although the agreement between the government and RIM did not specify when the server should be built the Indonesian Government was keen that RIM should give Indonesia priority as Indonesia is home to most Blackberry users in South East Asia. The Managing Director of RIM for Asia Gregory Wade is reported as having said he hopes that the company and the government can find a way to solve the problem adding that RIM has been working closely with various government bodies in Indonesia and has been working with law enforcement agencies for the provision of lawful access as stipulated by Indonesian national law.

Parking Price Hike Possible: the Jakarta Administration is currently considering doubling the parking fees for cars in the city centre from 2,000 Rupiahs per hour to 4,000 Rupiahs and the increase could be brought into effect in the near future, perhaps before the end of January. They are also considering raising parking fees for motor cycles from 500 Rupiahs an hour to 2,000 a fourfold increase. Such increases in parking charges will not go down well and motor cyclists can be expected to be extremely vocal in their protests. It is not clear just why the increases in charges are being brought in at this time but it could be a misguided attempt to get commuters back into public transport.

21 December - Immigrants Shipwreck in Indonesia Waters: Indonesian rescuers found the bodies of 21 immigrants from an overloaded boat that was enroute to Australia. The bodies were found floating in the waters in Banyuwangi, East Java. It was reported that so far 47 survivors had been rescued after the boat sank whilst carrying 250 Afghan and Iranian migrants. Survivors stated they were heading to Christmas Island seeking asylum in Australia.

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30 December - Anti Shiite Violence Continues: a mob looted the shop and home of a Shiite family in Sampang in East Java taking motor cycles, clothes and other valuables from the premises. It is suspected that the mob was the same Sunni gang that attacked and set fire to a nearby Shiite Muslim boarding school the previous day. Violence between the majority Sunnis and minority Shiite sects is rare in Indonesia but the extent of the violence that has broken out in East Java is cause for concern and could spread to other parts of the archipelago.

Indonesian court sentences Canadian engineer to three years for espionage: an Indonesian court has sentenced a Canadian citizen to jail on corporate espionage charges. Both prosecution and defense are appealing a December 2 decision to convict Rick van Lee, on charges of stealing or altering public documents. In an unusual move, both sides appealed the sentence considering it to be too severe. Mr. Lee's lawyer, Rico Pandeirost said from Jakarta, "the judge gave – this is unusual – a higher sentence than recommended by the prosecution." Mr. Pandeirost said the sentence might have been because the charge, which prohibits stealing or altering electronic documents belonging to others, has few if any legal precedents in Indonesia. In May, Rick van Lee, 63, was accused by his employers – a branch of Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL), one of the largest pulp-and-paper producers in Southeast Asia of illegally copying sensitive company information. Mr. Pandeirost expects van Lee's appeal will be heard within a few months by a higher court in the city of Pekanbaru on Sumatra Island. If the appeal fails, Mr. Pandeirost said he remained confident the Supreme Court in Jakarta would exonerate his client. Mr. Lee's lawyers told Canadian media the judges acted as if they were public prosecutors, questioning witnesses and van Lee directly. Police also failed to perform digital forensics on van Lee's computer, a key piece of evidence in the trial, adding that external data storage devices were mishandled by investigators.