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**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM OR TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

**Petrol Bomb at Church in Klaten, Central Java**

On 2 June, it was discovered that two petrol bombs had been set off at the GKJ Jambon Church in Sabrang Lor Village, Klaten, Central Java. It is believed the attack took place on Wednesday night and the fire from the bombs caused minor damage to the back yard and wall of the church. It was reported that another bottle filled with petrol was also found near the church. The police are investigating the case.

**Bombs Found in Poso, Central Sulawesi**

On 1 June, a local found 12 improvised explosive devices wrapped in plastic bag at a tourist attraction called Panta Kapal in Kapompa Village, Poso Kota Utara District. The finder quickly reported the discovery to the police. A Gegana bomb squad team dismantled five of the devices, which reported to have been fully assembled and ready to explode while the other seven were still in progress. It is not clear whether the bombs are connected to the Poso terrorists involved in Palu police shooting.

**Police Shooters Die in Gunfight, Central Sulawesi**

On 4 June, a gunfight occurred 14 kilometers outside Palu City, between police and two gunmen believed to have been involved in the shooting of two police officers in Palu. The two had been fugitives for about a week before finally police discovered their hideout. The two suspects were identified as Fauzan and Dayat and they died during the gunfight. The bodies have now been returned to their families for burial.

**Another Two Terrorist Suspects Arrested in Poso**

On 7 June Detachment 88 arrested two men allegedly involved in Palu police shooting. The two, identified as Zainal Husein and Maman, were arrested at their

houses in Leppe Village, Poso Pesisir Utara District, Central Sulawesi. Both admitted to have been in possession of explosive materials and guns that they threw into the Lepper River, where the police are searching.

### **Indonesian with JI connections Arrested in Malaysia**

On 6 June an Indonesian national, Agus Salim, was arrested at a restaurant in the city of Johor Baru in Southern Malaysia just across the causeway from Singapore. Salim, who was working in a restaurant in Johor Baru having entered Malaysia under a false identity, was arrested by Malaysian authorities in 2009 under the Internal Security Act (ISA) on suspicion of having helped the fugitive Mas Selamat bin Kastari the alleged head of Jamaah Islamiyah (JI) in Singapore. He was deported from Singapore to Indonesia in 2009 but sneaked back into Malaysia to work at the same restaurant where he was employed prior to his arrest under the ISA. The Malaysian authorities have hinted that he was arrested on suspicion of being a JI “sleeper” agent tasked with providing logistic support to JI members in Malaysia.

### **Malaysia arrests JI operatives**

On 10 June Malaysian police announced that they had detained two separate operatives of militant group Jemaah Islamiah (JI), in a sign the network is still alive and active in the region. One was a businessman; one was a sleeper agent. But both were working on keeping the JI network active, a group that has appeared to have been weakened in recent years. Malaysian authorities had arrested Agus Salim, who harbored Singapore terrorist suspect Mas Selamat Kastari, for the second time last week. Mr. Salim was picked up by anti-terrorism officers at a restaurant in the city of Johor Baru. Malaysian police were quoted as saying they believed Mr. Salim was a ‘sleeper agent’, an agent who waited for instructions to supply logistics and to help other JI members in the country.

Mas Selamat, the alleged head of the Singapore cell for JI, had been a fugitive in Malaysia for over a year after escaping from a detention center in Singapore. He was arrested in April 2009, after he fled Singapore and laid low in Malaysia. Kastari was accused of plotting in 2001 to hijack an airliner and crash it into Changi airport, Singapore’s main airport.

Separately, police detained an Indonesian businessman for his alleged involvement in JI last week. Malaysian police reported Abdul Haris Syuhadi was recruiting new members for JI and spreading its ideology in the country. Police said they had been monitoring the 63-year old man before he was detained. The suspect had been found to have been actively recruiting new members in the country since 2002. Police are investigating Haris’s new members in Malaysia, his link of networks and those connected to him.

Many observers have been quick to write JI off in the wake of a string of police arrests and the advent of offshoot groups. On the one hand the arrests show the network, founded in 1993, is struggling to maintain its relevance and violent

capability but at the same time no matter how many times the police manage to cut the head off the snake they manage to regroup and find a new leader. Authorities will have to continue to closely monitor the terrorism situation.

#### **Terrorists Arrest in Kalimantan and Jakarta**

On 11 June, the Detachment 88 arrested two men identified as Juardi and Faisal at a house in Jl Mulawarman, Loa Duri Village, Kutai Kartanegara, East Kalimantan. It was reported that the two had just got back from Java earlier that day before they were arrested. According to the neighbors, Juardi have been living in the house for years with his family and Faisal had just lived in the house about a year. The police confiscated pipes and laptops.

Furthermore, on 10 June, the police arrested 6 men allegedly involved in terrorism. The arrest which took place at Kemayoran, Central Jakarta and Tambora, West Jakarta, was reported to have been based on Poso terrorists' confession. The six were reported to have been planning on poisoning the police by planting cyanide in the canteen of police offices, including Jakarta Metropolitan HQ, and police dormitory.

#### **Police Arrest 7 More Terrorists in Palu**

On 11 and 12 June the Palu police arrested 7 suspected terrorists in Kasimbar Village in the Parigi Moutong district of Central Sulawesi. One of those arrested only identified by his initials AM has allegedly been involved in terrorist activities in Aceh and Cirebon. It appears that he fled to Central Sulawesi about 2 months ago. Following the arrests the Police seized a remote control, 2 cell phones, batteries, bolts and a number of books on religious teaching. This is the latest in a plethora of arrests over the past week (27 in only the past 4 days in 5 provinces) and is an indication of the fact that in spite of police action terrorists are still active and dangerous.

#### **Rumors of Jihad Action re Bashir's Sentencing**

On 14 June there was a raft of viral SMS messages circulating warning of planned Jihadist action (including the planning of bombs in malls, etc.) to coincide with the sentencing of Abu Bakar Bashir that is due to take place at the South Jakarta District Court on Thursday of this week. We have seen many such messages in the past and they have all turned out to be hoaxes. It should be noted that Jamaah Islamiyah (JI) and other terrorist organization in Indonesia have NEVER given any advance warning of any attacks. That said the terrorists are still out there and are active. Their recent activities have been focused against the Indonesian police but this does not exclude the possibility of a change to targeting Western and commercial targets. The sentencing of ABB is a focal point and clients should be on alert and prepared for an attack or disruption of some type.

#### **Suspicious Package Found Outside US Embassy**

On 14 June suspicious package was found abandoned outside the US Embassy on Jalan Merdeka Selatan causing a degree of concern. It is believed that US Embassy officials spotted the package and alerted the bomb squad. The bomb squad X-rayed the package and found no sign of bomb making material. As a result they opened the package and found it contained a red bag, a copy of the Koran and a cell phone. The package may be a hoax designed to create alarm but it may also simply have been dropped by accident. The bomb squad has speculated that it may have been dropped by accident from a passing motor cycle. Police enquiries are continuing.

### **Gunmen Open Fire on Poso Police Post**

On 13 June a group of unidentified gunmen opened fire on a police post in Poso in Central Sulawesi. It has been reported that a dark colored van stopped near to the police post and when police officers approached the van to check it out the people inside the van fired several shots. No police officers were injured in the shooting. This is the latest in a series of incidents in the Poso/Palu area and the police are speculating that this incident may be connected to the shooting of police officers outside a bank in Palu last month.

### **Suspected Terrorist Dies in Police Custody**

On 15 June the coordinator of the Muslim Defenders Team Achmad Michdan has stated that a suspected terrorist Khaidir died at the Police Mobile Brigade (BRIMOB) Headquarters at Kelapa Dua a day after he was arrested by Densus 88 anti terrorist squad officers. Michdan claimed that there were bruises on his body and questioned the circumstances behind his death. This is unfortunate timing with Abu Bakar Bashir due to be sentenced the next day and the police already the main target of terrorist groups. Whilst it is not clear just why Khaidir was arrested he is understood to be married to a sister of Bali bombers Amrozi, Mukhlis and Ali Imron. Sadly this death is likely to raise the temperature with Bashir's verdict looming.

### **Bali Bomber Arrested in Central Java**

The Indonesian police have announced that they have arrested a suspected terrorist who has been on the run since the Bali bombings of 2002. Heru Kuncoro was arrested in Pekalongan in Central Java on 9 June in connection with the alleged plan to poison police officers with cyanide. Kuncoro is alleged to have been a facilitator in the Bali attacks having purchased the electronic equipment used in the attack. It is understood that like Dulmatin, Zulkarnain and Umar Patek he fled to the Philippines after the bombing. It is understood that prior to the Bali bombing he was involved in para military training in Maluku where a bloody sectarian war took place between Muslims and Christians that claimed the lives of 9,000 people between 1999 and 2002. Dulmatin was killed by the Indonesian crack anti terror squad Densus 88 in the aftermath of the al Qaeda in Aceh operation and Umar Patek was arrested by the Pakistani police earlier this year in Abbottabad close to the mansion that was Osama bin Laden's base for several years. Zulkarnain is still at large and may well be in the south of the Philippines.

### **Killers of Police Officers in Palu part of Gang of 18**

The Indonesian national Police have announced that the assassination of two police officers in Palu was carried out by part of a gang of 18 terrorists who had undergone para military training on at least 2 occasions. The first training is alleged to have taken place in the Biru Mountains in Poso in August of last year and the second took place in a mountainous area of Malino in Morowali between 15 and 18 May just a week prior to the assassination of the police officers. That terrorists were able to carry out training sessions of this nature is indicative of the depth of the threat facing Indonesia from terror attacks. In a similar way members of the al Qaeda in Aceh group were able to train in remote areas of Aceh totally unknown to the police until local villagers reported their presence to the authorities. With so many incidents having taken place in the run up to Abu Bakar Bashir's sentencing one is led to contemplate just how many other cells are out there under the radar of the police.

### **Police Seize Suspect Liquid from Arrested Terrorists**

On 14 June National Police Spokesman Insp. Gen. Anton Bachrul Alam said that following the arrest of 5 suspects in the planned poisoning of police officers case the police had seized 29 Jihad DVDs, equipment that could be used to manufacture home made guns and half a liter of a yellow liquid which he said had been sent to the police forensic laboratory with initial test results indicating that the liquid contained cyanide acid. He added that the police believe that the terrorists planned to poison food in police canteens in Jakarta and Central and East Java. The spokesman did not elaborate on the exact composition of the liquid but said that it had already been tested on animals.

### **Abu Bakar Bashir Trial**

Prior to the Abu Bakar Bashir verdict on 16 June the Jakarta Police Chief Insp. Sutarman stated that the Jakarta police would resort to extreme measures against any terrorist acts designed to coincide with the verdict. He alluded to the series of SMS viral messages that had been circulating warning of bombs ready to go off at 36 locations in the city including shopping malls and said that copies of the messages had been distributed to all police officers in the city as a precautionary measure. He said that the police have stepped up their vigilance and added that if terrorists dared to attack any police stations his men are ready to retaliate. Another police spokesman added that the police had deployed snipers in strategic areas who are under orders to shoot anyone who incited unrest in connection with the verdict.

### **Terror Threats on Twitter**

On 14 June National Police spokesman Insp. Gen. Anton Bahrul Alam said that the police had launched an investigation into 2 twitter accounts after the account owners posted threats to blow up government buildings, the State Palace, the US Embassy in Jakarta and the J W Marriott hotel on the country's independence day on

17 August. Once again we reiterate that Indonesian terrorists have never given any advance warning of any attacks and these twitter messages are likely to fall into the same category as the SMS messages. These twitter accounts may have been set up by malicious hoaxers but they may have been set up by terrorist supporters in order to spread fear amongst the general population. At this time we see no reason to take these messages seriously.

### **Explosion in Malang, East Java**

On Tuesday 14 June, an explosion occurred in a public junior high in Kepanjen, Malang, East Java. It was reported that the school cleaner was cleaning the back yard of the school when suddenly an explosion occurred after his broom touched a paint can. It was later revealed that the explosion was triggered by gun powder kept in the can. The victim is hospitalized with major wounds and the police are still investigating as to why the gun powder was in the school.

### **Police and Military on High Alert re Bashir Trial**

With the verdict in the terrorism case against firebrand cleric Abu Bakar Bashir due on 16 June at the South Jakarta District Court the police announced that they would deploy some 3,000 officers in the vicinity of the courthouse and that these officers will be backed up by military units. Additionally the police enhanced security at public buildings including shopping malls following a raft of threats by viral SMS messages. Some 300 bus loads of Bashir supporters from the Central Java City of Solo were expected to attend the hearing to provide support for Bashir and the US Embassy issued a warden message in connection with the trial verdicts.

### ***Indonesia's leading radical jailed for 15 years***

Indonesia's most prominent radical was jailed on 16 June after a four-month trial on terrorism charges. 72-year old Abu Bakar Bashir was imprisoned for 15-years for supporting a jihadist training camp in Aceh. But will Mr. Bashir still be dangerous behind bars? The answer will depend on what precautions and arrangements authorities make. Mr. Bashir could indeed remain a unifying figure for radicals in jail as he has been on the outside.

Mr. Bashir's conviction was heralded by international media and Western governments. He has been a symbol of Indonesia's anti-western jihadist campaign for a decade, since before the Bali Bombings of 2002. We're not convinced yet, that convicting him, however necessary, will make such a big difference to the danger level from terrorism in Indonesia.

Jakarta was on high alert last week for Mr. Bashir's conviction. Authorities had been alerted to threats of a bombing campaign to coincide with the ruling and thousands of extra police officers and hundred of soldiers were deployed across the city. There were no further threats in the wake of Mr. Bashir's conviction.

It should be noted that Jemaah Islamiah (JI), the faction to which Mr. Bashir was attached, and related groups have rarely attacked on deadline and have never carried out attacks when the security apparatus was on alert, preferring instead to wait until levels of security had receded. It should also be noted that JI has never ever issued any warning in advance of any attacks and the threats circulated by viral SMS messages were simply malicious threats intended either as a hoax or designed to cause panic and alarm.

Mr. Bashir's lawyers immediately said they would appeal the sentencing. Mr. Bashir said the sentence, far shorter than the life sentence prosecutors had sought, was invalid as it was based on laws created by 'infidels'. The court had agreed with prosecutors who said Mr. Bashir had helped mobilize and finance a militant armed group that set up an armed training camp in Aceh province, in northern Sumatra. The group, which called itself Al Qaeda of the Veranda of Mecca, has no known current links to Al Qaeda's international wing and was broken up last year. Mr. Bashir – and the radical Islamist press – claim the charges were trumped up to please the United States.

Mr. Bashir is one of Indonesia's longest-campaigning Islamist radicals. He founded a hardline radio station in Solo, Central Java in the 1970s, and then fled secular authorities here to Malaysia in the 1980s. He was a founding member of JI in 1993 in Malaysia and spent the next decade providing spiritual leadership to the group. He spent about two years in jail, but was released in 2006, when the Supreme Court overturned a lower court's terrorism conviction. Police arrested the cleric after linking three member of his new, legal organization, Jemaah Anshorut Tauhid to the Aceh group.

Whether or not Mr. Bashir continues to be dangerous will depend on how authorities handle him in prison. In the past, prominent terrorist convicts have been allowed access to mobile phones and the internet. Whilst such technologies are open to surveillance, the technological access has also allowed such figures to continue operations. A second consideration is recruitment. Whilst Mr. Bashir does not necessarily possess current operational intelligence, he is still a charismatic leader who could boost recruitment efforts. Prison can be an ideal environment for such efforts. The prisons are full of alienated, disaffected youths, isolated from their social and family groups. Terrorist leaders enjoy a particularly high status in the prison hierarchy, (which includes murderers, rapists and thieves). The answer is to isolate Mr. Bashir and his followers from the general population. While some prison authorities have shown awareness of the problem, it remains to be seen if they will be given support for their efforts. Indeed it could be said that Bashir is now a greater threat than when he was at liberty.

The Singapore Government certainly sees the danger and following the verdict and sentencing the Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister who is also the Home Affairs Minister and the Coordinating Minister for National Security, Teo Chee Hean, told Singaporeans that they need to be more vigilant and play an important role by looking out for suspicious persons or activities and informing the security agencies

immediately. He went on to say “Already his supporters in Indonesia have made several threats and the Indonesian Police have disrupted fortunately some attempts to poison the Indonesian policemen. So we need to continue to be vigilant to these kinds of threats. Well certainly the threats the supporters have made are real”.

### **Indoctrination in Prison**

Brig. Gen. Tito Karnavian, deputy head of the National Anti-Terrorism Agency (BNPT) acknowledged that Indonesia’s prisons remain ineffective in countering terrorist indoctrination, adding this had been made apparent after the two fugitives wanted for masterminding the killing of two police officers in Central Sulawesi last month were identified as former terror convicts.

### **Terrorist Suspect Arrested**

On 16 June the Public Relation’s Head of Jakarta Metropolitan Police, Comm. Baharuddin Djafar, stated that the police have arrested a suspect terrorist in front of the YAI campus in Salemba, Central Jakarta. The suspect identified as IR, is reported to have been involved in and funded the Aceh military camp. Prior to the arrest, the police released a terrorist wanted list related to the Aceh military camp, Cirebon bombing, and Palu shooting and it is alleged that he is on this list.

### **Terrorist Suspect Arrested in Pemalang, Central Java**

On 16 June, the Indonesian National Police anti terror squad Densus 88 arrested another suspected terrorist in Wanarejan, Pemalang, Central Java. The suspect, identified as Sudirman, was allegedly a confidant of Dulmatin. The Public Information Head of National Police Brig. Gen. Ketut Yoga Ana stated that based on a confession by Harry Kuncoro (the brother on law of Dulmatin) who was arrested last week Sudirman has an advanced capability to assemble bombs. The police confiscated books on bomb assembling, weapons, pipes, and a quantity of carbon from Sudirman’s house.

### **Bomb Exploded in Lubuk Linggau, South Sumatra**

On 18 June, a package bomb sent to a store in Jl Yos Sudarso, Lubuk Linggau, South Sumatra exploded injuring the store owner. It was reported that the package, which was sent from a Jakarta address, was received by the store security on Friday. When the store owner opened it up the next day, the package exploded injuring him in the stomach. The police are still investigating the case.

### **Suspected Bomb Found in Palu, Central Sulawesi**

On 24 June, a suspect bomb wrapped in black plastic bag was found at the office area of Indonesian TV Journalist Bond in Palu, Central Sulawesi. The package was reported to have a pipe, cables, timer, and switch. The Central Sulawesi Brimob confiscated the package which was said not to contain any explosive material or a detonator.

### **AK-47 and Ammunitions Found in Serdang Bedagai, North Sumatra**

On 25 June, one AK-47 rifle and 86 rounds of ammunition were found hidden in the ground at a plantation area of PT Sucofindo Sarangpuah in Dolog Sagala Village, Serdang Bedagai, North Sumatra. The police stated that the location where it was found is the same location where a gunfight between police and terrorists took place in October 2010.

### **Jakarta Police on High Alert**

On 30 June 2011 the Jakarta Police Chief, Insp. Gen. Sutarman, announced that the Jakarta Police have moved on to a high state of alert as a result of indications of potential terrorist attacks on police personnel and institutions. He said that all police personnel must be at a high state of readiness for self defense, be fully alert and have their weapons with them at all times. He added that it was possible that attacks could be designed to coincide with the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Police Day which will take place today. All police stations in the city will be placed on high alert with reinforced security in place.

That the police are under threat from terrorists is without doubt following the attack on a mosque at a police station in Cirebon, the drive by shooting of police officers in Palu, the shooting of a police officer in Bekasi and the threat to poison police officers by tainting the food and water at police canteens. That said history has shown that Jamiya Islamiyah (JI) has never carried out an attack when security was at a high level preferring to wait until any alert has passed and security becomes more lax before mounting their attacks.

## **REGIONAL TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Aceh District Head in Shooting**

A car carrying the head of the Bener Mariah District in Aceh, Tagore A B, came under attack on the night of 1 June when shots were fired from 2 other vehicles whilst his car negotiated the narrow Simpang Teririt bridge. It appears that Tagore received a death threat by telephone 2 months ago and police investigations are continuing.

### **Police Officer Shot in Papua**

On 24 June, a police officer on duty at the Puncak Jaya Airport was shot when 5 men broke into his post, grabbed his revolver and shot him in the head before fleeing by crossing a nearby river. The officer is conscious and is being treated for his injuries at the Jayapura Hospital. The initial police report alleged that the men were members of the Free Papua Movement (OPM).

### **Explosion in Bandung, West Java**

On 30 June an explosion occurred at BRI ATM machine located in Jl Dipati Ukur, Bandung, West Java. The explosion damaged almost all of the ATM room however

there were no casualties. It was reported that pamphlets were found scattered all over the scene which contained a message saying *“(Star symbol) International Conspiracy for Revenge PT Indomining (BIMA) has done brutal repression against local communities. PT Jogja International Mangasa intend to get rid of 50 thousand Kulonprogo farmers. Takalar farmers were threatened, deprived of land and all this is done brutally, including shootings, terror, sexual harassment, and other oppression that we have not heard from the media. No wonder that the corporate-bureaucrat-capitalists do not care about anything other than just thicken their pockets! Our assault on the ATM (Bank) is an important target because the bank is always involved in funding the extraction of natural resources and suppression of its people on behalf of the capital! We do not intend to hurt anyone; destruction of objects is not violence! There is no forgiveness for the oppressor! No mercy for the state and capitalism! State, the military, police, and financiers are the real terrorists!”*

## **CIVIL UNREST AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Vandalism in Bulukumba, South Sulawesi**

On 1 June, a group of unidentified men attacked and damaged the offices of the Bulukumba Regent in South Sulawesi. The attack was allegedly conducted by unsatisfied contractors who failed to be awarded a tender for a regency development project. It was reported that earlier the same day the Regent had announced the result of the tender bidding and several of the unsuccessful bidders were seen to be demonstrably upset. Sixteen rooms were damaged but there were no reports of injuries.

### **Vandalism in Bantaeng, South Sulawesi**

On 1 June at around 2300 local hours, thousands of people from three villages attacked the Uluene Police Sector office in Bantaeng Regency, South Sulawesi. The attack was revenge by the locals against a shooting incident carried out by the police against three of the locals, who were allegedly involved in a theft case the day before. The shooting resulted in death of one local and injury to two others. It was reported that the attack caused major damage on the police office however there were no injuries due to the fact that the office was almost empty at that time.

### **Vandalism in Makassar, South Sulawesi**

On 5 June, six unidentified men damaged a house belonging to a retired local civil servant in the BTN Housing estate, Paropo, Makassar. It was reported that the six men arrived on motorbikes, entered the house and damaged the front yard and windows. The police are still investigating the motive.

### **Cement Manufacturer Attacked in Tuban, East Java**

On 3 June, dozens of people attacked the operational offices of PT Semen Gresik in Tuban, East Java. The attack was triggered by a dispute over air pollution produced by the factory after its cement filter machine broke down and created massive

clouds of cement dust that spread around the factory surroundings. The mob threw stones at the office, damaging windows and doors. There were no reports of casualties as the employees had fled when the mob came.

### **Violent Demonstration in Mamasa, West Sulawesi**

On 6 June, thousands of people demonstrated at the Mamasa Regency Legislative Council, in West Sulawesi. They were protesting the Supreme Court's verdict against the Mamasa Regent regarding his involvement in corruption relating to the 2004 – 2009 Regional Budget. During the demonstration, the mob damaged the office's gate and fence in an attempt to get into the building.

Furthermore, on the same day, dozens of students broke into the offices of the Makassar High Court in South Sulawesi. They were looking for the Court Chief in order to demand implementation of the Supreme Court verdict against the Mamasa Regent. The action paralyzed the office as employees were running out of the building, afraid of the anarchist students.

### **Demonstration in Muara Enim, South Sumatera**

On 6 June, hundreds of people from Perambatan Village demonstrated at the offices of a plantation company, PT Golden Blossum Sumatera, in Abab District, Muara Enim. The demonstration was triggered by a land dispute between both parties. During the action, the mob damaged three company cars after they were upset for not being heard by the management. No reports of injuries.

### **Residents Conduct Sweeping of Buses, West Jakarta**

On 7 June a group of 50 about residents were reported to be conducting sweeping of KOPAJA buses operating on the P16 route (Ciledug-Tanah Abang) in Kedoya, West Jakarta, halting the buses and forcing passengers to alight. The residents were upset because a Kopaja driver fled the scene after hitting a female motorist on Tuesday last week. The Kopaja bus hit and killed the woman and this is not the first time, but the residents took action this time because the driver fled and no one took responsibility. Up to 21 buses were stopped and grounded. Dozens of police officers from the Kebon Jeruk police station and West Jakarta Traffic Police arrived on scene but did not take any action.

### **Demonstration in Padang, West Sumatra**

On 7 June, about 300 people demonstrated at the West Sumatra Legislative Council in Padang, demanding the government settle a number of land dispute cases between local farmers and plantation companies, especially foreign ones. They also rejected the implementation of the development land purchase law (UU Pengadaan Tanah untuk Pembangunan) as it threatens relocation of the locals' land.

### **Arson in Soppeng, South Sulawesi**

On 9 June, a group of people attacked and burned five houses located in Abbanuange Village, Lili Riau District, Soppeng, South Sulawesi. The attack was triggered by an assault against one of the perpetrators' friends carried out by Abbanuange locals that resulted in his death. The mob also burned a car and dozens of motorbikes. There were no reports of casualties.

#### **Vandalism in North Jakarta**

On 11 June, hundreds of workers of Tanjung Priok Power Plant damaged the security post in the project area in Jl RE Martadinata, North Jakarta. The action took place when the security was conducting body searches of workers leaving the project area. They felt like the security measures were a waste of time and started to damage the facilities. No injuries were reported.

#### **Campus Sweeping in Materam, West Nusa Tenggara**

On 13 June, hundreds of students of Nahdlatul Wathan University in Materam, swept their campus and forced teaching activities to be stopped. They damaged the class facilities and banged on windows and chairs. The students demanded the campus rector step down from his position as he is considered unable to bring any significant development to the university.

#### **Demonstration in Surabaya, East Java**

On 14 June thousands of workers from a shoe factory, PT Cinderella Villa Indonesia, held a demonstration by blockading the entrance road of the factory, Jl Tanjungsari, Surabaya, East Java. This action is a continuation from last Friday's demonstration, rejecting the closure of their factory due to a land dispute. The action caused heavy traffic at the vicinity.

#### **Clash in Makassar, South Sulawesi**

On 14 June, a clash occurred between the registered public transport drivers and the illegal ones in Jl Perintis Kemerdekaan, Makassar, South Sulawesi. The clash was triggered by the rage of the registered drivers due to their income decreasing with the existence of the illegal drivers. They brought sharp weapons and stoned each other, damaging six vehicles.

#### **Vandalism in Makassar, South Sulawesi**

On 15 June a group of men attacked a housing area in Pai Sub District, Makassar, South Sulawesi. The mob damaged a house and a security post by stoning the building and damaging the facilities. A person was reported to have been injured by a sharp weapon. The police arrested three men and still investigating the motive for the attack.

#### **Demonstration in Malang, East Java**

On 15 June about 1,100 ex employees of PT Bumi Mebara Internusa held a demonstration at the company's factory in Margomulyo industrial area in Malang, East Java. They demanded the company pay their severance based on mutual agreement. The action caused traffic congestion and the factory was forced to stop its activities.

#### **Clash in Ternate, North Maluku**

On 17 June a clash occurred between two opposing groups in Jl Kayumerah, South Ternate, North Maluku. The clash was triggered by mutual dislike between the two groups. They stoned and threw bottles at each other, injuring three of them. One person who was considered to be a provocateur was arrested.

#### **Vandalism in Aceh**

On 19 June, hundreds of people from Lut Tawar District attacked the office of Aceh Party in Simpang Wariji Takengon, Aceh, due to a housing aid fund dispute allegedly involving one of the party members. They damaged the office facilities and a car. Four people were injured.

#### **Clash in South Jakarta**

On 19 June, a clash occurred between the locals of Menteng Trenggulun and Pasar Rumput occurred in Jl Sultan Agung Tirtayasa, South Jakarta. The clash was triggered by old grudge between both groups. They threw petrol bombs and stones and brought sharp weapons. Public facilities at the vicinity were damaged, including a Transjakarta bus stop.

#### **Demonstration in Yogyakarta**

On 20 June about 4.000 workers of PT Sungchang Indonesia held a demonstration at the Kulonprogo Manpower Agency in Yogyakarta. They demanded salary increment based on the regional minimum wage and be included in the Social Security program.

#### **Vandalism in Poso and Makassar**

On 22 June, unidentified men vandalized a church located in Poso Kota Selatan District, Poso, Central Sulawesi. The perpetrators threw stones and damaged the church facilities. There were no injuries reported, however the incident caused panic among the locals around the area. The police are investigating.

On the same day, a group of students, allegedly from the Engineering Faculty, attacked the building of the Language Faculty of Makassar University in Parang Tambun, Makassar, South Sulawesi, due to a brawl between two groups earlier that day. The attack caused damage to the windows. The police found stones and petrol bomb remnants in the vicinity.

### **Residents of Central Lombok Damaging Police Office**

At least 500 people of Marong villagers, East Praya District, Central Lombok, went on the rampage and destroyed the East Praya police station on 25 June at about 22:30 pm. Acts of vandalism were caused by the residents who were upset by the slowness of the police assessment in investigating a robbery that led to the death of local resident. On the evening of June 4, 2011, a local Sabaruddin was robbed and stabbed in the street of Village Marong and was treated in hospital. Residents had reported the incident two weeks ago but the Police did not show results. On June 26, 2011 Sabaruddin died. After the funeral, residents went to the police and ask for clarification but the police did not satisfy the residents. Residents trashed the office, breaking windows and damaging electronic devices and computers. The police were able to stop the violent action.

### **Clashes in Langkat and Timika**

On 27 June, a clash occurred between thousands of farmers and officials including policemen, army, and Ministry of Forestry staff, in Gunung Leuser National Park, Besitang, Langkat, North Sumatra. The clash was triggered by a land dispute. The farmers armed themselves with sharp bamboos and stones, injuring three police officers. Three farmers were also injured.

On the same day, a clash occurred between two groups of locals in J I Pattimura, Timika, Papua. The clash was triggered by an old conflict that was revived when one of the group's members got drunk at a party. Three people were injured and a house was damaged. The incident caused a temporary closure of the street.

### **Demonstration in Manokwari, West Papua**

On 28 June hundreds of people from the Root Grass People held a demonstration by blockading the road in front of Rendani Airport in Manokwari, West Papua. They demanded the establishment process of two new regencies be accelerated. The police managed to prevent the mob from entering the airport area therefore flight activities were not interrupted.

### **Demonstration in Aceh**

On 28 June about 5.000 people from the Aceh Students Youths Committee held a demonstration at the Aceh Legislative Council in Jl Tengku Daud Beureuh, Banda Aceh. They rejected the revision of the 2011 Aceh Election Law that they considered amounted to central government intervention.

## **VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Police Officer Dies in Gunfight in Bekasi**

On 1 June at around 0300 hours, a gunfight between two policemen and five robbers occurred in Jl Kampung Raden, Jati Ranggon, Bekasi. It was reported that two

policemen were on a motorbike patrol when they became suspicious of a black Toyota Innova parked outside a grocery store. One of the policemen approached the car when suddenly the men inside the car started shooting. The gunfight ended when one of the policemen collapsed after being shot under his eye. The suspects, who allegedly intended to rob the store, took off and the police officer was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.

### **Riau Police Arrest Pirates**

At 0400 hours on 2 June the Riau Islands Marine Police arrested six pirates who had hijacked a barge carrying 4,000 tons of crude palm oil. The barge was being towed by a tug boat from Pontianak, Kalimantan to Dumai in Sumatra when it was seized by pirates armed with a firearm and sharp weapons.

### **Gold Mine Halts Operations after Attack by Locals, North Sumatra**

On 5 June, gold mining company PT Sorik Mas Mining announced it had temporarily ceased operations following an attack by locals against its facilities on May 29, which resulted in the burning of their Camp. The company's General Manager for Business Development Paul G. Du Plessis stated that the stoppage was prompted by huge losses of company assets and personal belongings as a result of the attack. He stated that the losses are estimated to reach USD 27 million including buildings, office facilities and mineral samples. The attack on 29 May by hundreds of Siabu locals was allegedly triggered by a land dispute, but company executives have stated they believe the attack was sparked by discontent over unrealized community assistance demands.

### **Shooting in Bone, South Sulawesi**

On 7 June, unidentified men shot at a house belonging to a local in Gareccing Village, Tonra District, Bone, South Sulawesi. The house owner claimed to be clueless as to why his house was being shot at. He stated that he saw the perpetrators who took off with a motorbike but didn't recognize them. The incident caused damage to the house windows but there were no injuries. The police are still investigating.

### **Bank Robbery in Yogyakarta**

On 8 June, four men robbed the Bank Danamon branch located in Jl Ring Road Utara, Sleman, Yogyakarta. They entered the bank from the front door and threatened 5 of the employees with guns before tying them up. One of the employees was hit on the head with a gun and suffered bruises. The four was reported to have wearing helmets, carrying FN pistols, and took off on 2 motorbikes. The total loss is estimated to be hundreds of millions of rupiahs.

### **Robbery in Samarinda, East Kalimantan**

On 9 June, four men robbed a pawn shop located on Jl AW Sjahranie, Samarinda, East Kalimantan. The robbers entered the shop, threatened the customers and

employees with guns, and stole 24 million rupiah in cash and 230 grams of gold. The police stated that the group hijacked a car before robbing and abandoned it in Jl Tekukur along with the tied-up driver.

### **Robbery in Tangerang**

On 12 June, a group of unidentified men robbed a house belonging to a Bank director which is located at Jl Kedaung, Larangan, Tangerang. In the robbery the robbers killed the house owner's son who tried to fight them. The son was reported to have died of slash wounds all over his body. The robbers took a motorbike, cash, and cell phones.

### **Kidnapping in Mojokerto, East Java**

On 11 June, eight men claiming to be the member of Detachment 88 kidnapped a couple from their house in Mojosulur Village, Mojokerto, East Java. According to the neighbors a group of men came to the village and started to ask the neighbors about the victim, Fran, by stating that he's involved in terrorism. The wife who was released reported the kidnapping to the police. It was reported that the mastermind has been arrested and admitted that he paid debt collectors to kidnap Fran in relation to a car rental business debt. The police are still looking for the perpetrators.

### **Robbery in Batam, Riau Islands**

On 12 June, the police engaged in a gunfight with eight robbers outside a grocery store located in Batam Center, Batam, Riau Islands. It was reported that the robbers came in to rob the store when suddenly police ambushed the action. One robber died, two arrested, and five managed to fled. The store owner was reported to have been injured by the robbers.

### **Factories Robbery in Malang, East Java**

On 13 June, six men robbed two factories both located in Jl Raya Karang Pandan, Malang, East Java. The robbers first came to cigarette factory Putera Mandiri, tied up two security guards, and stole a safety box filled with 30 million rupiah in cash. They then broke into the second factory, PT Cendrawasih Anugerah Motor, however they failed to rob anything of much value as the employees' arrival interrupted them but they did take Rp.300.000 and a cell phone belonging to a security guard. The robbers were reported to have worn masks and were armed with guns.

### **Robbery in Tangerang**

On 15 June, an 11 year old boy became a victim of a robbery in Taman Cikande housings, Jayanti District, Tangerang. It was reported that the boy was left alone at the house when his parent went to work and his grandmother out to buy breakfast. When the grandmother returned to the house, she found her grandchild's body covered in blood after being stabbed in the neck and back. The police stated that the robbers, who took cell phones and a laptop, were familiar with the house activities

and understood what the best time to conduct the robbery was. They are still investigating the case.

### **Robbery in Dumai, Riau**

On 15 June, a robbery occurred against a bank customer near his office in Jl Jeruk, Dumai, Riau Province. It was reported that the victim had just withdrawn a large sum of money and returned to his office but two men with a motorbike had been waiting for him near the office. After the victim got out of his car the two approached him and demanded the money. Afraid of being robbed, the victim ran to his car attempting to escape the robbers. He was hit in the head with a pistol which caused him to be dazed and unable to drive properly. The car then ran into a sewer and the robbers who chased him on a motorbike succeeded in stealing the money. The total loss was estimated to be 195 million rupiah.

### **Robbery in Sibolga, North Sumatra**

On 20 June, the police arrested three out of four robbers who had just robbed a Bank BRI customer in Sibolga, North Sumatra. The police intercepted the rental car they used to escape and confiscated 25 million rupiah in cash and cell phones. One of the robbers managed to escape on a motorbike.

### **Package Bomb Attack**

On 18 June a package bomb exploded at a minimarket in Lubuk Linggau in South Sumatra injuring the shop owner. It appears that the store security guard received the package from an unidentified man the previous evening and handed it to the store owner the following morning. When the store owner opened the package a bomb exploded causing injuries to his stomach. A second bomb in the same package failed to explode and was defused by the bomb squad. The National Police Spokesman Senr. Comr. Boy Rafli Amar said that the incident was regarded as an act of terror and the National Police Anti Terror Squad Densus 88 was sent to the scene to lead the investigation. Boy said that the package bomb was similar to the package bombs sent to recipients in Jakarta but he claimed that the police so far have been unable to identify which terrorist group might be behind the attack. However the police later went quiet on this incident and the fact that the target is an Indonesian Chinese businessman suggests that this was not a case of terrorism but rather a business vengeance attack.

### **Robberies in Sukabumi and Depok**

On 21 June two men broke into a house belonging to a veterinarian located in Jl Benteng Tengah, Sukabumi, West Java. The robbers tied up all of the residents and locked them in a room. They stole 3 million rupiah in cash, 200 grams of jewelry and 7 cell phones. The police are investigating.

Furthermore, the previous night at around 0015 hours, two men robbed a cell phone counter owner in Kampung Bulak, Depok, in front of the store. The robbers threatened the victim with guns, took his motorbike, wallet, and cell phone. The police are investigating.

### **Armed Robbery in Depok**

On 22 June a motorbike robbery occurred in Depok. It was reported that a man was threatened with a gun in front of an internet café in Jl Palakali Raya, Depok. He was forced to hand over the vehicle key and the robber took off with the motorbike. The police are investigating.

### **Violence against Women**

Few cases of violence against women are resolved fairly, said the commissioner of the National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan), adding that many women who reported incidents of violence against them found the justice system to be inadequate at holding the perpetrators accountable.

## **NON-VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Foreigners Arrested for International Cyber Crimes**

On 9 June the Jakarta Metropolitan Police Chief, Insp. Gen. Sutarman, announced that the police have arrested a total of 177 foreigners from China and Taiwan that are involved in international cyber crimes. The arrests took place on Thursday 9 June in Jakarta, Bekasi, and Tangerang. It was reported that they were operating from houses located in the three areas mentioned where they contacted their victims using internet phone call to Taiwan, China, Philippine, and Vietnam. Sutarman added that the perpetrators claimed to be officials in Indonesia and that they intimidated the victims until they agreed to transfer money. A range of evidence was collected during the raids, including IDs, cash, and credit cards issued by the Bank of China. It was further reported that all 177 foreigners will be deported next Saturday. It is alleged that all suspects are fugitives and are wanted by authorities in China and Taiwan.

### **Attempted ATM Robberies in Bojonegoro and Bandung**

On 23 June a man attempted to rob a Bank BRI ATM machine located in Sumberejo, Bojonegoro, East Java. It was reported that his action was recorded by the ATM CCTV when he tried to break into the ATM deposit box but failed. The robber who wore a helmet left 15 minutes after he failed to open the box. The police stated that the 150 million rupiah cash is safe and that they are investigating.

Furthermore, on 22 June, the police arrested a suspect for an attempted ATM robbery in Bandung, West Java. It was reported that three days prior to the arrest, the suspect tried to break into the Bank BRI ATM in Jl Dipati Ukur, Bandung but failed to steal the money. Unbeknown to him his action was recorded by CCTV camera.

He claimed that he did not have any intention to rob the ATM but that it was a spontaneous action; however the police didn't buy his statement.

### **Hypnotized Robberies in Polewali Mandar, West Sulawesi**

On 22 June, a woman reported that she was robbed claiming to have been hypnotized, in Polewali Mandar, West Sulawesi. It was reported that the victim had just withdrawn 2.5 million rupiah from Bank BRI when a group of men in a public vehicles halted her and took her to another bank about 2 kilometers from the first bank. She withdrew another 9 million rupiah from this bank and handed over her jewelries worth 11.5 million rupiah as well. She was left at a mosque after the robbers stole her valuables. She claimed that she unconsciously did whatever the robbers wanted because she was hypnotized. Furthermore, it was also reported a hypnotized robbery occurred prior to this also in Polewali Mandar, where four men came to the victims' house and hypnotized the residents causing them to allow the robber into the house to steal the valuables. In this case the victims lost 100 grams of jewelries and 40 million rupiah in cash.

### **Car Thefts in Jakarta**

On 24 June, the Director of Public Criminal Investigation of Jakarta Metropolitan Police, Senior Comm. Herry Rudolf Nahak, stated that Jakarta police have confiscated 29 stolen cars during this month. Herry further stated that the car theft in the city involves three modus operandi. The first one is by renting a car with the driver. In the middle of the road the perpetrators drugged the driver using drinks that are mixed with chemicals and after that abandoning the driver. The second one is by renting a car and taking it away to be sold at a discount price in another city where the receivers have waited. Lastly and the most common, is by posing as driver for several days before stealing the car and selling it to the receivers.

## **ROAD SAFETY INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Jakarta Administration Takes Action on Traffic**

Perhaps aware of stinging criticism the Jakarta City Administration has at last begin to implement policies on traffic management in the city but is it too little too late?

### **On Street Parking**

The City has begun implementing policies designed to curb on street parking which has for years reduced the width of roads in the center of the city alarmingly with cars sometimes parked two deep at the side of busy thoroughfares. A pilot scheme commenced last Monday on Jalan Gajah Mada and Jalan Hayam Wuruk with officers from the Jakarta Transportation Agency out in force to implement the parking ban. The City plans to allow motorists a month to become familiar with the new regulation but thereafter they will hand out penalties of between Rp. 500,000 and

Rp. 1,000,000. There was some initial confusion and some motorists began parking on the pavements but the more than 150 officers on duty soon cleared the area of parked cars, advising motorists to park their vehicles at nearby shopping malls. There have been some protests against the ban primarily by parking attendants and street vendors but Jakarta Governor Fauzi Bowo said that the protests would not deter the City Authorities from extending the pilot scheme to other major arterial roads in the city.

### **ERP Road Pricing System**

At the same time the Jakarta City Administration announced that the Electronic Road Pricing Scheme (ERP) would be implemented as soon as possible as part of a 2011 regulation on traffic management. The ERP will be implemented on Jalan Thamrin, Jalan Sudirman and Jalan Rasuna Said initially, before being extended to other arterial roads that are currently designated as three-in-one areas. Once this is implemented the plan will be extended to all roads that have busway routes running along them. The city administration has yet to announce whether the ERP system will use on board units such as those used in Singapore or use a system controlled by CCTV as operated in London and Stockholm.

### **Sunday Car Free Day**

The City also announced that the Sunday Car free scheme would now be implemented every Sunday with the fast lanes of Jalan Sudirman and Jalan Thamrin closed to all motor vehicles from 0700 until midday. Although originally designed as a once a month attack on vehicle pollution it can be argued that the associated traffic jams along the slow lanes and adjacent streets actually contributed to increased pollution.

Whether these are the right measures or not they are at least a start as the city is slowly strangling under the affect of too many vehicles fighting for totally inadequate road space. The latest statistics show that Jakarta with a population of 9.6 million has more than 11.3 million vehicles on the road. The number of vehicles on the road is expected to increase to 12 million before the end of the year with an estimated 1,500 new motor cycles and 500 new cars entering the city's streets every day. That equates to a new motor cycle entering the roads every minute of every day and a new car every 3 minutes. Before long companies may be obliged to look carefully at their office location and the location of residences for senior executives as companies once had to do in Bangkok before that city's administration tackled the problem with their overhead "sky trains" and elevated freeways.

Much of the impetus for these new schemes in Jakarta would appear to be connected with the fact that before long the Jakarta Governor Fauzi Bowo will have to run for re-election. However central government would appear to be attempting

steal Bowo's thunder by announcing a central government policy on ERP. The Transportation Minister, Freddy Numberi announced at the Presidential Palace on Friday that his ministry will impose ERP not only in Jakarta but also in Medan, Surabaya, Bandung and Makassar under government regulation No. 23 of 2011 on the management of traffic engineering that was issued last week. Already Mitsubishi Heavy Industry which set up the Singapore system and IBM which set up the London and Stockholm systems have expressed an interest but whether such a system could work in Indonesia is less than certain. In the meantime the Jakarta City Administration and the Jakarta Police are considering a trial of a traffic restriction scheme in the city based on vehicles' registration plate number with numbers that end in an even number being allowed access on major roads one day and those ending with an odd number on alternative days. Incredible as this scheme may seem the police are keen to move forward with it and have announced an intention to have it in place before the commencement of the South East Asian Games in November of this year.

It can be argued that initially at least the ERP and number plate schemes would be likely to even greater jams with police pulling over motorists who do not understand or simply ignore the traffic scheme.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Poisonous Gas Increasing at Mount Dieng**

On 1 June a spokesman for the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) said that carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide levels on Mount Dieng in Central Java had increased and were currently over the safe limit for humans. Scientists have reported that Timbang and Sinila are the most active craters on the mountain with several volcanic earthquakes having occurred over the past few days. As a result authorities have raised the alert level from level 2 to 3 and have declared a one kilometer no go zone around the Timbang crater. Readers are advised to avoid the area as the gases that are colorless and odorless are extremely toxic and in 1979 such gases killed 150 people in the area. The authorities have already evacuated over 1,000 residents from the area.

### **Transportation in North Sulawesi Paralyzed Due to Landslide**

On 9 June morning transportation flows in five (5) Regencies in North Sulawesi were paralyzed because of landslides that occurred last night. Vehicles were not able to pass along the Trans-Sulawesi Highway, due to a blockage at Kilometer 170, near Logom village, District Passi, Bolaan Mongondow. Passengers of public transportation both from the direction of Mobago or otherwise were forced to alight at the landslide location, and then cross the 30 cm deep mudflow before being able to continue their journey. Hundreds of vehicles from Manado - Makassar or vice versa were stuck in a long traffic jam. So far the local government has deployed 2 units of heavy equipment to clear roads.

### **Floods in Halmahera, North Maluku**

On 12 June, floods occurred in five villages in Halmahera, North Maluku, due to a non stop heavy rain since the previous day. Hundreds of houses were inundated and thousands of people evacuated.

### **Earthquake in Tahuna, North Sulawesi**

On 13 June at 2131 hours, an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale occurred 178 kilometer southeast of Tahuna, North Sulawesi. The tremor was felt in Ternate, Morotai Island, Halmahera, and Tidore City all in Maluku; in Manado, Minahasa, and Bitung, all in North Sulawesi. It was reported some panic occurred in Ternate but there were no reports of casualties.

### **Earthquakes in Tarutung, North Sulawesi**

On 14 June at 0708 and 1001 hours, two earthquakes measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale occurred at 30 and 22 kilometers southeast, respectively, of Tarutung, North Sulawesi. Hundreds of houses were damaged in three villages in Pahae Jae District, Tapanuli.

### **Flash floods in Gorontalo**

On 16 June, flash floods occurred in three villages in Bone District, Vone Bolango Regency, Gorontalo. Two people are missing, eight houses were damaged and dozens of other were inundated. The floods also damaged the locals' plantation area and hundreds of people were evacuated.

### **Earthquake in Ujung Kulon, Banten**

On 17 June at 0815 hours, an earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale occurred 76 kilometers northwest of Ujung Kulon, Banten. The tremor was felt in Lampung and Jakarta however there were no reports of casualties.

### **Floods in Manokwari, West Papua**

On 18 June, floods occurred in four villages in Manokwari District, West Papua, due to 4 hours heavy rain. Hundreds of houses were inundated and thousands of people were evacuated.

### **Earthquake in Papua**

On 26 June at 1916 hours, an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale occurred 53 kilometers northeast of Waren, Papua. Three aftershocks were also occurred measuring 5.3, 5.5, and 5.0 on the Richter scale. The quake caused public panic in the regency and the tremor was felt in Poso, Central Sulawesi. There were no reports of injuries.

### **Earthquake in Ende, East Nusa Tenggara**

On June 27 at 2347 hours, an earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale occurred 114 kilometers southeast of Ende, East Nusa Tenggara. There were no casualties reported.

## **INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Lion Air Schedule Chaos**

On 6 June the Directorate General of Air Transportation Herry Bakti Singayudha Gumay stated that they will demand an explanation from Lion Air related to passengers' delays in airports in Indonesia over the weekend. It was reported that Lion Air flights enroute Jakarta – Manado and Jakarta – Palu were delayed for more than 5 hours on Saturday and Sunday, 4 and 5 June. A Lion Air schedule from Pekanbaru to Jakarta was also reported to have been delayed for 8 and half hours. The situation led to an attempted 'hijack' of a parked Lion aircraft in Pekanbaru by the passengers. Delays also occurred in Denpasar, Ujung Pandang, and Padang. The airlines' Director Edward Sirait stated that the chaos was caused by the lack of synchronization of their crew schedule system.

### **Garuda Sparked Fire, Passengers Took Off**

On 7 June, a Garuda aircraft en route Jakarta – Pontianak emitted sparks from an engine causing panic amongst passengers. It was reported that the aircraft was being towed moments before it took off when one of the passengers saw there were sparks that led him to panic and he opened the emergency door. The other passengers quickly followed his action and left the plane using the chute from the emergency door to exit the aircraft. The Public Relation Manager of PT Angkasa Pura II, Feri Utameyasa, claimed that the sparks were not caused by fire but merely produced by friction in the engine!!! The incident caused a 3 hour delay to the flight schedule.

### **Air Force Jet Fighter Skids off Runway at Pekanbaru**

On 8 June, a jet fighter type Sky Hawk 200 belonging to the Indonesian Air Force skidded off the runway of Sultan Syarif Kasim II Airport in Pekanbaru. It was reported that on landing the pilot was unable to stop the aircraft that ran on through the commercial runway and taxiway. The incident caused the airport to be closed for an hour but there were no reports of injuries.

### **Susi Air Skids off Runway, West Papua**

On 8 June, a Susi Air aircraft en route Sorong – Manokwari, skidded off the runway at Bintuni Airport, in Teluk Bintuni Regency, West Papua. The Cessna type aircraft was about to land when the pilot suddenly discovered that he was unable to brake and the aircraft became lodged in a sewer near the runway. The cause of the incident

was reportedly due to brake malfunction. There were no report of injuries; however the 10 passengers were reported to be suffering from mild shock.

### **Lion Air Routes under Threat**

The Transportation Minister Freddie Numberi stated on 9 June that unless Lion Air improves its management and tackles a problem of flight delays he will revoke some of the airline's flight routes. Numberi explained that following a series flight delays on several routes the airline had been warned on 3 occasions and this was the last warning. The main problems seem to be on the Jakarta to Pekanbaru route and frustrated passengers tried to "hijack" the aircraft earlier this week following a very long delay and passengers also held a Lion Air pilot "hostage" last weekend when a Jakarta to Palu aircraft was delayed for several hours.

### **Susi Air Burst Tire in Papua**

On 10 June, a Susi Air aircraft en route Manokwari – Bintuni burst its tire while landing at Bintuni Airport, Papua. All nine passengers and two crew were reported to be safe. This is a second incident happening on Susi Air at the same airport this week as a previous incident occurred last Wednesday.

### **Garuda Delayed 7 Hours in West Nusa Tenggara**

On June 13, a Garuda aircraft en route Mataram – Jakarta was delayed for 7 hours in Selaparang Airport, Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara. According to Garuda ground crews, the Boeing 737 aircraft experienced damage on its body after being hit by plane stairs that were pushed against the aircraft by the blast from the engine. Dozens of foreign tourists planning to transit in Jakarta were stranded at the airport.

### **Batavia Air Experienced Flat Tire in Sorong**

On (16/6) at 11:00 am a Batavia Air Boeing 737 flight no. Y846 en route Jakarta – Sorong experienced flat tire in Domine Eduard Osok Airport, Sorong, West Papua. There were no injuries but the flight was postponed to the following day as they were waiting for replacement parts.

### **Batavia Air Burst Tire in Riau Islands**

On 20 June a Batavia Air aircraft en route Surabaya – Batam burst its tire moments after landing in Hang Nadim Airport, Batam, Riau Islands. The incident caused flight schedules to be delayed however there were no casualties reported.

### **Further Disruption of Australian Flights**

The volcanic ash clouds from Chile drifting across Australian airspace continued to disrupt flights with Qantas canceling flights in and out of Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra in the middle of the month. Qantas reported that all other domestic flights

would be operating normally but international services arriving into Sydney and Melbourne including those from New Zealand would be delayed for several days.

There was severe disruption to not only Qantas flights but also to Jet Star and Virgin flights and flight disruptions have affected Newcastle, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart and Launceston. Tiger Airways grounded its entire fleet in Australia.

### **Plane Crash in Padang, West Sumatera**

On 23 June an aerobatic aircraft crashed at a field in Dadok Tunggua Hitam, Koto Tangah District, Padang during an aviation show. It was reported that the aircraft was on smoke before it crashed, and the preliminary investigation suggests engine failure. The pilot who is a Malaysian citizen died after being rushed to the hospital.

## **DRUG AND NARCO-TERRORISM INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Australian Arrested for Drugs**

On 31 May, an Australian was arrested at his house in Seminyak, Kuta, Bali, for possessing 1.700 ecstasy pills and shabu-shabu worth 700 million rupiah. According to the police, Ricky Sun, who was arrested with three of his local friends, is known to have often held drugs party at his home. They are now under police custody and could face 12 years sentence.

### **Narcotics on the Rise**

West Jakarta is a haven for drugs, a Jakarta Police official said on Sunday 26 June, with over 100 cases per month. The number of drug addicts in Indonesia rose to 4.01 million or 2.21% of the population in 2010 from 3.6 million (1.99%) of population in 2008, according to data from the National narcotic Agency (BNN). President Yudhoyono vowed that Indonesia should be free of narcotics in 2015.

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCY INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

Hong Kong authorities declared a serious outbreak of scarlet fever. The authorities reported 459 cases so far this year which is 3 times the total for all of last year. The disease mainly affects children and 93% of cases so far this year have affected children under the age of 10. At least one death has been reported so far. It is thought that the current cases may be caused by a new strain of the disease that is particularly contagious and appear to be resistant to the traditional treatment by antibiotics.

## **POLICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS AND ISSUES**

### **Crime down, firearms use is up, say police**

Criminals are resorting to more violent measures, such as using firearms, but overall crime is down, according to recent police data. The data shows the overall crime

trend is down, with around 21,000 crime cases taking place in the first quarter of 2011. In the same period in 2010, there were 25,000 cases, a 25 percent drop. Police analysts have not disclosed their conclusions as to the drop in crime. One probable cause is the rise in job growth and booming urban economy, which often has the affective reducing crime, although other factors come into play.

Despite the fall in reported crimes, however, there has been a rise in the severity of crimes and violence associated with crimes. The use of firearms is on the rise. Furthermore reported attacks against police officers are also on the rise. A police officer in Bekasi last week was shot dead by robbers while patrolling a local neighborhood. Between January and February in 2011, the West Jakarta Police recorded that 19 crimes involving firearms took place in the region. Police have also been given orders to shoot on sight. Police presenting the data last week said criminals usually obtained firearms from the black market, which provided homemade or backyard industry firearms and unregistered factory-made weapons. Police data showed they had had registered and stored around 3,500 factory-made firearms out of 5,000 firearms that had been produced and registered by weapon manufacturers.

The overall reported decline in crime is welcome, but obviously the rise in the reported use of firearms is a concern. With such scarce data it is difficult to comment authoritatively on the spread of firearms use. We can speculate that the trade has gradually grown, along with a relaxation of the strong fear of the police and authorities prevalent in the era of former President Suharto, who stepped down in 1998. Since then, various restrictions have been lifted and criminals may have found it easier to gain access to firearms.

The use of firearms has implications for those responsible for high-value cargo transport. There have been numerous reports of hold-ups at gunpoint on toll roads from ports. High-value cargo or goods isn't just cash. Fungible items such as alcoholic liquor, cigarettes or copper wire are also attractive targets for theft. Security managers should take note of the heightened use of guns, ensure that they have appropriate operating procedures in place and that their staff are trained how best to deal with such situations.

### **West Java Police Crack Down on Gun Crime**

On 10 June the West Java Police Commander Insp. Gen. Putut Eko Bayuseno announced the commencement of a special operation designed to mop up illegal weapons thereby cracking down on the use of firearms in furtherance of crime. The commander explained that anyone found with an unlicensed firearm would be charged under an old Emergency Law that treats such possession as subversion. He added that whilst the program was designed to root out illegal firearms he was asking people in possession of legal firearms to hand them over to the police for safe keeping. It was also announced that officers under his command would be given intensive firearms training including target practice. The West Java Governor Ahmad Heryawan said that the program was necessary in order to crack down on lethal

crime. When journalists suggested that the program was launched as a reaction to the fact that the Indonesian Islamic State (NII) movement was active in the province he denied that this was the case stressing that it was a decision by the police and his administration to get tough on crime.

The NII has been pushing for the imposition of Shariah law and is alleged to have some links with various acts of terrorism this year and one of its main centers for recruitment is the Al Zaytun Islamic Boarding School that is situated in West Java. There has been an increase in the use of firearms in furtherance of crime over the past 2 years and such initiatives are welcome.