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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

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Mr Brenton Holmes  
Secretary  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee  
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2603

Dear Mr Holmes

Further to the appearance by this department on 28 November 2003 before the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry into the assessment of security threats to Australians in South East Asia, I am writing to provide further information requested by the Committee.

As you may recall, Senator Brandis requested further information about media coverage of the department's travel advisories in September 2002. A sample of the print media only is enclosed, which includes articles from:

- Page 1 of *The Australian*, "Threats against US, Australia in region", 11 September 2002
- Page 2 of *The Age*, "Threat to Australian embassy in Dili", 11 September 2002
- Page 2 of the *Herald Sun*, "Warning to Travellers", 11 September 2002
- Page 6 of the *West Australian*, "Envoys in Asia put on high alert", 12 September 2002
- Page 7 of the *Herald Sun*, "Look before you leave", 8 September 2002
- AAP General News, several items including "US and Australia threatened in Asia", "Nation warned against complacency", and "Australians on alert in South East Asia", 11 September 2002
- A summary of electronic media coverage of travel advisories in the month before the Bali attack.

I have also enclosed an excerpt from an email from the department to the Office of National Assessments, dated 28 June 2002.

Last, I undertook to provide to the Committee the travel advice posted on the DFAT website in the aftermath of the Bali attack. Preliminary, draft documents had been inadvertently provided to the Committee in the department's documentation. The copy of the publicly-released advice of 13 October 2002 is enclosed.

I would be grateful if you could distribute these documents to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Kemish', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Kemish  
First Assistant Secretary  
Public Diplomacy, Consular and Passports Division



*Wide coverage*

# Threats against US Australia in region

**Don Greenlees**  
Jakarta correspondent  
**Cathy Pryor**

THE US and Australian governments have tightened security arrangements after threats against their interests in Indonesia and East Timor, ahead of today's September 11 commemorations.

The US yesterday closed its Jakarta embassy and cancelled September 11 commemorations in the Indonesian capital after receiving a "credible and specific" terrorist threat.

The American consulate-general in Surabaya, Indonesia's second-biggest city, was also closed indefinitely yesterday.

Canberra yesterday upgraded travel warnings for East Timor and Indonesia following an unspecified threat against Australian interests in East Timor.

A spokesman for Foreign Minister Alexander Downer

confirmed Australia's Jakarta embassy also was "operating at a heightened level of security awareness" and urged Australians in Indonesia to take extra care.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade head Ashton Carter last night confirmed the East Timor threat.

"We have had some intelligence that indicates there could be a heightened risk to Australians and Australian interests in East Timor. That is as far as it goes at the moment -- we are monitoring the situation very carefully."

Security sources in Jakarta said US intelligence had received information that people linked to al-Qa'ida were involved in planning an attack against the diplomatic targets.

There were reports last night the US had also decided to close its Kuala Lumpur embassy in Malaysia today

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and that US-sponsored commemorative activities in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, had been cancelled.

While refusing to reveal details of the information received by US officials in Indonesia, ambassador Ralph Boyce indicated there was a possible al-Qa'ida connection.

"While al-Qa'ida is on the run, we know that the al-Qa'ida network is still far from defeated, and we received another graphic example of that in just the past few hours with the news about the

## The embassy warned American citizens to be 'extremely cautious' in coming days

credible information about a specific terrorist threat against our embassy in Jakarta and the consul-general in Surabaya," Mr Boyce said.

The US move came as Indonesian daily newspaper *Koran Tempo* reported that the US had decided to include the name of prominent Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir on an updated list of international terrorists.

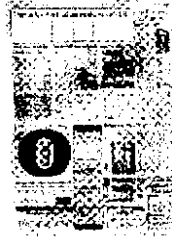
The firebrand cleric is the alleged spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, the group US and south-east Asian authorities accuse of plotting an elaborate bombing operation against diplomatic missions in Singapore.

Indonesian police questioned Mr Bashir early this year but said they had no evidence against him.

American and locally engaged staff at the Jakarta embassy and Surabaya consulate received phone calls on Monday advising them against going to work yesterday, but were not told the nature of the threat. The embassy has cautioned Americans to be "extremely cautious" in coming days, and the State Department has warned against unnecessary travel to Indonesia.

Mr Boyce said later there was "a pronounced lack of clarity" about links between al-Qa'ida and Islamic militant groups operating in Indonesia, but added the threat was "more than an anonymous email or a phoned-in bomb threat".

US officials released little other information, saying the situation was developing "hour by hour".



## Threat to Australian embassy in Dili

**Mark Forbes, Louise Dodson**  
Canberra

An alleged terrorist threat against Australia's embassy in East Timor prompted a local security alert and a warning to Australians travelling elsewhere in Asia last night, on the eve of the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The protective measures around the Dili embassy and a security warning to more than 800 Australians in East Timor came immediately after the US closed its embassy in Jakarta and its consulate in Indonesia's second biggest city, Surabaya, citing terrorist threats.

The Dili threat is the first detected against Australian interests since an alleged plot to bomb sites in Singapore, including Australia's high commission, was exposed early this year.

A Department of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman said the warnings coincided with the US

actions in Indonesia. "Information that has come to the attention of the Australian Government also includes unconfirmed threats to Australian interests in East Timor," she said.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer said he would not discuss the source or details of the threats.

The US ambassador to Indonesia, Ralph Boyce, said the terror threat against the Jakarta embassy showed that al Qaeda was "still far from defeated".

The Foreign Affairs spokeswoman said no specific threat against the Australian embassy in Jakarta had been received, but it was operating on a higher level of security awareness and all Australians in Indonesia were urged to do the same. Travel advice to Australians in Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Cambodia had also been upgraded.

Meanwhile, federal cabinet

and its top secret national security committee met all day yesterday and discussed the possibility of Australian backing for a US-led strike against Iraq if diplomatic pressure failed.

Although the government has previously been loath to link September 11 with Iraq, Prime Minister John Howard said yesterday "there have been associations between Iraq and terrorist groups and there has been an accommodation of certain terrorist groups within Iraq".

He also referred to "the potential threat link" between September 11 and Iraq.

Several senior ministers yesterday issued strong statements linking Saddam Hussein with terrorism and warning of the risk of terrorism in Australia. Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson accused Saddam of "genocide". At the same time Defence Minister Robert Hill signalled that Australia was considering only a limited contribution to a US assault against Iraq.

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# Warning to travellers

By **MICHAEL HARVEY**

**THREATS** to Australian interests in East Timor last night intensified security concerns about today's first anniversary of September 11.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said it was aware of an unconfirmed threat.

As the United States closed its missions in Jakarta and Surabaya, the department warned Australians travelling in the region to be on heightened security alert.

However, there was no threat to the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the department said.

Australian peacekeepers in East Timor have been told to provide additional security, including protection of the Australian embassy.

DFAT advised all travellers in South-East Asia to be aware of potential terrorist activity.

The warning came as Prime Minister John Howard linked



**Saddam Hussein**

terrorism fears and the September 11 anniversary with the prospect of war with Iraq.

"The link with September 11 is what I would call the potential threat link," he said.

While certain terrorist groups had been accommodated within Iraq, that was not the point.

"What September 11 has told the world is that something

unimaginable before September 11 is now imaginable - it could happen again," he said.

Mr Howard briefed Cabinet yesterday on the likelihood of war with Iraq.

He reported details of his weekend telephone talk with US President George W. Bush and briefed ministers on his call for the United Nations to assert its moral authority over Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

The UN's credibility was on the line unless it forced Iraq to allow weapons inspectors back into the country, he said.

The alternative was the prospect of US-led military attacks on Iraq.

Mr Howard said toppling Saddam would cause few tears in the Arab world.

Mr Howard acknowledged many leaders of Arab nations remained opposed to a US-led war against Iraq.

"If there were to be a change of regime in Iraq ... I don't

think too many Arab leaders would mourn the departure of Saddam Hussein.

"Bear in mind that he did invade Kuwait 10 years ago. Bear in mind that he has threatened other countries ...

"So we're not dealing with somebody who's been a benign local neighbour."

Mr Howard seized on a report compiled by British military experts to reject claims that no evidence had been presented of Iraq's chemical, biological and even nuclear weapons.

The Independent Institute of Strategic Studies said Saddam could build a nuclear bomb within months if he obtained enriched uranium.

Opposition foreign affairs spokesman Kevin Rudd repeated Labor's call for the Government to detail the case for military action.

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## Envoys in Asia put on high alert

■ CANBERRA  
By Melissa Stevens

POTENTIAL terrorist threats saw the Australian embassy in East Timor closed and other Australian embassies and consulates in South-East Asia put on high alert yesterday.

The Department of Foreign Affairs also upgraded travel warnings for the region and called on Australians to defer all non-essential travel to East Timor.

Precautionary measures began on Tuesday night, the eve of the September 11 anniversary, when the Government put troops in East Timor on heightened alert.

The measures were upgraded yesterday. The embassy in East Timor's capital, Dili, has been closed indefinitely, while the high commission in Islamabad, Pakistan, has been closed for two days, after which security will be reassessed.

A Department of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman said Australian embassies in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, and Saudi Arabia's capital, Riyadh, and the high commission in Singapore were operating on a restricted basis.

Reports of alleged terrorist activity in the region also saw Australian missions in Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia under tightened security.

It is understood that Federal Parliament and

embassy buildings in Canberra were also under heightened security yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer, in New York for the September 11 anniversary and to speak at the United Nations general assembly, said the Government was concerned about threats to Australian and United Nations interests in East Timor.

"There have been other security alerts in South-East Asia in relation to American interests there and it just reminds us we have to be ever vigilant," he said.

Mr Downer said intelligence reports had revealed terrorist cells had stockpiled explosives in South-East Asia.

It was possible that Australian support of the United States made Australia more vulnerable to terrorist activity.

He urged Australians in East Timor to maintain a high level of personal security.

The US embassy in Jakarta, its consulate in the Javanese city of Surabaya and its embassy in Malaysia were closed because of specific threats.

The embassies in Indonesia and Malaysia were closed indefinitely, while those in Vietnam, Cambodia and Pakistan were closed yesterday.

Britain closed its embassy in Jakarta and its posts in Singapore, Phnom Penh and Islamabad.

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**Fed: Singapore mission operating on restricted basis - threats**

SEPT11 SINGAPORE AUST LEAD

CANBERRA, Sept 11 AAP - Australia's high commission in Singapore remained open but was operating on a restricted basis because of threats to Australian interests.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said all Australian missions across South-East Asia were on alert.

"The mission in Singapore is operating on a restricted basis," a DFAT spokeswoman said.

"The heads of mission in south-east Asia have been asked to review security measures and put in place all necessary measures."

Reports from Singapore earlier today said the Australian mission had closed.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said today Australia had closed its embassy in Dili, East Timor, until further notice because of a security threat.

Mr Downer told reporters in New York, where he is attending September 11 anniversary ceremonies, there had been unconfirmed generic threats to Australian and UN interests in East Timor, his spokesman said.

Travel advice had been upgraded for Australians to defer any non-essential travel to East Timor.

Those Australians already in East Timor should exercise a high level of personal security.

The DFAT spokeswoman said in light of the threat, travel advice had also been upgraded to south-eastern Asian nations including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Taiwan.

The advice highlights the potential for terrorist activity in the region.

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## **Fed: Australians warned to defer travel to Ivory Coast**

IVORY AUST

CANBERRA, Sept 20 AAP - Australians should defer all travel to the African nation of Ivory Coast which this week experienced an attempted coup, the Department of Foreign Affairs said today.

Fighting continued in some areas of the country following the failed coup attempts on Wednesday and Thursday, DFAT said.

"Australians should defer all travel to the Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) until further notice, following an attempted coup d'etat on 18 and 19 September, 2002," DFAT's travel advice said.

"While government authorities are reportedly regaining control in Abidjan, fighting continues in other areas.

"Australians in the Cote d'Ivoire are advised to remain indoors until further notice and to monitor local developments closely."

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**Title:** Fed: Full services restored to embassy in Dili  
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## **Fed: Full services restored to embassy in Dili**

TIMOR EMBASSY (CANBERRA)

Australia's embassy in East Timor will resume normal services tomorrow after two weeks of minimum operation amid fears of terrorist action.

The Department of Foreign Affairs has also downgraded its travel advice to Australians and is no longer advising against non-essential travel.

But the department says a security threat remains.

It says Australians in East Timor should continue to maintain a high level of personal security awareness in light of unconfirmed reporting of a generic threat to Australian and United Nations interests.

It's also specified the general need for caution near the border with Indonesia.

Embassy staff who returned to Australia following the threats are now back in Dili, where security remains tight.



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### Timor embassy closed

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Australia had closed its embassy in East Timor because of a security threat, Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said today.

Downer said in New York, where he is attending ceremonies marking the anniversary of the US terrorist attacks, that the decision to close the Dili embassy was taken overnight.

''There have been unconfirmed generic threats to Australian and UN interests in East Timor,'' his spokesman said.

''A decision has been taken to close the embassy in Dili until further notice.''

Embassy staff would remain in close contact with the Australian community and arrangements were in place so consular help could still be provided.

''We have also upgraded our travel advice for Australians to defer any non-essential travel to East Timor,'' Downer's spokesman said.

The department said that in light of the threat, travel advice had also been upgraded to other nations including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Taiwan.

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**Fed: Dili embassy reopens**

TIMOR EMBASSY (CANBERRA)

Australia has reopened its embassy in East Timor, after last week's shut-down following fears of possible terrorist action around the September 11 anniversary.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Foreign Affairs says all consular services in Dili are being provided.

Ambassador PAUL FOLEY and two Australia-based staff are working at the embassy and several of the usual complement of 16 Australian staff have been voluntarily repatriated over the past few days in the wake of the threats.

The department's travel advice for East Timor, renewed on Friday, recommends deferring non-essential travel to the country.

The department says it's received an unconfirmed generic threat to Australian and UN interests in East Timor.

The advice also suggests any Australians in East Timor with security concerns should consider leaving temporarily.

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**Fed: Aust closes embassy in Dili**

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Embassy staff would remain in close contact with the Australian community in East Timor and arrangements were in place so consular assistance could still be provided.

"We have also upgraded our travel advice for Australians to defer any non-esse:

travel to East Timor," Mr Downer's spokesman said.

Those Australians already in East Timor should exercise a high level of personal security, he said.

A Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokeswoman said in light of the threat, travel advice had also been upgraded to south-eastern Asian nations including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Taiwan.

The advice highlights the potential for terrorist activity in the region.

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## **Fed: DFAT upgrades Timor warning amid unconfirmed threat**

SEPT11 TIMOR

CANBERRA, Sept 10 AAP - Australia today upgraded travel warnings for South-East Asia after an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) advice said travellers should note the ongoing risk of terrorism in the region and maintain a high level of personal awareness at all times.

It has also upgraded travel advice to a range of other South-East Asian countries to highlight the potential for terrorist activity.

"Australians visiting East Timor should keep themselves fully informed of prevailing security conditions, particularly in areas near the border with Indonesia," DFAT said.

"Travellers should not travel alone, particularly at night.

"Australians should note the ongoing risk of terrorism in the region, and maintain a high level of personal security awareness at all times."

A DFAT spokeswoman said the travel advice adjustments coincided with the US decision to close its missions in Jakarta and Surabaya, citing credible and specific threats.

"This information that came to the attention of the Australian government also includes unconfirmed threats to the Australian interests in East Timor," a DFAT spokeswoman said.

"At this stage we're just going to be monitoring the situation very closely and we're urging Australians to monitor the department's travel advisories for the region as well."

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### **Fed: Australians on alert in South East Asia**

SEPT11 AUST SECOND NIGHTLEAD

By Linda McSweeney and Rob Taylor

CANBERRA, Sept 10 AAP - Australians in South East Asia were today warned to be on high alert following an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor on the eve of September 11.

The Australian Government upgraded travel warnings for the region after the threat and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer's office confirmed there were continuing measures in place for Australians.

The government could not discuss the detail or source of the threat, a spokesman for Mr Downer said.

But it coincided with the decision by the United States to close its missions in Jakarta and Surabaya, citing credible and specific threats.

"There's been no threat of course to the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the threats the Americans talk about were against their premises," the minister's spokesman said.

"But nonetheless our embassy there is operating at a heightened level of security awareness.

"And any Australians in Indonesia are urged to do similarly."

There will be increased security at the Australian embassy in Jakarta tomorrow as a precautionary move, but there has not been any direct threat against the embassy.

Mr Downer is en route to New York for the September 11 anniversary while the national security committee was meeting in Canberra.

It is believed there are up to 1,200 Australians in East Timor.

Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) said travellers should note the ongoing risk of terrorism in the region and maintain a high level of personal awareness at all times.

It has also upgraded travel advice to a range of other South East Asian countries to highlight the potential for terrorist activity.

"Australians visiting East Timor should keep themselves fully informed of prevailing security conditions, particularly in areas near the border with Indonesia," DFAT said.

"Travellers should not travel alone, particularly at night."

Authorities would monitor the situation closely and Australians should also monitor travel advisories, it said.

The unconfirmed threat came as Australians were warned to boost their vigilance against terrorism as the nation prepared to commemorate the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

Attorney-General Daryl Williams backed United States ambassador Tom Schieffer's warning that Australia was still too complacent about the threat of terrorism, despite the lessons of September 11.

"I think most Australians would take the view that what occurred in the United States was a long way away and it's nothing to do with us, and why should we be concerned that something might occur?" Mr Williams said.

"The truth of the matter is that the al Qaeda organisation seems to have a worldwide network.

"It seems to have the capacity to bob up almost anywhere and Australia ... has reason to accept that it may be a higher level terrorist target than it has been in the past."

A memorial service will be held in Canberra tomorrow, to be attended by Mr Howard, Governor-General Peter Hollingworth, Ambassador Schieffer and Opposition Leader Simon Crean.

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## Look before you leave

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Travel will be more relaxing if you prepare well before you leave, says Scott Fraser

HOLIDAYS should be a time to relax, but first-time or infrequent travellers become stressed as fears emerge about what might go wrong, especially when heading overseas.

The best way to counter this is to be organised.

There is plenty of advice on this. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade offers hints to travellers, and tour operators, airlines and travel agents incorporate information in brochures, travel kits and websites.

If it has been some time since you travelled, check your passport expiry date and ensure at least six months' validity remains (a requirement for entry into many countries). If you need a visa, allow time for it to be issued, and verify it is valid for the period of your intended stay.

Make sure the name on your ticket corresponds with your passport. The biggest trap is the initial. You may be known as Beth, but if Elizabeth is the name in your passport, your ticket should show

an E not B. Honeymooners should take particular care. You cannot obtain a passport in your married name in advance, so the bride's ticket will be in her maiden name.

There is a saying that if you cannot afford insurance, you cannot afford to travel. It should be appropriate for your destination (US medical services are horrendously expensive) and cover likely activities, such as bungy jumping.

Next, photocopy your passport (main page and any visas), insurance, tickets, travel itinerary, vouchers, credit cards, details of traveller's cheques, medical prescriptions and driver's licence. Take one copy with you -- packed separately from the originals -- and leave another with a friend. A photocopy makes life easier if anything goes missing on the trip.

If taking regular medication, ensure you have adequate supplies. Check for special health risks -- yellow fever in the Amazon jungle, or malaria -- and keep tetanus and hepatitis shots up to date.

Carrying cash or traveller's cheques is less of a problem these days because of the widespread use of credit cards and ATMs. Experienced travellers carry a little cash in the currency of their destination for any emergency on arrival -- such as taking a cab because someone forgets to meet you. They also carry a calculator for currency conversions.

If taking electrical appliances -- a hairdryer, electric jug, battery charger -- check the voltage and type of plug needed. Buy adaptors before departure.

What to pack can be a nightmare. In reality, most people take too many clothes and, apart from airline baggage restrictions, it is a problem to cart around. Label cases inside as well as out because tags can be ripped off in conveyer belt systems.

Give particular thought to your cabin bag because your suitcase might go astray -- medication, toiletries, perhaps fresh undies, some reading material, valuables, camera and film. Remember, size and weight restrictions apply on airlines.

Airline security has become extremely strict: even items such as tweezers, nail clippers and sewing needles are out for cabin baggage.

Most international airlines start check-in two hours before flight time, and this can lead to confusion. So be sure of which day you are flying. If you take off at 1 am on Tuesday, you will be checking in on Monday night.

Keep all documents handy, and always have a pen -- you will need to present tickets and passports, a departure card for immigration, and your boarding pass. During the flight you will have to fill in arrival cards and customs declarations.

In Australia, taxes and airport charges are included in the ticket price, but in some countries you will need to set aside the right amount in local currency before departure.

For longer trips dress comfortably and on the plane drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages, move around or do exercises while seated. Now settle back and relax. You have prepared well.

Inquiries: [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)

and click on travel advice.

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### Travellers' health risk

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A SURVEY has found that more than 60 per cent of Australian travellers fail to seek travel advice or vaccinations before heading overseas.

Despite obvious health concerns about hepatitis A and B infections, the Australian 2002 Travellers' Survey showed that more than one third of travellers did not understand how these diseases are transmitted.

"Australian travellers must remember that, in many countries they visit, a high percentage of the population are infectious carriers of the hepatitis B virus," infectious disease specialist Dr Bernie Hudson said.

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### Fed: Aust closes embassy in Dili

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A spokesman for Mr DOWNER says Australia is also advising Australians to defer any non-essential travel to East Timor.

He says Australians already in East Timor should exercise a high level of personal security.

A Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokeswoman says travel warnings have also been upgraded for travellers to south-eastern Asian nations including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Taiwan.

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**Record: 2**

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### US and Australia threatened in Asia

**Edition:** 2  
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THE US and Australian governments have tightened security after threats against their interests in Indonesia, Malaysia and East Timor,



ahead of today's September 11 commemorations.

The US closed its Jakarta embassy yesterday and cancelled September 11 commemorations in the Indonesian capital after receiving a "credible and specific" terrorist threat.

The US consulate-general in Indonesia's second-biggest city of Surabaya was also closed indefinitely yesterday.

The Howard Government upgraded travel warnings for Indonesia and East Timor yesterday after a threat against Australian interests in East Timor.

A spokesman for Foreign Minister Alexander Downer confirmed that Australia's embassy in Jakarta was "operating at a heightened level of security awareness" and urged Australians in Indonesia to take extra care.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade head Ashton Calvert confirmed the East Timor threat last night.

"We have had some intelligence that indicates there could be a heightened risk to Australians and Australian interests in East Timor," Mr Calvert said. "That is as far as it goes at the moment -- we are monitoring the situation very carefully."

Security sources in Jakarta said US intelligence had received information that activists linked to al-Qa'ida were involved in planning an attack against diplomatic targets.

The US will close its embassy in the Malaysias capital of Kuala Lumpur today after receiving a "credible and specific threat" and its mission in Phnom Penh has cancelled a commemorative service.

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While refusing to reveal details of the information received by US officials in Indonesia, ambassador Ralph Boyce indicated there was a possible al-Qa'ida connection.

"While al-Qa'ida is on the run, we know that the al-Qa'ida network is still far from defeated, and we received another graphic example of that in just the past few hours with the news about the credible information about a specific terrorist threat against our embassy in Jakarta and the consul-general in Surabaya," he said.

The Kuala Lumpur embassy did not elaborate on the nature of the threat, but urged US citizens "to be extremely cautious ... and maintain a low profile".

The US move came as Indonesian daily newspaper Koran Tempo reported that the US had decided to include the name of prominent Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir on an updated list of international terrorists. The firebrand cleric is the alleged spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiah, the group US and southeast Asian authorities accuse of plotting an elaborate bombing operation against diplomatic missions in Singapore.

Indonesian police questioned Mr Bashir early this year but said they had no evidence against him.

American and locally engaged staff at the Jakarta embassy and Surabaya

consulate received phone calls on Monday advising them against going to work yesterday, but were not told the nature of the threat. The embassy has cautioned Americans to be "extremely cautious" in coming days, and the State Department has warned against unnecessary travel to Indonesia.

Mr Boyce said later there was "a pronounced lack of clarity" about links between al-Qa'ida and Islamic militant groups operating in Indonesia, but added the threat was "more than an anonymous email or a phoned-in bomb threat".

US officials released little other information, saying the situation was developing "hour by hour".

Mr Boyce praised Indonesia's efforts in the war on terror.

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## Nation warned against complacency

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AUSTRALIANS were yesterday warned to boost their vigilance against terrorism as the nation prepared to commemorate the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

Attorney-General Daryl Williams backed United States ambassador Tom Schieffer's warning that Australia was still too complacent about the threat of terrorism, despite the lessons of September 11.

"I think most Australians would take the view that what occurred in the United States was a long way away and it's nothing to do with us, and why should we be concerned that something might occur?" Mr Williams said.

"The truth of the matter is that the al Qaeda organisation seems to have a worldwide network."

Mr Williams said people could play a role in combating terrorism in several ways.

"One is by ensuring that they comply with whatever requirements authorities

impose, such as at airports," he said.

"And also by being vigilant and reporting to police anything they see that's suspicious."

Mr Schieffer on Monday warned terrorists could one day detonate a nuclear weapon in Sydney Harbour. But yesterday he denied scare mongering to help boost Australian support for a pre-emptive US strike on Iraq.

"It's just my opinion, and I hope that Australians realise that this whole business of terrorism is not just a local matter in the United States, and it's something that could happen here," Mr Schieffer said.

But Finance Minister Nick Minchin said he did not think Australians were complacent about the possibility of terrorist attacks.

"All Australians were horrified of course by September 11 and the realisation that no one is immune from that sort of terrorist activity," he said.

Timor travel warning upgraded

AUSTRALIANS in South-East Asia were yesterday warned to be on high alert following an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor on the eve of September 11. ||

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The Defence Department said later Australian Defence Force peacekeepers in East Timor were tasked to provide extra security, including protecting the Australian embassy. The UN Peacekeeping Force operating in East Timor includes elements of the Townsville-based 3rd Brigade.

Australia is also liaising with the UN and other missions in Dili regarding broader security arrangements.

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**Fed: DFAT upgrades Timor warning amid unconfirmed threat**

SEPT11 TIMOR (CANBERRA)

Australia has upgraded travel warnings for South East Asia, after an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade advice says travellers should note the ongoing risk of terrorism in the region and maintain a high level of personal awareness at all times.

It's also upgraded travel advice to a range of other South East Asian countries to highlight the potential for terrorist activity.

DFAT says Australians visiting East Timor should keep themselves fully informed of prevailing security conditions -- particularly in areas near the border with Indonesia.

A DFAT spokeswoman says the travel advice adjustments have coincided with the US decision to close its missions in Jakarta and Surabaya, citing credible and specific threats.

She says the information also includes unconfirmed threats to the Australian interests in East Timor.

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**Author(s):** Linda McSweeney and Rob Taylor

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## **Fed: Australians on alert in South East Asia**

SEPT11 AUST SECOND NIGHTLEAD

By Linda McSweeney and Rob Taylor

CANBERRA, Sept 10 AAP - Australians in South East Asia were today warned to be on high alert following an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor on the eve of September 11.

The Australian Government upgraded travel warnings for the region after the threat and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer's office confirmed there were continuing measures in place for Australians.

The government could not discuss the detail or source of the threat, a spokesman for Mr Downer said.

But it coincided with the decision by the United States to close its missions in Jakarta and Surabaya, citing credible and specific threats.

"There's been no threat of course to the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the threats the Americans talk about were against their premises," the minister's spokesman said.

"But nonetheless our embassy there is operating at a heightened level of

security awareness.

"And any Australians in Indonesia are urged to do similarly."

There will be increased security at the Australian embassy in Jakarta tomorrow as a precautionary move, but there has not been any direct threat against the embassy.

Mr Downer is en route to New York for the September 11 anniversary while the national security committee was meeting in Canberra.

It is believed there are up to 1,200 Australians in East Timor.

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"Australians visiting East Timor should keep themselves fully informed of prevailing security conditions, particularly in areas near the border with Indonesia," DFAT said.

"Travellers should not travel alone, particularly at night."

Authorities would monitor the situation closely and Australians should also monitor travel advisories, it said.

The unconfirmed threat came as Australians were warned to boost their vigilance against terrorism as the nation prepared to commemorate the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

Attorney-General Daryl Williams backed United States ambassador Tom Schieffer's warning that Australia was still too complacent about the threat of terrorism, despite the lessons of September 11.

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"The truth of the matter is that the al Qaeda organisation seems to have a worldwide network.

"It seems to have the capacity to bob up almost anywhere and Australia ... has reason to accept that it may be a higher level terrorist target than it has been in the past."

A memorial service will be held in Canberra tomorrow, to be attended by Mr Howard, Governor-General Peter Hollingworth, Ambassador Schieffer and Opposition Leader Simon Crean.

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**Fed: Security threat a reminder of need for war - Anderson**

SEPT11 AUST ANDERSON

CANBERRA, Sept 11 AAP - Heightened security concerns in East Timor and Indonesia were a powerful reminder of the need to continue the war against terrorism, Acting Foreign Minister John Anderson said today.

Mr Anderson said there was no need for undue concern over unspecified threats made against Australian interests but it was a time for great vigilance.

Australians in South-East Asia were yesterday warned to be on high alert following an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor on the eve of September 11.

The government upgraded travel warnings for the region after the threat and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer's office confirmed there were contingency measures in place for Australians.

Australia's embassy in Jakarta is on a heightened level of alert.

Mr Downer has since left for a visit to the United States and this morning Mr Anderson would not elaborate on the threat.

"I have an understanding that I don't want to elaborate on, on the nature of the information, and I think the appropriate response is simply to warn people to maintain a high level of awareness," Mr Anderson told ABC Radio.

He said Australia had to be prepared at some stage for a threat like this.

"If it was ever likely it was around now, the anniversary of September 11," he said.

"I don't think this is any time or cause for panic or undue concern, it's just a time for great vigilance.

"It's a powerful reminder that we have to continue this war against terrorism in the interests of peace-loving people everywhere in the world.

"To refuse to grapple with the evil of terrorism will subject us all to risk."

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**Fed: E Timor threats must be taken seriously - Crean**

SEPT11 CREAN

CANBERRA, Sept 11 AAP - Threats against Australian interests in East Timor had to be taken seriously, Opposition Leader Simon Crean said today.

Australia has upgraded travel warnings for the South East Asian region after an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor.

"You've got to take the threats seriously because only 12 months ago we saw how serious the impact was, thousands of people killed, airliners turned into human bombs and the war on terror as a response," Mr Crean told ABC radio.

"We have to fight terrorism, we have to smash the terrorists, so we do have to take the threat seriously."

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer's office said contingency measures were put in place after the unconfirmed threat.

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## East Timor Embassy to reopen amid warnings

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AUSTRALIA'S embassy in East Timor will return to normal operations today but diplomats in the region remain on high alert for a possible terrorist attack.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said 16 Australian staff at its Dili embassy would resume full duties from today.

It warned Australians, however, should "continue to maintain a high level of personal security awareness".

Diplomatic staff and their families who opted to evacuate East Timor temporarily have returned. The embassy had been operating on a restricted basis for several weeks.

It closed completely on September 11 after unconfirmed reports it might be subject to a terrorist attack.

It opened on a restricted basis two days later.

Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer would not reveal details of the report but said it came from a "credible" source that the threat was extremely serious.

The department said a "generic threat" to Australian and UN interests in East Timor remained current. Elsewhere in South-East Asia, embassies remain on high alert after further arrests last week of 19 people allegedly involved in a plot to blow up the Australian, British and US missions in Singapore.

The department said bombings and attempted bombings in Indonesia's capital Jakarta already had threatened Australian lives.

"Further explosions may be attempted," it said in a travel advisory note.

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**Fed: DFAT upgrades Timor warning amid unconfirmed threat**

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"This information that came to the attention of the Australian government also includes unconfirmed threats to the Australian interests in East Timor," a DFAT spokeswoman said.

"At this stage we're just going to be monitoring the situation very closely and we're urging Australians to monitor the department's travel advisories for the region as well."

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**Curtin Radio (Perth)** **Summary: P00008297543**  
**Comperc: Newsreader** **Duration: 0:48**  
**Station Ph: (08) 9266 2121**  
 Aust's embassy in East Timor will reopen today with threat of terrorist attack subsiding. Travel advice has been amended.  
**Interviewees:** Alexander Downer, Foreign Minister

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Female 16+	N/A
All People	N/A
ABs	N/A
GBs	N/A

**Site:** [www.theage.com.au](http://www.theage.com.au) **Summary:** C00008186080  
 and all Australians in Indonesia were urged to do the same. Travel advice to Australians in Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Cambodia had also been upgraded. Meanwhile, federal cabinet and its top secret **national security** committee met all day yesterday and discussed the possibility of Australian backing for a US-led strike against Iraq if diplomatic pressure failed. Although the government has previously been loath to link .....

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### Summary:

**The World Today** **11/09/2002 - 12:14 PM**  
**ABC 702 Sydney (Canberra)** **Summary: S00008178797**  
**Comperre: Highfield & Hall** **Duration: 3:59**  
**Producer: Mr David Burgess 02 8333 2178**

Alexander Downer's department DFAT has issued a travel advisory warning Australians not to travel to East Timor unless absolutely necessary. McGrath says the decision was made to upgrade security at the embassy yesterday and today the decision was made to close it. She spoke to Senator Hill a short time ago. He advises that Australians "be careful" but, "it's certainly not a panic situation." Hill says he is confident there is no reason for Australians in both Indonesia and Malaysia to be "unduly concerned." American has closed its embassies in both these countries. McGrath says the Government reports no threats to the Australian mainland.

**Interviewees:** Catherin McGrath(\*), Political Reporter  
Robert Hill, Defence Minister

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### **CANBERRA ABC TV State Television News**

**7:07PM AEST Wednesday, 11 September 2002**

**News Director: Mr Simon Santow 02 9950 3000**

Australians have been warned not to match violence with violence ahead of the September 11 anniversary.

Grab(s) of USA Ambassador Tom Schieffer "... to remember the lives ...";

Francis Carroll, Catholic Bishop's Conference, says Australian's should not seek "revenge" for the September 11 attacks;

Jacqueline van Deinsen, victim's mother, says her daughter "would be appalled" at the thought of war;

Prime Minister John Howard says Australians should show tolerance and constraint;

Federal Opposition Leader Simon Crean reads from the Koran.

(M26659171)

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### **www.thewest.com.au (West Australian)**

**7:09AM AEST Thursday, 12 September 2002**

Potential terrorist threats saw the Australian embassy in East Timor closed and other Australian embassies and consulates in South-East Asia put on high alert yesterday.

The Department of Foreign Affairs also upgraded travel warnings for the region and called on Australians to defer all non-essential travel to East Timor.

(M26666296)

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[www.travelbiz.com.au](http://www.travelbiz.com.au)

**11:11AM AEST Thursday, 12 September 2002**

The Federal Government yesterday issued a security warning to travellers in South-East Asia after an unconfirmed threat to Australian interests in East Timor. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade gave no details of the threats but advised that travellers "should note the risk of terrorism in South-East Asia and maintain a high level of personal awareness at all times", AP reported.  
(M26667761)

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**SYDNEY 2SM Radio News**

**12:00PM AEST Friday, 13 September 2002**

**News Director: Ms Dianne Coveny-Garland 02 9922 1269**

Australians have been warned against travelling to Indonesia. This comes after news that Indonesian police are holding Lesley McCullough, a University of Tasmania lecturer, in Aceh province, on allegations of spying. Grab(s) of Terry Collison, Indonesia expert, who reads the warning.  
(S26680140)

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<http://au.news.yahoo.com>

**11:06AM AEST Tuesday, 17 September 2002**

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs has issued a renewed warning to travellers to avoid the Jammu and Kashmir region. The new warning comes with elections being held in the Indian state until October 8.  
(M26710693)

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**NATIONAL NINE NETWORK Channel Nine Early News**

**6:03AM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

**Producer: Mr Paul Fenn 02 9906 9999**

Australians are still being warned not to travel to East Timor unless absolute necessary. The Embassy has re-opened after it was closed in the lead up to September 11.  
(S26718389)

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**SKY NEWS AUSTRALIA First Edition**

**6:37AM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

Australians are still being warned not to travel to East Timor, with threats made to the Department of Foreign Affairs causing some Australian in Dili staff to return home.  
(M26720289)

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**SKY NEWS AUSTRALIA First Edition**

**8:06AM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

Australians are being warned not to travel to East Timor unless it's absolutely necessary.  
Refers to: Department of Foreign Affairs; September 11.  
(S26722711)

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**SKY NEWS AUSTRALIA Sky News Australia**

**10:19AM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

**Producer: Mr Angelos Frangopolous 02 9975 8000**

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(M26723647)

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**ARENA CHANNEL (foxtel) Arena News Update**

**11:55AM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

Australians are still being warned not to travel to East Timor, with threats made to the Australian embassy causing some Australian in Dili staff to return home.

(M26725720)

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**ARENA CHANNEL (foxtel) Arena News Update**

**2:33PM AEST Wednesday, 18 September 2002**

Australian travellers have been warned not to travel to East Timor, with most Embassy workers being sent home due to potential terrorist action.

(M26728257)

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**SYDNEY 2SM Radio News**

**11:00AM AEST Sunday, 22 September 2002**

**News Director: Ms Dianne Coveny-Garland 02 9922 1269**

Australia's embassy in East Timor will reopen tomorrow after two weeks of security fears. The Department of Foreign Affairs has also downgraded its travel advice to Australians.

(S26761360)

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**www.themercury.com.au**

**8:07PM AEST Sunday, 22 September 2002**

Australia's embassy in East Timor will reopen for normal business tomorrow after two weeks of minimum operation amid fears of terrorist action. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has also downgraded its travel advice, no longer advising Australians to defer non-essential travel. But a security threat remained, DFAT said.

(M26764871)

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**ABC CENTRAL VICTORIA Radio News**

**6:30AM AEST Monday, 23 September 2002**

**News Director: Mr Graeme Nicks 03 5440 1711**

The Ballarat Council has called off a delegation to East Timor after warnings from the Foreign Affairs Department it's too dangerous to travel to the area. Grab(s) of Mayor of Ballarat, David Vendy, "unless you had urgent business you shouldn't be there".

(M26763476)

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**www.afr.com.au**

**7:21AM AEST Monday, 23 September 2002**

The threat of a terrorist attack had receded to the point that the Australian embassy in East Timor would be re-opened today for business as usual, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, said yesterday. Mr Downer said tight security would be maintained around the embassy and the Australian residential compound but officials would no longer be warning against travel to East Timor.

(M26764369)

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**www.abc.net.au**

**8:13AM AEST Monday, 23 September 2002**

The Australian embassy in East Timor will reopen today after a terrorist threat sparked its closure on September 11.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer says that threat is now receding but has warned Australians in the country to remain aware of potential security risks. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesman Phillip Allars says official advice to people wishing to travel to East Timor has now been changed.  
(M26770534)

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**TRIPLE J Radio News**

**10:00AM AEST Monday, 23 September 2002**

**News Director: Ms Alison Ray 02 9333 2905**

An advisory for Australians not to travel to East Timor has been lifted. Grab(s) of Phillip Allars, DFAT, "... it will continue to be subject to enhanced security ...".  
(S26767970)

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**702 ABC SYDNEY Radio News**

**1:00PM AEST Monday, 30 September 2002**

**News Director: Mr Adam Storey 02 9333 1500**

The Department of Foreign Affairs has repeated a blanket warning not to travel to the Solomon Islands due to "criminal lawlessness".  
(S26846006)

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**ABC NEWCASTLE Radio News**

**1:00PM AEST Monday, 30 September 2002**

**News Director: Ms Liz Farquhar 02 4922 1205**

Australia has repeated its blanket warning against going on holidays in the Solomon Islands despite calls despite call for a relaxation from the Solomon Island Tourist Bureau. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs issued the advice.  
(M26846428)

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**ABC Radio Tasmania Radio News**

**1:00PM AEST Monday, 30 September 2002**

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**TRIPLE J Radio News**

**2:00PM AEST Monday, 30 September 2002**

**News Director: Ms Alison Ray 02 9333 2905**

The Federal Government has warned Australians against travelling to the Solomon Islands.  
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**10:59AM AEST Wednesday, 2 October 2002**

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has advised Australian tourists to defer travel to Yemen until further notice. Australian who choose to travel to or reside in Yemen should register their details with the Australian Embassy in Riyadh, maintain a very high level of personal security awareness and closely monitor developments which might affect their safety.  
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**11:01AM AEST Wednesday, 2 October 2002**

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has issued a new warning against travel to Yemen.

DFAT said Australians should defer tourist travel to Yemen until further notice.  
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Answers to questions by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Trade and their representatives in the Senate.

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## Questions without Notice

17 September 2002

### Foreign Affairs: South-East Asia

**Mr GEORGIU** (2.09 p.m.) —My question is addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Would the minister inform the House of recent terrorist threats to Australian interests in South-East Asia? What steps has the government taken to protect Australians abroad and help combat terrorist threats in the region?

**Mr DOWNER** —I thank the honourable member for Kooyong for his question. I appreciate the concern he has for this whole issue of terrorist threats to Australia and others in South-East Asia. The honourable member will, I know, be aware that the Singapore government announced yesterday the arrest of 21 people for involvement in terrorist related activities. I believe all of these people were Singaporean citizens. The government welcomes this action by the Singaporean government. This follows the arrest of 15 people in December of last year. These arrests are the result of a very extensive investigation by the Singaporean authorities into the Jemaah Islamiah terrorist network and threats to our embassy and to other embassies in Singapore last year.

The Australian High Commission in Singapore was subject to a very serious threat at the end of last year. The threat was uncovered by the Singaporean intelligence authorities with the assistance of the Malaysians. All I can say is not only are we enormously appreciative of the effective intervention by the Singaporean and Malaysian authorities but over and above that we certainly very much welcome the subsequent arrests announced yesterday of further people associated with this plot and this network known as Jemaah Islamiah.

The government has been very concerned by recent information that we have received about a generic threat to Australian and United Nations interests in South-East Asia. In particular, in East Timor there has been information received relating to direct threats to Australian and UN interests and to United States interests throughout many parts of South-East Asia. We have taken very decisive measures during the course of last week. Non-emergency staff and dependents of the Australian embassy in Dili were offered assisted departure on a voluntary basis. The ambassador and a small core of staff remained in East Timor to provide advice and assistance to the Australian community. All of our regional South-East Asian posts have been asked to review their level of security, and many of them have adopted additional security measures in cooperation with their host governments.

In conclusion, let me say that the Australian government has been working very closely with regional governments on this whole question of terrorism—not just the United States and other governments beyond the region. We have signed memoranda of understanding on terrorism with Indonesia and Malaysia, and we are in the process of negotiating a like MOU with Thailand. Australia and Indonesia are going to host a joint conference in Bali in December of this year to combat terrorist financing and money laundering. I met a couple of days ago with the Indonesian Foreign Minister, and both of us are very much looking forward to cohosting this conference, which will be a region-wide conference. It will involve a large number of countries from around the region to reinforce the strength of our regional commitment to work together to deal with the problem of terrorism.

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**EMAIL SENT BY JANE MILLINGTON - DFAT ON 28/06/2002 AT 11:33 AM**

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Subject: Terrorism Questions

Dear Dick and David

Paul Grigson asked if I could forward the following attachment to you.

Given the recent developments in terrorism issues in Indonesia and the desire to bring our briefing closer in line with these developments, we (SED and ISD) have completed a list of questions which would help us update our briefing.

When you have the opportunity, we would be very grateful for your response to these questions.

Kind regards

Jane.

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**ONA Terrorism questions: INA**

What evidence/theory is behind the idea that terrorists would most likely target western interests in Bali?

[One of six questions posed to ONA]



## CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

### INDONESIA

**This advice has been reviewed. It contains new information or advice.**

Last updated: 13 October 2002

Previously updated: 20 September 2002

**Australians are advised to defer all travel to Bali and defer all non-essential travel to other parts of Indonesia.**

**Australian visitors in Bali should consider advancing their departures on available flights. In the meantime they should remain in their hotels, avoid public places where possible and call home to advise families of their wellbeing.**

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This advice should be read in conjunction with our travel bulletin on Bali at [http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/TravelBulletins/Bali:\\_Explosion](http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/TravelBulletins/Bali:_Explosion) and our travel advice on Bali at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Bali>

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Australians in Indonesia should monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety. Demonstrations occur from time to time, particularly in Jakarta. Australians should avoid large public gatherings and be alert to their surroundings.

Bombs have been exploded periodically in Jakarta and elsewhere in the past, including areas frequented by tourists. Further explosions may be attempted. In view of the ongoing

risk of terrorist activity, Australians should maintain a high level of personal security awareness at all times.

Australians should avoid travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku. In particular, a high level of security alert remains for west Timor following attacks on United Nations personnel there. Foreign nationals are prevented from entering Maluku (especially Ambon) under civil emergency law. The situation in North Maluku is unsettled.

Violent incidents continue in Aceh and Australians should avoid travel to the province.

Australians in Papua should exercise caution and monitor local developments that might affect their safety, especially in view of the heightened security situation, following the recent incidents in the Freeport Mine area of Papua. Prior to travel, Australians should seek current information from the Australian Embassy. Australians resident in Papua may also wish to seek regular information updates from their employer about the security situation in their area. Police permits are required for travel to Papua (except Jayapura and Biak) and should be sought well in advance of travel.

The security situation in Central Sulawesi has deteriorated and sporadic clashes continue. Australians in Poso, the middle of Central Sulawesi, should avoid inter-provincial and inter-city bus travel and exercise caution following recent attacks on passenger buses.

Following recent combat operations in the Southern Philippines, Australians are reminded of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group's practice of kidnapping foreigners in South Western Philippines, near Indonesia. This practice poses a potential risk to foreigners in areas close to the Philippines, such as North Sulawesi and in particular the outlying islands. Australians should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

Tourists travelling to Mt Rinjani, in Lombok, have been the target of criminal activity. Australians should get advice from the local authorities and only use a registered guide.

Tourist services elsewhere in Indonesia are operating normally, including Bali. Further information on developments within Indonesia may be obtained from the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

There have been a number of incidents where Australians in and around Jakarta have been robbed after having their car tyre deliberately punctured. If travelling with a driver, passengers should remain in the vehicle, with all doors locked, while the tyre is being changed. Australians should be aware that threats and assaults have been committed in taxis. Australians should arrange their transport using only reputable taxi companies that maintain counters inside the airport, and can be booked by phone or from stands at major hotels.

## **General**

Australians are reminded that when overseas, they are subject to local laws. A violation of local laws may result in a gaol sentence, served in a local prison.

Visa conditions are subject to change. For up-to-date visa information, Australians should contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia, well in advance of travel.

Australians in Indonesia are required to register with the local Rukun Tertangga (RT) Office, the local police and if staying more than 90 days, the local immigration office. Australians are also required to carry proper identification [Australian Passport or Kartu Ijin Tinggal Sementara (KITAS) or Residents Stay Permit] and ensure their visa remains current at all times.

Australians in Indonesia should be aware that the smoke haze across much of the north-west part of the archipelago, usually from July to October, could impact on their health and travel plans. Kalimantan and Sumatra are generally the worse affected areas.

### **Health Issues**

For information on prevalent diseases and inoculations, travellers should consult their doctor or a travel clinic. Contact details for travel clinics can be found in our 'Travelling Well' brochure available on the department's website.

### **Travel and Health Insurance**

Travel and medical insurance is strongly recommended for all overseas travel. Travellers should check with their insurer to make sure that their policy meets their needs. In particular, travellers should be aware that some insurance companies will not pay claims which arise when travellers have disregarded the Government's travel advice.

### **Consular Assistance and Registration**

Australians should register and may obtain consular assistance from:

Australian Embassy  
Jalan H R Rasuna Said Kav C 15-16  
Jakarta Selatan 12940 Indonesia  
Telephone (62 21) 25505555  
Facsimile (62 21) 5261690  
Website <http://www.austembjak.or.id/news>

Australian Consulate General  
Jalan Prof Moh Yamin 4  
Renon  
Denpasar Bali Indonesia  
Telephone (62 361) 235092  
Facsimile (62 361) 231990

Limited consular assistance, which does not include the issue of Australian passports, may be obtained from:

Australian Consulate  
Jalan R A Kartini 32  
Medan 20152

North Sumatra Indonesia  
Telephone (62 61) 4157810  
Facsimile (62 61) 4156820

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade also offers an on-line registration service, accessible via the internet, at <http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au>

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra may be contacted on (02) 62613305.

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<http://www.dfat.gov.au>*