

Appendix 4

CONSULAR SERVICES – TRAVEL ADVICE INDONESIA

Period 27 August 2001 – 13 October 2002



CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

This advice has been reviewed. It contains new information or advice but the overall warning level has not changed.

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Australians in Indonesia are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security. Australian citizens should defer all travel to West Timor until further notice. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh until further notice and Australians travelling to Irian Jaya and East Java should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

Safety and Security

The American and British governments have issued warnings to their citizens of a heightened terrorist threat to U.S. and U.K. interests in Indonesia. While we are not aware of any specific threat to Australian interests, Australians should nevertheless exercise sensible precautions.

Following the change of leadership in July, the political situation appears to be calm. However, Australians are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security and to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

A number of explosive devices have been detonated recently in Jakarta and elsewhere. Australians are advised to take seriously any bomb threats that may be made against them or premises they occupy.

Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

The security situation in Aceh has deteriorated. The Indonesian government has undertaken new security measures and the separatists have conducted further attacks. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased somewhat but the potential for civil unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain

high in that region. Australians intending to travel to Irian Jaya should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali and Lombok.

Travellers to other regions in Indonesia, as well as resident Australians, are advised to keep themselves well informed of developments that might affect their safety and to maintain a high level of personal security awareness.

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 Health Travel Advice on the Department's website at address:

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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

Further information plus developments in other areas of Indonesia may be found on the Australian Embassy's website under 'Embassy Bulletin' at address: <http://www.austembjak.or.id/news.htm> or by telephoning +62 21 2550 5678. Australians in Indonesia are encouraged to register their presence in the country with the Australian Embassy, which may be contacted by telephone (62-21) 2550 5555 or by fax on (62-21) 25505499. Australians resident in or visiting Bali may contact the Consulate on (62-361) 23 5092 or by fax (62-361) 23 1990. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra may also be contacted on (02) 6261 3305.

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CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

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Last updated: 20 September 2001

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Australians in Indonesia are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security. Australian citizens should defer all travel to West Timor until further notice. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh until further notice and Australians travelling to Irian Jaya and East Java should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

Safety and Security

In view of the heightened tension associated with the recent terrorist attacks in the United States of America, Australian travellers are advised to be especially alert to their own security at this time.

Following the change of leadership in July, the political situation appears to be calm. However, Australians are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security and to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

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The security situation in Aceh has deteriorated. The Indonesian government has undertaken new security measures and the separatists have conducted further attacks. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased somewhat but the potential for civil unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain high in that region. Australians intending to travel to Irian Jaya should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali and Lombok.

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Health Issues

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Travel and Health Insurance

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CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

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Last updated: 26 September 2001

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Australians in Indonesia are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security and exercise great caution at this time. Australian citizens should defer all travel to West Timor until further notice. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh until further notice. Australians travelling to Irian Jaya and Central Java should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

Safety and Security

The American government has issued a warning to its citizens of a heightened terrorist threat to U.S. interests in Indonesia and has urged American citizens to defer non-essential travel to Indonesia. In this environment Australians should exercise sensible precautions and monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety.

The 11 September terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the possibility of a response by the U.S. and its allies, including Australia, has resulted in some criticism and protest activity in Indonesia. Australians are urged to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

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Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

The security situation in Aceh has deteriorated. The Indonesian government has undertaken new security measures and the separatists have conducted further attacks. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased somewhat but the potential for civil unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain high in that region. Australians intending to travel to Irian Jaya should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali and Lombok.

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Health Issues

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INDONESIA

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Last updated: 8 October 2001

Previously updated: 26 September 2001

Australians should consider deferring all holiday and normal business travel to Indonesia, excluding Bali. Australians in Indonesia are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security and exercise great caution at this time. Australians should defer all travel to West Timor until further notice. Australians travelling to Indonesia should register with and seek current information from the Embassy.

Safety and Security

The 11 September terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the possibility of a subsequent response by the U.S. and its allies, including Australia, resulted in some criticism and protest activity in Indonesia. Following the U.S. led military activity in Afghanistan today it is highly likely that there will be further demonstrations in a number of cities in Indonesia which could have anti-western overtones.

In this heightened security environment Australians should consider deferring all holiday and normal business travel to Indonesia, excluding Bali.

Australians in Indonesia should take special care, exercise sensible precautions and monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety. They are urged to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

A number of explosive devices have been detonated recently in Jakarta and elsewhere. Australians are advised to take seriously any bomb threats that may be made against them or premises they occupy.

Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

The security situation in Aceh has deteriorated. The Indonesian government has undertaken new security measures and the separatists have conducted further attacks. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased somewhat but the potential for civil unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain high in that region. The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali.

Travellers to other regions in Indonesia, as well as resident Australians, are advised to keep themselves well informed of developments that might affect their safety and to maintain a high level of personal security awareness.

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 Health Travel Advice on the Department's website at address:
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CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

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

Last updated: 15 October 2001

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Australians should consider deferring all holiday and normal business travel to Indonesia, excluding Bali, Bintan and Batam. Australians in Indonesia are advised to monitor carefully developments that might affect their security and exercise great caution at this time. Australians should defer all travel to West Timor until further notice. Australians travelling to Indonesia should register with and seek current information from the Embassy.

Safety and Security

The 11 September terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the subsequent response by the international coalition, have resulted in some criticism and protest activity in Indonesia. It is highly likely that there will be further demonstrations in a number of cities in Indonesia which could have anti-western overtones.

In this heightened security environment Australians should consider deferring all holiday and normal business travel to Indonesia, excluding Bali, Bintan and Batam.

Australians in Indonesia should take special care, exercise sensible precautions and monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety. They are urged to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

A number of explosive devices have been detonated recently in Jakarta and elsewhere. Australians are advised to take seriously any bomb threats that may be made against them or premises they occupy.

Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

The security situation in Aceh has deteriorated. The Indonesian government has undertaken new security measures and the separatists have conducted further attacks. Australians should defer all holiday and normal business travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased somewhat but the potential for civil unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain high in that region. The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

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CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

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Last updated: 23 October 2001

Previously updated: 15 October 2001

While demonstrations may continue in Indonesia in the coming weeks, at this time the intensity of protests has diminished. The Government no longer judges it necessary to advise Australians to consider deferring normal business or holiday travel to most parts of Indonesia, although continued vigilance is recommended. All travel to Aceh, West Timor and Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be deferred until further notice. Australians travelling to Irian Jaya, Central Java and Makassar should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel. Australians travelling to Indonesia should register with and seek current information from the Embassy.

Safety and Security

The 11 September terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the subsequent response by the international coalition have resulted in criticism and protest activity in Indonesia. While demonstrations are likely to continue in some of Indonesia's larger cities in the coming weeks, at this time the intensity of protests has diminished. It is no longer necessary for Australians to consider deferring normal business travel to Indonesia, although tourists should consider their destinations carefully.

Australians resident in Indonesia should remain vigilant, exercise sensible precautions and monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety. They are urged to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

A number of explosive devices have been detonated recently in Jakarta and elsewhere. Australians are advised to take seriously any bomb threats that may be made against them or premises they occupy.

In Makassar there have been recent demonstrations, a bomb blast at an American fast food outlet, the attempted placement of a small bomb in an Australian company office, and reports of bomb threats to other premises. Australians in the area should exercise increased caution as a result of these recent incidents.

Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

Violent incidents in Aceh continue. Australians should defer all travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have eased but the potential for unrest remains. There have been recent incidents in the Manokwori regency and tensions remain high in that region. The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali, Bintan, Batam and Lombok.

Travellers to other regions in Indonesia, as well as Australians resident in Indonesia, are advised to keep themselves well informed of developments that might affect their safety and to maintain a high level of personal security awareness.

Health Issues

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CONSULAR SERVICES - TRAVEL ADVICE

INDONESIA

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Last updated: 7 December 2001

Previously updated: 23 October 2001

While the intensity of protest action against members of the international coalition against terrorism has diminished, Australians should continue to exercise vigilance. All travel to Aceh, West Timor and Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be deferred until further notice. Australians travelling to Irian Jaya, Makassar and Central Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel. Australians travelling to Indonesia should register with and seek current information from the Embassy.

Safety and Security

Protests in Indonesia against countries involved in the international coalition against terrorism have subsided considerably though there is the possibility of further protest activity and civil unrest.

Australians in Indonesia should therefore remain vigilant, exercise sensible precautions and monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety. They are urged to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur. Should public disturbances eventuate, Australians are advised to remain indoors.

Over the past year there have been a number of explosive devices detonated in Jakarta as well as elsewhere. Australians are advised to take seriously any bomb threats that may be made against them or premises they occupy.

In Makassar, South Sulawesi, there have been recent demonstrations, a bomb blast at an American fast food outlet, the attempted placement of a small bomb in an Australian company office, and reports of bomb threats to other premises. Serious communal violence has erupted in and around Poso, Central Sulawesi. Australians in these areas should exercise increased caution.

Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

Violent incidents in Aceh continue. Australians should defer all travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have increased following the death of a prominent pro-independent leader in early November. The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

Tourist services are operating normally on Bali, Bintan, Batam and Lombok.

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Health Issues

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INDONESIA

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While the intensity of protest action against members of the international coalition against terrorism has diminished, Australians should continue to exercise vigilance. All travel to Aceh, West Timor and Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be deferred until further notice. Australians travelling to Irian Jaya, Makassar and Central Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel. Australians travelling to Indonesia should register with and seek current information from the Embassy.

Safety and Security

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Following attacks against United Nations personnel in Atambua (West Timor) in September 2000, the United Nations decided to temporarily relocate its personnel from West Timor. Australian citizens are advised to defer all travel to West Timor and those residing in West Timor are advised to relocate outside West Timor.

Violent incidents in Aceh continue. Australians should defer all travel to Aceh.

Political tensions in Irian Jaya have increased following the death of a prominent pro-independent leader in early November. The situation in the provinces of Maluku and North Maluku (in particular Ambon and northern Halmahera Island) continues to be serious. Australians should avoid travelling to Maluku and North Maluku provinces.

General

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Consular Branch

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INDONESIA

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Australians travelling to, or resident in, Indonesia should register with the Australian Embassy in Jakarta or the Australian Consulate-General in Bali. All travel to Aceh, west Timor and Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be avoided until further notice. Australians travelling to Irian Jaya, and North Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Australian Embassy prior to travel.

Safety and Security

Australians should avoid all travel to Aceh, where violent incidents continue. The situation in the provinces of Maluku (in particular Ambon) also continues to be serious and that in North Maluku unsettled. Australians should also avoid all travel to these provinces. Sporadic clashes between security forces and Papuan separatists can lead to tensions in Irian Jaya. Australians intending to visit that province are advised to exercise caution and to consult the Australian Embassy in Jakarta in advance of any proposed visit. Australian citizens should avoid all travel to west Timor, the United Nations has maintained a high level of security alert for west Timor following the evacuation of its personnel in September 2000.

In light of 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 closest to the Philippines, in particular North Sulawesi. Australians travelling to, or resident in, North Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel to the province.

Elsewhere, tourist services in Indonesia are operating normally, including in Bali. Travellers in Indonesia, and Australians resident in Indonesia, should keep themselves aware of developments that might affect their safety and should maintain a high level of personal security awareness. Demonstrations occur from time to time, particularly in Jakarta, and Australians should avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations might occur.

Australians travelling to, or intending to reside in, Indonesia should register with the Australian Embassy in Jakarta or the Australian Consulate-General in Bali.

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Consular Assistance and Registration

Further information plus developments in other areas of Indonesia may be found on the Australian Embassy's website under 'Embassy Bulletin' at address: <http://www.austembjak.or.id/news.htm> or by telephoning +62 21 2550 5678. Australians in Indonesia should register their presence in the country with and seek current information from the Australian Embassy, which may be contacted by telephone (62-21) 2550 5555 or by fax on (62-21) 25505499. Australians resident in or visiting Bali may contact the Consulate on (62-361) 23 5092 or by fax (62-361) 23 1990. The Department also offers an on-line registration service, accessible via the Internet at address: <http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au>

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INDONESIA

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Australians in Indonesia should monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety and should maintain a high level of personal security awareness. All travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be avoided until further notice. Australians should also avoid travel to Aceh: Australians travelling to Papua (Irian Jaya), and North Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Australian Embassy prior to travel. Tourist services elsewhere in Indonesia are operating normally, including Bali.

Safety and Security

Australians in Indonesia should monitor carefully developments that might affect their safety and should maintain a high level of personal security awareness. 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.

All travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku provinces should be avoided until further notice. 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 province (especially Ambon) under civil emergency law. The situation in North Maluku province is unsettled.

Violent incidents continue in Aceh. Australians should avoid travel to Aceh, but if undertaking essential travel, should exercise caution and seek information about local security circumstances.

Australians travelling to Papua (Irian Jaya) should exercise caution and seek current information from the Australian Embassy prior to travel. Sporadic clashes between security forces and Papuan separatists can lead to tensions in Papua (Irian Jaya).

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 closed to the Philippines, such as North Sulawesi and in particular the outlying islands. Australia's 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.

General

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.

There have been a number of incidents where Australians in and around Jakarta have been robbed after having their car tyre deliberately punctured. In these situations it is best to remain in the vehicle, with all doors locked, while the tyre is being changed. Australians should consider hiring taxis from reputable firms, either by phone or from stands at major hotels, following threat and assaults being committed in taxis.

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INDONESIA

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Violent incidents continue in Aceh. Australians should avoid travel to Aceh, but if undertaking essential travel, should exercise caution and seek information about local security circumstances.

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The security situation in Central Sulawesi has deteriorated and sporadic clashes continue. Australians travelling to 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. Australia's should exercise caution and seek current information from the Embassy prior to travel.

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INDONESIA

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In view of the ongoing risk of terrorist activity in the region, Australians in Indonesia should maintain a high level of personal security awareness. All travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku should be avoided until further notice. Australians should also avoid travel to Aceh: Australians in Papua (Irian Jaya) and North Sulawesi should exercise caution and seek current information from the Australian Embassy prior to travel. In light of a recent attack on foreigners in the area of the Freeport Mine in Papua (Irian Jaya) Australians should also monitor local developments that might affect their safety. 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. Tourist services elsewhere in Indonesia are operating normally, including Bali.

Safety and Security

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.

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All travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku should be avoided until further notice. 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. Australians should avoid travel to Aceh, but if undertaking essential travel, should exercise caution and seek information about local security circumstances.

In light of a recent attack on foreigners in the area of the Freeport Mine in Papua (Irian Jaya) Australians in Papua should exercise caution and monitor local developments that might

affect their safety. Prior to travel, Australians should seek current information from the Australian Embassy. 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.

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General

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INDONESIA

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Safety and Security

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.

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All travel to west Timor (outside of Kupang), Maluku and North Maluku should be avoided until further notice. 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.

In light of a recent attack on foreigners in the area of the Freeport Mine in Papua (Irian Jaya), Australians in Papua should exercise caution and monitor local developments that might affect their safety. Prior to travel, Australians should seek current information from the Australian Embassy. Police permits are required for travel to Papua (except Jayapura and Biak) and should be sought well in advance of travel.

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General

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.

There have been a number of incidents where Australians in and around Jakarta have been robbed after having their car tyre deliberately punctured. In these situations it is best to remain in the vehicle, with all doors locked, while the tyre is being changed. Australians should consider hiring taxis from reputable firms, either by phone or from stands at major hotels, following threat and assaults being committed in taxis.

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INDONESIA

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Safety and Security

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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

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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.

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>*

