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The security of the Supply Chain should be made a clear and urgent priority by both the government and the private sector. There is a need to identify vulnerabilities in this sector and create aggressive action plans to correct them. It is also important to understand that supply chains are interdependent and that they exist amongst a wide range of existing and emerging areas in Agriculture and Food, Energy, Oil, Transportation, among others. There is a need for the international community to establish more innovative incentives for the protection of supply chains and to understand challenges, interdependencies and future risks to proactively stop threats and attacks.

This report covers weekly news and developments on threats and security responses to the Supply Chain sector in regions across the world. Highlighted regions indicate a significant event, response, or trend in those areas and are included in this report:

- Southeast Asia
- South Asia and Central Asia
- East Asia
- Oceania
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Europe
- Commonwealth of Independent States
- North America
- South America

Southeast Asia

Amidst fears of retaliatory attacks from terrorist groups over the death of Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden, Indonesian authorities raised security across the country, including Bali.¹ Police and military troops were deployed to hotels and public areas in Jakarta.² Checkpoints were also set up near US business interests and facilities throughout the country. Random identity checks were also conducted in public buses and other areas.³

¹ "Bali on alert as Indon tightens security", The Age, 3 May 2011, <http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-world/bali-on-alert-as-indon-tightens-security-20110503-1e6id.html>

² Ibid

³ Ibid

The increased security was also in preparation for the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Summit which was held in Jakarta on 4-8 May 2011. (Tags: hospitality, security response, transportation)

North America

In the week that followed Osama Bin Laden's death, reports indicated that there were 62 suspicious packages delivered across the United States as compared to just 18 a week prior the raid in Pakistan.⁴ US officials have warned that the death of Osama would mean an increased threat from homegrown terrorism even as Al Qaeda was not seen to launch a retaliatory attack anytime soon.⁵ The US government has also issued advisories for landlords and property management companies to be on their guard against threats coming from "lone wolf terrorists", or those who do not belong to any organized group.⁶ (Tags: situational awareness)

⁴ "Suspicious packages reported across US in wake of Osama Bin Laden's death", Mass Live, 4 May 2011, http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/suspicious_packages_reported_a.html

⁵ Ibid

⁶ "Landlords watch for individual threats after Osama Bin Laden's death", Biz Journals, 2 May 2011, <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/blog/2011/05/landlords-watch-for-individual-threats.html>