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## MONTHLY COUNTRY REPORT

### INDONESIA

### DECEMBER 2011

This month was marked largely by the continued separatist conflict in Papua between the Free Papua Movement (OPM) and police, and renewed communal conflict along religious lines in Maluku. The majority of those killed this month were killed at the hands of Law Enforcement Agencies as they cracked down on the OPM, while many civilian injuries were a result of communal conflict in Maluku. Most of the arrests made targeted members of the OPM in Papua, though the occasional terrorist incident and the number of bomb threats made show that terrorism is still present, albeit in a much weaker state.

Terrorist Incidents	Counter Terrorism Incidents	Deaths				Injuries				Arrests	Surrenders
		Mil	LEA	Civ	T	Mil	LEA	Civ	T		
17	6	14 <sup>1</sup>	3	13 <sup>2</sup>	0	12 <sup>3</sup>	4	40	0	24	0

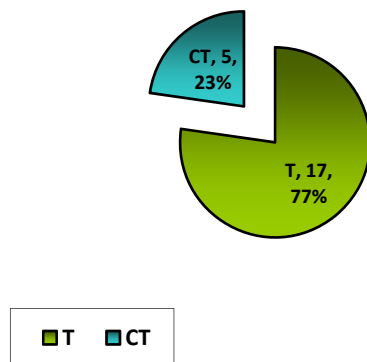
\* *CT – Counter Terrorist Incident, T – Terrorist incident, LEA – Law Enforcement Agency, Mil – Militant, Civ – Civilian*

<sup>1</sup> Minimum of 14 reported dead.

<sup>2</sup> 4 killed by Law Enforcement Agencies.

<sup>3</sup> Dozens reported injured. This has been equated to a minimum rough figure of one dozen.

## Number of Incidents



## Terrorism:

On Sunday 4 December 2011 at 11:30pm four to five masked men approached the Satya Agung Sp. Keuramat canteen in Mbang, Geureudong Pasee, North Aceh, and asked employees present where they were from, demanding ID cards as proof, before shooting them. Three people, Sugeng, Ratno and Heri, were killed, while five others, Apan, Samin, Erik, Misman and Ari Fandi, were injured. At present it is unclear whether the attack was related to political unrest in the province, though there are some indications that there is a tense relationship between the company and local residents.<sup>4</sup>

On 8 December 2011 Densus 88 found eight bombs during a reenactment of the Cirebon bombing with suspects Heru Komarrudin, Mushola and Borju. Heru showed police the location where he had thrown bombs, and after sending down a diving team the police found eight bombs, a detonator and a vest.<sup>5</sup>

On Friday 9 December 2011 police ran into some luck when they knocked on a door during the same reenactment mentioned above and a terror fugitive suspect voluntarily opened it. They quickly arrested the fugitive, Danu alias Darno, who was allegedly involved with the terror network that detonated a bomb at the Cirebon police office mosque in April 2011. Darno then participated in the reenactment.<sup>6</sup>

On Saturday 17 December 2011 five locations in Cirebon, West Java were targeted by a bomb threat. The five locations were campuses 1, 2 and 3 of Universitas Swadya Gunung Jati, SMAN 4 in Cirebon, and the Radar Cirebon news office. Each location was sent text messages saying that bombs had been placed at the five locations, and that they would be detonated together. The

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<sup>4</sup> “Three Died, Five Injured in Shooting in Aceh”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/three-died-five-injured-in-shooting-in-aceh/482781>, 6 December 2011.

<sup>5</sup> “Police Find Eight Bombs in Cirebon During Reenactment”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/police-find-eight-bombs-in-cirebon-during-reenactment/483488>, 8 December 2011.

<sup>6</sup> “Terror Fugitive Opens Door, Police Were Knocking”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/terror-fugitive-opens-door-police-were-knocking/483739>, 9 December 2011.

bomb squad found no bombs. It is unclear what intent the militants had in making the fake bomb threats, though it is not an uncommon occurrence.<sup>7</sup>

On Monday 19 December 2011 a home-made bomb was found in front of the Jalan Sulawesi pork market in Southern Palu, which is next to the Bethany church. The bomb was similar in make to ones found in Poso, and contained black powder, cables, a battery and pipes. The same market was hit by a bomb blast in January 2006 that left eight people dead and dozens of others injured.<sup>8</sup> By Tuesday 20 December 2011 three suspects had been arrested.<sup>9</sup>

North Sulawesi Governor Sinyo Harry Sarundajang says he has received many text messages on at least six suicide bomb threats to take place during Christmas celebrations at several churches in Manado and Bitung. Police were deployed to guard each church in the predominantly Christian province, and some 3,000 Banser members from Nahdlatul Ulama also volunteered to help protect churches over Christmas.<sup>10</sup>

On 31 December 2011 a man who sold toys for a living was shot dead in what has been described as an act of terror. Dimas alias Deno, a 40-year-old, was shot in the head at 21.00 hours on T. Iskandar Street, Ulee Kareng, Banda Aceh, by two unknown assailants who fled the scene on a motorbike.<sup>11</sup>

Also on 31 December 2011 attackers armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire at workers installing fibre optic cables for the state telecommunications company Telkom in Bireuen district, killing three people. Seven other workers were also wounded. Aceh was the scene of a bloody separatist conflict for decades before the government signed a peace pact with the rebels in 2005.<sup>12</sup>

In Semarang on 31 December 2011 police arrested two students who were planning to become suicide bombers in attacks on churches or police headquarters. One is known by then name Rifqi Azizi alias Abdul Ghofur, and runs a foundation behind Pasar Mangkang. The other was the mastermind and bomb maker.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> “Lima Tempat di Cirebon Diancam Teror Bom, Termasuk Radar Cirebon”, *Detiknews*, <http://us.detiknews.com/read/2011/12/17/120013/1793446/10/lima-tempat-di-cirebon-diancam-teror-bom-termasuk-radar-cirebon>, 17 December 2011.

<sup>8</sup> “Bomb Found at Palu Meat Market”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/bomb-found-at-palu-meat-market/485768>, 19 December 2011.

<sup>9</sup> “3 Arrested After Palu Meat Market Bomb Diffused”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/3-arrested-after-palu-meat-market-bomb-diffused/486000>, 20 December 2011.

<sup>10</sup> “N. Sulawesi governor receives Christmas bomb threats”, *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/23/n-sulawesi-governor-receives-christmas-bomb-threats.html>, 23 December 2011.

<sup>11</sup> “Penembakan Teror Aceh”, *Tempo*, <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2011/12/31/063374674/Penembakan-Teror-Aceh>, 31 December 2011.

<sup>12</sup> “Four Killed in Armed Attacks in Indonesia’s Aceh Province”, *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/four-killed-in-armed-attacks-in-indonesias-aceh-province/488293>, 1 January 2012.

<sup>13</sup> “Diduga Teroris, 2 Pelajar di Semarang Ditangkap”, *MetroTV*, <http://metrotvnews.com/metromain/news/2011/12/31/77025/Diduga-Teroris-2-Pelajar-di-Semarang-Ditangkap>, 1 January 2012.

## Separatism: Papua

The Free Papua Movement (OPM)'s 50th anniversary ceremony held in Timika on Thursday 1 December 2011 ended with police forcibly disbanding those attending the event and confiscating the OPM flag as evidence, several warning shots were also fired by security forces. One police officer from the Mobile Police Brigade (Brimob) was injured after being hit by rocks thrown at him during the closure.<sup>14</sup> Another report alleges that four civilians were shot by police and military after conducting religious services and raising the Morning Star flag in Timika Indah field.<sup>15</sup>

On the same day, an officer from Jayapura Police office, Chief Brig. Ridwan Napitupulu, was fatally injured by a group of about 15 men wielding traditional arrows and daggers. Ridwan was injured when he and another officer, Chief. Brig. Dian Budi Santosa from Nimbokrang Police office, were en route to a nearby village to offer assistance following security disturbances in that area. They were met by group, which suddenly attacked them. The officers fled to the river for safety. Dian was able to escape but Ridwan was caught.<sup>16</sup> Ridwan later died in hospital. Thomas Tarko, Yonathan Tarko, and John Calvin Tarko have been named as suspects.<sup>17</sup> It is unclear at present whether they are related to the OPM.<sup>18</sup>

On 3 December 2011 two Indonesian policemen were shot dead after unidentified armed group opened fire at paramilitary police in Puncak Jaya highland in central Papua. The shootout lasted about 30 minutes. A third was injured.<sup>19</sup>

On 13 December 2011 a massive combined Police and military offensive attacked about 26 villages in Paniai, West Papua in an attempt to break armed resistance from pro-independence guerrillas. At least 14 OPM members were killed, and dozens more injured. One mobile brigade police officer was injured, though the OPM claimed to have shot four to six officers. Hundreds of villagers were forced to evacuate their homes. Police managed to secure the OPM headquarters, seizing weapons, ammunition and documents among other things.<sup>20</sup> On 14 December 2011 the OPM was still waiting for instructions to fight back, but the following day

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<sup>14</sup> "OPM anniversary ceremony ends with clash", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/01/opm-anniversary-ceremony-ends-with-clash.html>, 1 December 2011.

<sup>15</sup> "Civilians Allegedly Attacked During Anniversary Celebration in Papua", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/civilians-allegedly-attacked-during-anniversary-celebration-in-papua/482031>, 1 December 2011.

<sup>16</sup> "A police officer killed in Papua", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/01/a-police-officer-killed-papua.html>, 1 December 2011.

<sup>17</sup> "Assaulted policeman dies in Papua hospital", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/05/assaulted-policeman-dies-papua-hospital.html>, 5 December 2011.

<sup>18</sup> "Three Papuans Named Suspect in Attack on Police", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/three-papuans-named-suspect-in-attack-on-police/482308>, 2 December 2011.

<sup>19</sup> "Two Police Officers Killed in Papua", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/two-police-officers-killed-in-papua/482484>, 4 December 2011.

<sup>20</sup> "Police raid separatist group outpost", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/14/police-raid-separatist-group-outpost.html>, 14 December 2011; "Papuan Police Take Over OPM Headquarters", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/papuan-police-take-over-opm-headquarters/484694>, 14 December 2011.

OPM headquarters announced that it was prepared to lay down arms against the security forces until a decision could be made on Papua's independence.<sup>21</sup>

On 17 December 2011 gunmen attacked a helicopter carrying workers from Freeport-McMoRan's massive gold and copper mine in eastern Indonesia. One passenger was injured.<sup>22</sup>

On 18 December 2011 an *ojek*, motorcycle taxi, driver was shot to death in Puncak Jaya, Papua allegedly by the separatist group Free Papua Organization (OPM). The victim, Kolik, a migrant from Probolinggo, East Java, was driving behind Mulia Hospital in Kampung Usir, Mulia district when an armed group ambushed him and shot him six times, killing him instantly.<sup>23</sup>

On 19 December 2011 a joint investigation conducted by the Papua police and the Mimika police named five Papuans from Timika on Monday as suspects for raising the Morning Star flag during the anniversary of the OPM earlier this month. Three of the five suspects are IO, DO, and SO. All will be charged with mobilizing a crowd and treason.<sup>24</sup>

At 3 am on 20 December 2011 an unidentified group of people set the Angkaisera police office in Yapen Waropen district Papua on fire and raised the Morning Star flag. In a separate incident on the same day, people set the house of newly elected West Papua governor, Abraham Ataruri, on fire in Manokwari. The mob consisted of 200 people claiming to be supporters of the other candidate Dominggus Mandacan. Fifteen motorcycles and nine cars were set on fire. Thirteen people have been arrested in relation to the incident.<sup>25</sup>

### **Communal Conflict (Maluku) and Religious Intolerance**

On 12 December 2011 residents of Lorong Kolonel Pieters and Airmata clashed in the latest round of community conflict. 16 people were reported injured, and three houses were torched. Police found handmade bombs, Molotov cocktails and 10-centimeter metal arrows, which suggest that many residents continue to produce and stockpile weapons for community conflicts. The clash was triggered by a trade of insults.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> "OPM Siap Letakkan Senjata", *Tempo*, <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2011/12/15/058371804/OPM-Siap-Letakkan-Senjata>, 15 December 2011.

<sup>22</sup> "Gunmen Attack Chopper Near Indonesia Freeport Mine", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/gunmen-attack-chopper-near-indonesia-freeport-mine/485332>, 17 December 2011.

<sup>23</sup> "Ojek Driver Shot to Death in Puncak Jaya", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/ojek-driver-shot-to-death-in-puncak-jaya/485683>, 19 December 2011.

<sup>24</sup> "Police Name Five Suspects for Raising Morning Star Flag", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/police-name-five-suspects-for-raising-morning-star-flag/485694>, 19 December 2011.

<sup>25</sup> "Group Sets Papua Police Office on Fire, Raise Morning Star Flag", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/group-sets-papua-police-office-on-fire-raise-morning-star-flag/486123>, 21 December 2011.

<sup>26</sup> "Police find explosives, sharp weapons after Maluku resident clash", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/13/police-find-explosives-sharp-weapons-after-maluku-resident-clash.html>, 13 December 2011.

At about 8 pm on 14 December 2011 a public minivan driver was stabbed to death as he was driving on Jalan Toko Buku Sempang. His death sparked fresh unrest in Ambon, Maluku on Thursday, with thousands locking themselves indoors while thousands of others pelted rocks and set fire to several private vehicles on Jalan Rijali, near the town's Regional Representatives Council office. Many transportation services refused to enter the city, dropping passengers on the outskirts.<sup>27</sup>

A brawl between residents of two villages on the Maluku island of Seram on Thursday night, 29 December 2011, saw 11 people injured, some by arrows, and dozens of houses damaged. The trigger of the brawl has yet to be ascertained, but there are rumors that that the violence was prompted by an affair between two young residents of the villages.<sup>28</sup>

The Shia-run Tajul Muluk Islamic boarding school was set ablaze by a group from a rival branch of Islam, likely Wahhabis, in East Java on 29 December 2011. The house of one of the school's teachers was also burnt two weeks prior to the attack. There are allegations that the police have failed to investigate the incidents, though police insist investigation is underway.<sup>29</sup> Army and police evacuated the Shia community on the night to avoid further attacks. Since their evacuation, their empty houses were looted on 30 December 2011. The police had made no effort to safeguard their property. Violence against the Shia community has been ongoing for years.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> "Murder Sparks Fresh Unrest in Ambon", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/murder-sparks-fresh-unrest-in-ambon/484941>, 15 December 2011.

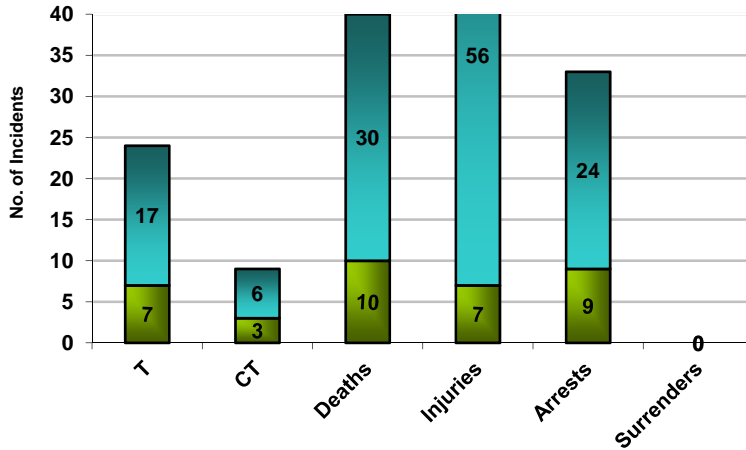
<sup>28</sup> "11 Injured in Hail of Arrows in Maluku", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/11-injured-in-hail-of-arrows-in-maluku/487909>, 29 December 2011.

<sup>29</sup> "Shia Islamic Boarding School Torched, Police Do Nothing: Allegation", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/shia-islamic-boarding-school-torched-police-do-nothing-allegation/487801>, 29 December 2011.

<sup>30</sup> "Shiite followers' houses looted in Sampang", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2011/12/31/shiite-followers-houses-looted-sampang.html>, 31 December 2011.

## Comparative Analysis

Incidents in November and December 2011



December 2011 November 2011

While the situation in Papua remained as critical as it was last month, the OPM was unable to conduct as many small hit and run attacks as it had in November, after its headquarters were raided by Law Enforcement Agencies and many suspected militants killed or injured. Negotiations are still underway for a pay rise for Freeport mine workers.

Aside from the arrests of people believed to be involved in the OPM, the other major arrests were of Danu alias Darno, who was allegedly involved with the terror network that detonated a bomb at the Cirebon police office mosque on 15 April 2011, and of three men involved in plating a home-made bomb in Palu.

This month was marked by an increased number of incidents, arrests, deaths and injuries than November. While Christmas itself was peaceful, the restless situation in Papua and high tension in Maluku led to greater casualties throughout December. Aceh, another region in Indonesia that had long been marked by separatist conflict until a deal was signed in 2005, also saw renewed violence towards the end of the month. Police have continued to keep terrorism largely under control, but have yet to learn to deal successfully with simmering tensions that stem from decades old communal conflict and separatism.