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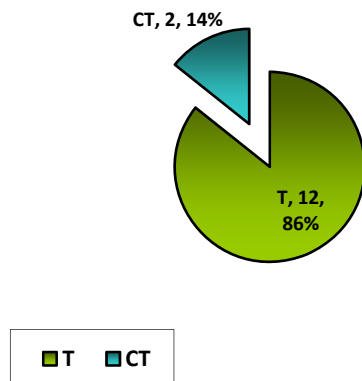
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This month saw an increase in violence in Aceh. The heightened violence is likely linked to the upcoming elections in the region. There was still activity in Papua, likely by the Free Papua Movement (OPM), but civilians were the main victims rather than police. The only terrorist activity this month was in the form of bomb threats and suspicious packages made to resemble bombs, with a surprising four separate instances, up from just two threats last month.

Terrorist Incidents	Counter Terrorism Incidents	Deaths				Injuries				Arrests	Surrenders
		Mil	LEA	Civ	T	Mil	LEA	Civ	T		
12	2	1	1	10	0	0	0	2	0	2	0

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

Number of Incidents



Terrorism:

On 4 January 2012 a suspicious package raised alarm at the Virgin Mary Cathedral in Bogor. Witnesses reported that the package was delivered by a man who left it at the church door at 11 pm on 3 January 2012. Police are pursuing the mysterious sender, described as in his 30s, 1.65 meters tall and short-haired. The police's mobile brigade unit was deployed early on 4 January 2012 and they blew up the package in a controlled blast but found that it only contained a ticking clock, which was earlier thought to be a bomb's timing device. The bomb scare coincided with celebration of church bishop Michael Cosmos Angkur's 75th birthday.¹

A bag suspected of containing a bomb was left by a middle aged man at the Purwokerto District Court on Jl Raya Gerilya, Banyumas and Central Java on 12 January 2012. When opened it was found to contain a message reading "Judges, prosecutors and all officials. Be careful." Police are investigating the incident.²

On Sunday 22 January 2012 a green package with the word 'bomb' written on it was found at the office of the Governor of West Nusa Tenggara. The bomb squad exploded the package at 11.45 am. It contained paper and mango skin. Police are investigating the incident.³

State-owned radio station Radio Republik Indonesia's (RRI) headquarters in Central Jakarta received a bomb threat over the telephone at 12.30 pm on 26 January 2012. The caller said that a bomb would explode at the radio station's headquarters. Everyone was evacuated while the police searched the building. No bomb was found.⁴

Regional Violence:

Aceh

At about 9.15 pm on 5 January 2012 three Javanese construction workers were shot by an unidentified man wearing a black jacket and helmet and riding a motorcycle in Aneuk Galong, Suka Makmur, Aceh Besar. One of the workers, Gunoko, is in a critical condition with a gunshot wound to the head. Agus Swetnyo, 35, and Sotiku Anas, 25, were wounded in the chest and stomach, respectively.⁵

Two men arrested on 7 January 2012 in Hinai, Aceh, in possession of arms have said that they were not former Aceh Freedom Movement (GAM) members, but were supporters of a non-

¹ "New Bogor Church Victim of Intimidation", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/new-bogor-church-victim-of-intimidation/489229>, 5 January 2012.

² "Tas Ransel Diduga Bom di PN Purwokerto Berisi Sebuah 'Pesan'", *DetikNews*, <http://www.detiknews.com/read/2012/01/12/201644/1814209/10/tas-ransel-diduga-bom-di-pn-purwokerto-berisi-sebuah-pesan?n991102605>, 12 January 2012.

³ "Teror 'Bom' di Kantor Gubernur NTB", *Tempo*, <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2012/01/22/058378923/Teror-Bom-di-Kantor-Gubernur-NTB>, 22 January 2012.

⁴ "State-owned radio station receives bomb threat", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/26/state-owned-radio-station-receives-bomb-threat.html>, 26 January 2012.

⁵ "Three Javanese Shot in Latest Aceh Violence", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/three-javanese-shot-in-latest-aceh-violence/489493>, 6 January 2012.

governmental group in Aceh. However they could not name the group for which they worked. They are identified as Syaiful Amri, 39, and Wahyudi, 33, both from East Aceh. Police believe they are part of a meticulous arms supply network, with possible connections to a number of recent shooting incidents in Aceh.⁶

The house of a North Aceh regent candidate, Misbahul Munir, was attacked by 6 unidentified armed men on 10 January 2012. A Molotov cocktail and plastic bag filled with kerosene were discovered at the crime scene. Misbahul Munir was uninjured, but the front door of the house was mildly burnt by the Molotov bomb, while parts of the wall bore bullet marks and the upstairs window was smashed. Police are investigating the motive for the attack.⁷

Central Sulawesi

A mob of about 10 men attacked Palu Police chief Adj. Sr. Comr. Ahmad Ramadhan's official residence on Jl. Balaikota in Palu, Central Sulawesi, at 10:30 pm on 5 January 2012. The attack damaged the roof and caused no casualties. The two officers, who were outnumbered by the mob and stood guard by the house, were unable to do anything. It is unclear what motivated the attack.⁸

On 7 January 2012 Residents from Nunu subdistrict, West Palu, clashed with residents from the neighboring subdistrict of Tavanjuka, South Palu, in Palu, Central Sulawesi. A number of houses were set ablaze and one person, Ridwan alias Duang, 32, was killed.⁹

Papua

At around 3:30 pm on 4 January 2012 two civilians, Karel Mayau and Tiperius Murib, were shot dead in Papua, likely by members of an armed civilian group. Police are investigating the incident, and would not speculate on the motive.¹⁰

On 5 January 2012 soldiers in Papua's Puncak Jaya district shot dead a suspected member of the outlawed Free Papua Movement (OPM) when they came across members of the OPM while on a routine patrol. The man killed was identified as Lindiron Tabuni, the son of Goliat Tabuni, the leader of the Puncak Jaya cell of the OPM. Security officials recovered a rifle and 75 rounds of ammunition from the scene. The rifle had been registered to the Puncak Jaya Police but was stolen during a 2009 attack on the Tingginambut police office.¹¹

⁶ "Alleged weapon shipment to Aceh remains murky", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/10/alleged-weapon-shipment-aceh-remains-murky.html>, 10 January 2012.

⁷ "Unknown men attacked house of N. Aceh regent candidate: Police", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/10/unknown-men-attacked-house-n-aceh-regent-candidate-police.html>, 10 January 2012.

⁸ "Palu police chief's house attacked", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/05/palu-police-chiefs-house-attacked.html>, 5 January 2012.

⁹ "One killed in clash between Palu residents", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/07/one-killed-clash-between-palu-residents.html>, 7 January 2012.

¹⁰ "Police Probing Two Shooting Deaths in Papua", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/police-probing-two-shooting-deaths-in-papua/489334>, 5 January 2012.

¹¹ "Soldiers Kill Suspected OPM Member in Gunfight", *The Jakarta Globe*, <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/soldiers-kill-suspected-opm-member-in-gunfight/489619>, 6 January 2012.

A patrol car belonging to PT Kuala Pelabuhan Indonesia, a subcontractor of American mining giant PT Freeport Indonesia, was shot and then set ablaze by an identified man at Mile 51, Timika, Papua, on 9 January 2012. Two company workers, identified as Nasyun Naboth Simopiaref and Thomas Bagiarsa, died in the incident.¹² Five other KPI staff members have been questioned by police, who believed that the shooting was likely conducted by the same group that shot Herry Siregar and Deny Mansawan in April last year.¹³

An unidentified armed group opened fire in Kurilik, Mulia, Puncak Jaya, Papua, on 20 January 2012 at 8 pm, killing a resident, Kisma Rafiq. Police are investigating.¹⁴

A regional election clash erupted during campaigning for a local regent election in Papua, causing the death of a supporter of one of the election candidates Yusuf Yikwa, 38, in Tolikara regency on 21 January 2012. A brawl broke out between two candidate pairs and their supporters and stones were thrown and arrows fired. Yusuf Yikwa was killed by an arrow to his chest, and two other supporters, Yermias Kogoya, 18, and Pioga Wanimbo, 16, were injured. Damage was also caused to the Karubaga district office and the official residence of Tolikara's acting regent.¹⁵

Armed attackers shot a policeman dead at point-blank range on 28 January 2012 when they ambushed a 12 man paramilitary patrol in Indonesia's restive province of Papua.

¹² "2 Freeport subcontractor workers set on fire, 1 dies", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/09/2-freeport-subcontractor-workers-set-fire-1-dies.html>, 9 January 2012.

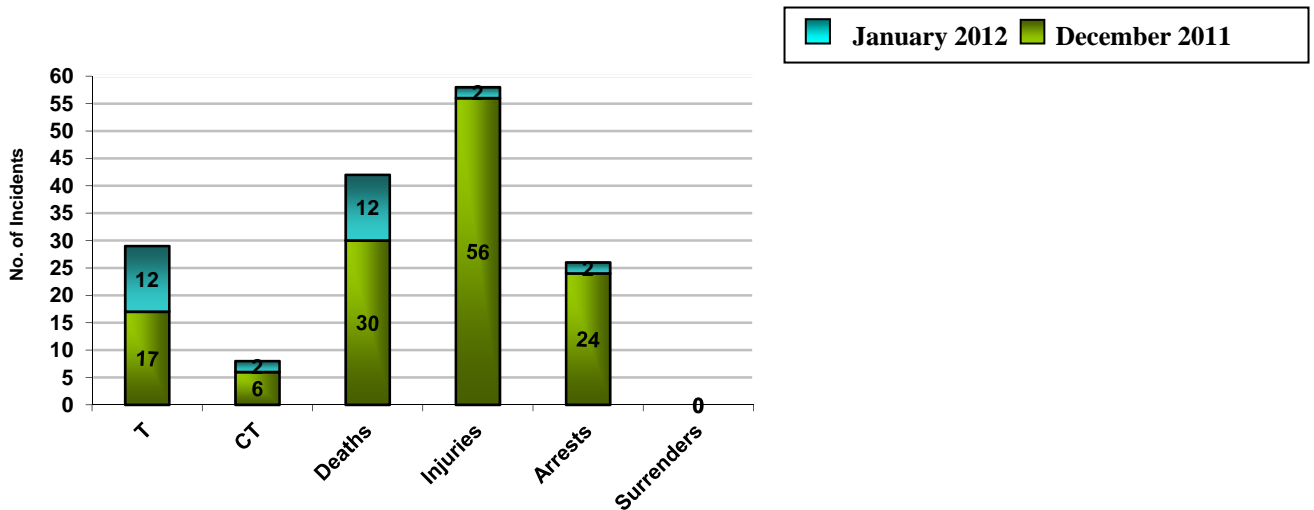
¹³ "Five suspects grilled over latest Freeport shootings", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/11/five-suspects-grilled-over-latest-freeport-shootings.html>, 11 January 2012.

¹⁴ "One dead in Papua shooting", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/21/one-dead-papua-shooting.html>, 21 January 2012.

¹⁵ "Clash erupts in regent election in Papua, 1 killed", *The Jakarta Post*, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/01/25/clash-erupts-regent-election-papua-1-killed.html>, 25 January 2011.

Comparative Analysis

Incidents in December 2011 and January 2012



While the situation in Papua has calmed down compared to the past few months, civilians are still being targeted, though the police and law enforcement agencies were not targeted as much. This is a continuation of the trend seen last month, whereby the OPM has been increasingly unable to conduct as many small hit and run attacks as it had in October and November.

There were no serious terrorist incidents, and while there were a number of bombs found last month, this month only saw bomb threats being made. The capacity of terrorists to launch even minor bombings seems to have remained seriously weakened. The two arrests made seem to be related to gun running, and likely have more to do with the political climate in Aceh than Islamic inspired terrorism.

This month was relatively peaceful, with fewer incidents, arrests, deaths and injuries than December. Again, while terrorism has remained largely under control, the majority of incidents were motivated by regional or communal tensions, and the majority of casualties were civilians.