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## Govt To Scrap Fuel Subsidy For Private Vehicles In 2012

JAKARTA - The government intends to implement a subsidized fuel restriction policy starting next year, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Darwin Zahedy Saleh said. The restrictions are imperative because the government needs to set aside funds for other budget expenses, Darwin said.

"We noticed we should prioritize [restrictions] in Java and Bali first, because these two islands consume the most subsidized fuel, accounting for 59 percent of national consumption, or 24 million kilolitres of subsidized fuel, 53 percent of which is used for private vehicles," Darwin said Monday as quoted by [tempointeraktif.com](http://tempointeraktif.com).

He added that the government was deciding to introduce the restrictions in January or April next year.

"With this policy we could save up to 37.8

million kiloliters of subsidized fuel," he said.

In a similar tone, Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo said that saving 37.8 millions kiloliters of fuel was equivalent to saving Rp 4.9 trillion from the state budget and was thus worth the effort.

Downstream oil and gas regulator BPH Migas chief Tubagus Haryono said he supported the plan but warned that the government would need to also produce clear schemes regulating which parties would still be allowed to purchase subsidized fuels and which parties would not.

"At the end of the day it is us who are in the front facing the public head-on. So, for us to be able to explain this policy to the public properly, we need clear and thorough regulations on this particular matter," he said. (Jakarta Post)

## No Border Conflict With Malaysia: Foreign Minister

JAKARTA - Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa has denied allegations that Indonesia is involved in a border conflict with neighboring country Malaysia. Speculation may have occurred as a result of a misunderstanding over some basic terms regarding the two countries' borders, Marty said Monday.

"Until now, we have not been involved in a border dispute with the Malaysian government. In regards to news that keeps mentioning there has been one-sided claim to Indonesia's Tanjung Datu and Camar Bulan village, I must say that this is not true," he said.

However, the foreign minister also acknowledged that there were several border marker stones that could not be found, for natural reasons, which could have sparked premature claiming speculation.

Marty then gave an example of a marker stone that used to be located in the northern part of Tanjung Datu and was now located below the surface of the water because of coastal abrasion.

"We are fully aware of the situation and we have been working on it," he said. A team comprising border experts had been deployed to fix the situation, Marty said. (Jakarta Post)

## Amnesty Urges Indonesia To Probe 'Deadly Force' At Mine

JAKARTA - Rights group Amnesty International on Tuesday urged Indonesia to investigate the use of "deadly force" by police who shot dead one protester and injured six others at a mining protest.

Indonesian security forces opened fire Monday on workers striking over wages at a mine run by US company Freeport McMoRan in remote Papua province, Amnesty said in a statement.

Mine worker Petrus Ayemseba died after being shot in the buttocks and six others were injured in the shooting, it added.

"This latest incident shows that Indonesian police have not learned how to deal with protesters without resorting to excessive, and even lethal, force," Amnesty's Asia-Pacific Director Sam Zarifi said in a statement.

"The police have a duty to protect themselves and uphold the law, but it is completely unacceptable to fire live ammunition at these protesters," he said.

Zarifi called for the Indonesian authorities to launch an "independent and impartial" investigation and make the results public.

Monday's violence was sparked when police tried to stop more than 1,000 workers -- who began their strike on September 15 -- from entering a facility at the sprawling Grasberg complex, one of the world's biggest gold and copper mines, a union official said. (AFP)

## Economist Hartojo Wignjowijoto Passes Away

JAKARTA - Senior economist Hartojo Wignjowijoto passed away on Monday (October 10) in what was believed to have been a result of an ailment he had long been suffering from, a colleague said without further elaboration.

"He's had this illness for the past year. I've also been informed that he died shortly after coming home from hospital where he went for a blood test," economist Didik Rachbini said Monday as quoted by tempointeraktif.com.

Hartojo's remains will be buried at Soreang Memorial in Bandung Regency on Tuesday.

Didik added that the family would depart from Hartojo's residence in Kemang this morning.

Hartojo, who was also recognized as senior editor of Infobank, a weekly magazine on economics, was known for many of his radical thoughts. The Harvard school of economics graduate was among the first to dare to publicize his findings on the marking-up practices within the bureaucracy, Didik said. (Jakarta Post)

## Hit Songmaker Leaves ST 12

JAKARTA - Charly van Houten, the front man of pop group ST 12, has decided to ditch his bandmates after he could no longer juggle his duties as the vocalist of the Melayu-influenced band and his personal projects as a music producer and talent scout.

"The decision is final. Charlie is officially out of ST 12," Charly's manager, Rendi, said recently.

He added Charly quit the band because he was not able to divide his time between his activities with ST 12 and his work as a music producer.

"This is Charly's final decision after trying to hold on with ST 12 for several years. He is very busy with his [music] management and his talent scout affairs," Rendi said as reported by vivanews.com.

He added that Charly would not help his bandmates look for a new vocalist. Charly has written many of the band's catchy hits such as "Puspa". He has dabbled as a producer and is now working with pop starlet Syahrini. (Jakarta Post)

## REGIONAL NEWS

## Avian Flu Hits Bali, Claims 2 Lives

DENPASAR - Avian flu claimed its first human victims this year on Sunday after two children from Jehem village, Bangli passed away in Sanglah Central Hospital in Denpasar. Five-year-old NR died at 8:20pm while her ten-year-old brother WA died at around midnight.

The medical team has confirmed that the two children were infected with the avian flu virus based on the results of three tests at different laboratories.

## MARINE NEWS SUMMARY

### CONTAINER VESSELS: NEXT-GENERATION WILL BE LARGEST EVER

If the need is for greater efficiency for road and rail freight during an economic slowdown, standard operating procedures might be to downgrade to smaller and lighter means of overland transport. Shipping lines, however, have a different approach: they build bigger ships. The reason, they say, is better economies of scale, costing them less to send a string of three or four huge new ships across the oceans instead of a larger fleet of smaller vessels. These bigger and newer ships will also have more efficient engines and lower emissions, which also means lower fuel costs, as the company hopes an everlasting impression on its customers. One shipping giant is reportedly spending USD 1.9 billion on 10 new ships, each of which will carry 18,000 TEUs. The new Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCS) will be more than 1,312 feet long and more than 193 feet wide, and will outdo cargo capacity of the world's largest container vessel currently afloat, by 16%. The company's chief executive said that building ULCSs was not only a top priority for the firm but also for its customers, who are heavily dependent upon this in their supply chain. Five years ago, the world's largest container ship had a TEU capacity of 9,500. According to a Paris-based maritime research firm, the container carriers' answer to challenges of sustainable shipping and reduction of emissions is to build ever-larger ships, whose sizes have doubled over a decade.

The last recorded fatalities due to avian flu in Bali were in 2007, claiming lives of two patients from Tabanan and Jembrana.

From 2007 up to this month, the hospital has treated 58 patients suffering from avian flu.

Sanglah Hospital's avian flu treatment person-in-charge, Ken Wirasandhi, said that the two children were referred from Bangli regional hospital with breathing difficulties.

Meanwhile, the Husbandry Agency has conducted rapid tests of samples taken from dead poultry in the victims' neighbourhood, all of which showed negative results. It is now waiting for the results of further laboratory tests. (Jakarta Post)

## New Lombok Airport Chaotic After Opening

LOMBOK - The atmosphere at the Lombok International Airport (BIL) in West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) remained chaotic as of Tuesday, four days after it was officially opened on October 1. Based on observation by "The Jakarta Post," members of the public, mostly Central Lombok residents, are free to enter the airport area to observe the airport, which replaces the Selaparang airport in Mataram.

Several vehicles are still free to enter the vicinity without being charged.

As if going to a picnic, residents brought mats, food and drinks from home and occupied spaces next to the departure terminal, while others were willing to stand under the scorching sun along a fence separating the airport apron. "We came from Rembitan to see the planes," Arman said.

He came with his wife and three children in a pickup truck, while some of their neighbours rode on the back of the truck.

Central Lombok Regent Suhaili FT acknowledged the bedlam at BIL, but he stressed the situation would only last for a week at most.

"People are still in a state of euphoria. A new airport has been built in their area and they wish to look at it. I believe this is good a thing because residents will also look after it due to their sense of belonging," he said. (Jakarta Post)

## KPI, '67% Of Kupang Youth Access Porn Sites'

KUPANG - Up to 67% of children below the age of 13 in the East Nusa Tenggara capital of Kupang have accessed porn sites, mostly via mobile phones, a survey has found. The poll, conducted recently by the East Nusa Tenggara chapter of the Indonesian Broadcasting Commission (KPI), also found that the trend was increasing.

"The more worrisome finding is that the children access porn sites through their cell phones while they are studying at school," KPI's regional head Mutiara Mauboy said in Kupang.

She added that children also access porn sites in Internet cafes. The survey involved 300 respondents under 13 years old in all of Kupang's six districts and 51 subdistricts. (Jakarta Post)

## Press Council Eyes Ending 'Bali Post,' Pastika Row

DENPASAR - The Press Council and the Denpasar Lawyers Club said that they expect that the bitter dispute between the Bali governor and the island's largest newspaper, Bali Post, over allegations of slander will be settled out of court.

"We are still trying to mediate the two sides so that they will not have to bring the case in court. The press should be able to provide right of reply to the individual who complained about the story," council member Bekt Nugroho said.

Last month, Governor Made Mangku Pastika accused "Bali Post" of publishing a false story.

Through his lawyers, he sent a letter to the newspaper, demanding that the paper do several things to compensate for the damage and threatening to file criminal and civil law suits if the demands were not met.

The legal notice demanded that the paper publish a full-page apology on its front page for seven days in a row and pay IDR100 billion to the governor. (Jakarta Post)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### New Zealand Oil Slick Ship Issues Mayday: Maritime NZ

TAURANGA - A container ship leaking oil and stranded on a reef off New Zealand issued a mayday call Tuesday and was being evacuated in heavy seas, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) said.

"The reason for calling the mayday was as a precautionary measure to ensure that vessels come to assist to take people off quickly," MNZ director Catherine Taylor told Radio New Zealand, adding six navy ships were helping remove a salvage crew from the crippled Rena, which hit a reef last Wednesday.

Taylor said the Rena was pounded by five metre (16.5 foot) swells overnight and had shifted position on the reef but appeared "stable".

"Things are changing all the time, the weather has not worked for us, it's worked against us and we're being precautionary and ensuring we keep people safe first," she said.

Officials fear New Zealand will face its worst maritime pollution disaster in decades if the Rena breaks up on the reef, spilling all the 1,700 tonnes of heavy fuel oil into the environmentally sensitive Bay of Plenty.

Beaches in the wildlife-rich bay, one of New Zealand's most popular tourist spots, have already been fouled by an oil slick from the ship which MNZ initially estimated was caused by the leakage of 20 tonnes of oil from the ship. (AFP)

### Myanmar Political Prisoner Amnesty Soon: Officials

YANGON - Myanmar is on the verge of freeing political prisoners, officials said Monday, as the United States hailed "dramatic developments" in the country after decades of military rule.

The release of the country's estimated 2,000 political detainees, who include pro-democracy campaigners, journalists and lawyers, has long been a top demand of Western nations which imposed sanctions on Myanmar.

"Political prisoners will be released. But we still do not know whether all of them will be freed," said a government official who did not want to be named, adding that the pardon was expected "within days".

A second official said the release would come before President Thein Sein leaves Wednesday on an official visit to India.

An amnesty would be the latest sign of political change under a new nominally civilian government that has reached out to critics including opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, freed in November after seven straight years of detention. Her National League for Democracy (NLD) said it was "expecting" all political detainees to be released. (AFP)

### Obama, South Korea's Lee To Tour Auto Plant

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama will tour a Michigan General Motors plant with South Korea's President Lee Myung-Bak Friday to tout a new free trade pact, a day after feting his visitor at a state dinner.

Lee and Obama will tour the Orion Assembly plant in Lake Orion, Michigan and make speeches about the trade deal, which Obama finally sent to Congress for ratification last week.

The deal was reached between South Korea and the previous Bush administration in 2007, but has been delayed ever since by disputes over implementation and political wrangles in the United States.

The deal would remove 95 percent of tariffs between the two economies.

The Obama administration says it will support 70,000 US jobs and help double exports to South Korea within five years.

Earlier on Monday, Lee called on South Korea's parliament Monday to urgently ratify the deal, saying the US Congress was poised to approve it. "More than anything else, ratification of the Korea-US FTA is an issue that should be dealt with urgently," Lee said in a budget speech read by his prime minister. (AFP)

### UN Report Exposes Torture In Afghan Custody

KABUL - The United Nations says torture is practiced systematically in some Afghan intelligence detention centres and that children under 18 are among those who suffered, according to a report published Monday.

The UN mission in Afghanistan said it had "compelling evidence" that Afghan intelligence officials at five centres "systematically tortured detainees for the purpose of obtaining confessions and information."

Detainees described being hung by the wrists from the wall or ceiling; and being beaten especially with rubber hoses, electric cables or wires or wooden sticks and most frequently on the soles of the feet, the report said.

Electric shock, stress positions including forced standing, removal of toenails and threatened sexual abuse were among other forms of torture that detainees reported, it added.

Routine blindfolding and hooding, and denial of access to medical care in some facilities were also reported.

The United Nations documented one death in Afghan custody from torture in Kandahar in April 2011. The findings were based on interviews with 379 pre-trial detainees and convicted prisoners at 47 detention centres across the country, conducted from October 2010 to August 2011, said the UN. (AFP)

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### STOCK INDEX

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### Cambodian Flood Toll Climbs To 207: Govt

PHNOM PENH - More than 200 people have died in Cambodia's worst floods in over a decade, a disaster official said Monday, as the country scrambled to provide aid for tens of thousands of families.

Over 80 children were among those killed in two months of flooding caused by heavy rainfall that has seen the Mekong River burst its banks, according to the National Committee for Disaster Management.

More than 270,000 families have seen their homes or livelihoods waterlogged by the floods, which have inundated 350,000 hectares (865,000 acres) of rice paddies across the country, said the committee spokesman Keo Vy.

The flooding, which has killed 207 people, including 83 children, is the deadliest since 2000 and represents a huge challenge to the impoverished nation.

Despite the scale of the disaster Keo Vy insisted the situation was under control. "We are not yet appealing for international assistance," he said, adding that the waters have begun to subside. (AFP)

## SPORTS NEWS

### RI Football Squad Look For Morale Boost Against Qatar

JAKARTA - Amid a rash of discipline and attitude problems, the national football squad hope to keep their window open in the 2014 World Cup Asian qualifier with a win over Qatar in the Group E match in Jakarta on Tuesday.

Indonesia is on life support at the bottom of the Group E standings with zero points after its previous home loss to Bahrain (0-2) and away loss to Iran (0-3).

Qatar is in better shape with two points from draws with both Iran and Bahrain.

Indonesia national team coach Wim Risdjbergen said he had psychology experts working to help mend the team's mental obstacles.

 WEATHER

Bali: 24-29c Sunny  
 Jakarta: 26-33c Partly Cloudy  
 Padang: 23-29c Scattered Thunderstorms  
 Sentani: 23-31c Scattered Thunderstorms

"Just like when preparing for the previous matches against Iran and Bahrain, we don't have the discipline to be on time. It took four days to have everybody together at the training camp. That's a problem the Indonesian team has had for a long time," said Rijsbergen at Monday's pre-match media conference.

"I have sought help from psychologists to change their mindset. Although it's not easy to make the change in a couple of months, hopefully we can improve them," he said.

Due to undisciplined attitudes, the top striker in last season's Indonesia Super League, Boaz Salossa, and his Persipura Jayapura club teammate, Ricardo Salampessy, were both recently cut from the team ahead of the Qatar match.

Indonesia's preparations peaked with a friendly match against a tough Saudi Arabian team in Malaysia last weekend, where Indonesia surprisingly held the Saudi team to a draw.

"The draw result with the Saudi team was good for their mentality," said Rijsbergen, hoping for the recovery of injured players - defender Hamka Hamzah, Yongki Ariwibowo, Nasuha and goalie I Made Wirawan.

Hamka was confident, saying, "This is only a minor injury. I've been treated for the past two days and I'm 95 percent ready for next match." (Jakarta Post)

## Totti Doubtful For Rome Derby

ROME - Roma idol and captain Francesco Totti is a doubt for Sunday's derby against Lazio with an injured right thigh. Totti, worked out alone in the gym and in the swimming pool at Roma's Trigoria base, rather than training with the rest of his teammates, and is set to undergo tests on Wednesday.

The 35-year-old scored both goals in a 2-0 Roma win in the last "Stracittadina" on March 13. Young Argentinian Erik Lamela -- signed from River Plate in the summer -- is standing by to take his place. (AFP)

## Minister Optimistic Of SEA Games Preparations

JAKARTA - Sports and Youth Minister Andi Mallarangeng says he is optimistic that the preparations for the SEA Games will meet the deadline, despite problems in the construction of almost all the venues.

"Everything will run on time. We will be fine," Andi said Monday as reported by tribunnews.com.

Andi was speaking after being questioned by the KPK as witness in relation to the SEA Games graft case, which saw sports ministry secretary Wafid Muharram named a suspect.

Andi said the KPK investigation would not interfere with the preparations for the games.

The SEA Games 2011 is scheduled to commence on November 11. Many have expressed doubts over preparations for the games, with many things to in the short amount of time remaining. Three sporting venues - for swimming, athletics and shooting - are still in the construction phase. (Jakarta Post)

## F1 Driver Hamilton Will Bounce Back, Warns Team Boss

SUZUKA - McLaren team chief Martin Whitmarsh has backed Lewis Hamilton to bounce back from his recent string of disappointments to win again and be a title contender next season.

Whitmarsh said he believed the 26-year-old Englishman's difficulties this year have sapped his confidence, but he is just one win away from rediscovering his form as the world's fastest and most exciting racing driver.

Speaking after Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix won by Hamilton's team-mate and fellow-Briton Jenson Button, Whitmarsh said: "He's a great racing driver. His heart is in it and he is very open about his emotions. He doesn't like not winning, but it will come good. "I hope that this time next week we are celebrating one of Lewis's greatest ever victories - and that is entirely possible.

We all know he's got it, we know we've got a car that can win and he has got the capability to do it.

"We just have to make sure he has the focus and ensure that we do that." Whitmarsh spoke out as Hamilton avoided being dragged into a new controversy after a brush with Brazilian Felipe Massa of Ferrari in Sunday's race in which Hamilton finished fifth. (AFP)

## Westwood Hopes To Regain Number One Spot

SHANGHAI - Lee Westwood, the world's number two golfer, said Monday that wins in Asia have boosted his confidence and raised his hopes of regaining the top spot.

The 38-year-old Englishman earlier this year won the Indonesia Masters and the Ballantine's Championship in South Korea, adding to a long career which includes playing in seven Ryder Cups and winning 22 European Tour titles.

"I've always enjoyed playing in Asia, played well here. It makes a lot of sense to keep coming back," he told AFP in an interview in Shanghai, where he is playing in the Shui On Land China Golf Challenge.

"If you come somewhere and you play well, then obviously it builds confidence," he added.

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Westwood spent several weeks as world number one last year, but said his recent play, though consistent, had failed to push him a notch higher. "Obviously, I would like to get back to number one in the world," he said. "I just haven't really quite played well enough." (AFP)

## !?! THAT'S ODD

## No Turkeys Fall On Arkansas Festival This Year

YELLVILLE - Turns out turkeys don't fly. The "Baxter Bulletin" reports that attendees at the Turkey Trot festival in Yellville were disappointed when no turkeys dropped from planes on Friday or Saturday. The turkey drop is a mainstay of the event in northern Arkansas, though organisers don't sanction it. Supporters say the turkeys can fly just enough to descend safely, but animal-rights advocates call it cruel.

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals posted a USD5,000 bounty for information leading to an arrest. The Federal Aviation Administration said any pilots dropping turkeys could lose their licenses.

People at the festival wore "I am the Phantom Pilot" T-shirts, and at least one sign offered a USD10,000 reward for the arrest of the PETA employee who came up with the USD5,000 bounty.

## 700-Pound Pelican Statue Pilfered In California

NOVATO - Authorities in the San Francisco Bay area town of Novato are flapping about the theft of a park statue - a 700- pound bronze pelican. The "Marin Independent Journal" says the statue, titled "Omay" - a Miwok Indian word for pelican - apparently was stolen over the weekend from a park near Scottsdale Pond.

The statue was commissioned by the city council in 2007 at a cost of USD27,500. It is nine feet tall with a ten-foot wingspan.