

**Report # 102****Business and Politics in Muslim World**

**South East Asia**  
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(Outline)

**Summary****Indonesia**

- **Political front**
- Opposition attacks asylum policy, again
- Obama Sets His Sights On Indonesia
- **Economic Front**
- Japan, Indonesia OK economic zone cooperation
- Indonesia finance minister to explain bailout policy
- Kangaroo Resources kicks off Indonesian coal production.
- Indonesian army 'fails to dismantle business empire'
- Indonesia: Oil giant to expand operations abroad
- Indonesia Wants China Pact Revised
- Union Bank in talks to buy Indonesian banks
- Indonesia Business Forecast Report Q1 2010 - New Report Published
- Malaysia Explores Investment Opportunities In Indonesia's Agri Sector
- Economic worries in Indonesia? Blame the Chinese.
- Minister To Form Agency To Keep Indonesia's 200 Outer Islands Secure
- **Social front**
- Indonesia-US Interfaith Dialogue To Be Held In Jakarta
- Indonesia is a Muslim-majority country today.
- President launches `waqf' fund movement
- New Indonesian Laws A Threat To Free Press
- Free healthcare available for non-Jakarta ID card holder
- Bali's tourist arrival record of 2.2m difficult to break
- Indonesia's parliament must endorse ethics in investigation: speaker
- **Environmental Front**

**Malaysia**

- **Political Front**
- **Economic Front**
- China, Malaysia to pump billions into Borneo power project
- Palm oil exports fall 19% in December
- Survey: Corporate fraud in M'sia expected to increase
- Malaysia-Pak JBC formation in final stage

- Malaysia eyeing more British investments
- Govt bears another RM21mil to complete problematic housing project
- Asean now tops Japanese list
- **Social Front**
- Malaysian premier urges calm after attacks on churches
- Muslim NGOs offer help to protect churches
- Anwar faces early hurdles over 'qazaf' application
- Malaysia minorities fear Islamization in Allah row
- **Environmental**

### Philippine

- **Political Front**
- Gun ban takes effect in Philippines ahead of May elections
- **Economic Front**
- Government to allow duty-free sugar imports
- Philippine Stock Exchange President to Step Down
- US hauls Philippines before WTO over liquor dispute
- **Social Front**
- Two dead, 48 arrested after Philippine gun ban
- Rebels deploy forces to stop violence
- 66 Filipinos face death in China on drug charges
- **Environmental front**

### Thailand

- **Political Front**
- Abhisit walks a political tightrope
- **Geo-strategic Front**
- Thai ultimatum to Cambodia over Thaksin
- **Economic Front**
- Thai PM: Domestic economy on recovery trend
- ChinaAsean FTA should be good for Thailand: Dhanin
- Investment Growth Tops Thailand Agenda: Finance Minister
- Thai Economy Still Vulnerable To Global Economic Risk
- **Social Front**

### Cambodia

- **Political Front**
- Hun Sen only PM candidate of Cambodia's ruling party: CPP
- Cambodian PM says Thai government will not survive
- Cambodian Senate approves expropriation law
- Thai ex-premier Thaksin to make third visit to Cambodia this month
- **Geo-Strategic Front**
- Cambodia boosts border troops to stop civilians entering Thailand
- Cambodia's ruling party warns Khmer Rouge court
- Cambodian govt returns air traffic firm to Thais
- **Economic Front**
- trade between Cambodia and Vietnam down 26 per cent

- China to invest over 550 mln USD in Cambodia's hydropower plant
- S. Korea to increase aid, investment for Cambodia
- **Social Front**

### Singapore

- **Political Front**
- **Economic Front**
- S'pore, India discuss ways to enhance trade opportunities
- Singapore hit by fall in ship container trade
- Singapore says double-dip recession unlikely
- APEC faces 'political' obstacles to free trade area, Lee says
- **At social Front**
- Singapore extends endowment fund to HIV treatment
- **Environmental Front**

### Vietnam

- **Political Front**
- **Economic Front**
- Vietnam inflation rate may reach 11 pct this year, Sacombank says
- Delayed harvesting may affect supply in global pepper market
- Vietnam Targets US\$200 Million In Trade With Egypt
- China, Vietnam see greater economic interaction
- Prosperity and challenges on the horizon in 2010
- **Environmental Front**
- **At social Front**
- Veterans return to Vietnam for mine-removal effort

### Laos

- **Foreign Relations**
- Laos, Vietnam speed up border marker planting
- Lao President highly values Lao-Indonesian cooperation
- **Economic Front**
- Lao Airlines inks deal to purchase new airplanes from China
- Cross-border trade between Laos and neighbouring countries dumped
- Laos would suffer USD 300 million trade deficit this year
- Vietnam-biggest investor in Laos
- **Social Front**

