



# KABAR

## AIA News

### Australia Indonesia Association

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#### President's Message

Hi Everyone,

At the time of our publication last August it was a week after the election and we didn't know whether we would have a Labor or Liberal Government. Well now a Labor government has returned with the aid of the independents. Kevin Rudd is the new Foreign Minister and Julia Gillard has attended regional conferences and met with President SBY in Indonesia. Barack Obama has also honoured his commitments and visited the country of his childhood, impressing Indonesians of all walks of life with his recollections of life as a child in Jakarta.

Indonesia, situated as it is on the Pacific Rim of Fire has again seen tragedy with the tsunami devastating parts of the Mentawai islands in West Sumatra, and the repeated eruptions of Mt Merapi in Central Java, with the loss of life and displacement of thousands of people. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the victims, and we urge everyone to give generously to the various fund raising organisations providing aid to the affected people. The Indonesian Community Council (ICC) is organising a fund raising night this Friday, so please support them.

In our last *Kabar* we bid farewell to Pak Sudaryomo Hartosudarmo, the outgoing Consul General and his wife Ibu Tri. Pak Sudaryomo left to take up a posting as Ambassador to Brazil, and invited us all to visit him for the World Cup in 2014. Who will join me? His replacement as Consul General is Pak Gary Jusuf and his wife Sisi, to whom we wish a fond welcome. They have been here for only a couple of months but have already been out and about at various functions meeting the Indonesian community, and have hosted several functions at the Wisma.

We held what has become our Annual Spring Fair at Wisma Indonesia on 23 October. It was a warm Saturday, and everything went well until around 2.30pm and the heavens opened, putting an end to our outdoor activities and to the sale of food in the garden. We were honoured by the presence of the Hon John Hatzistergos the NSW Attorney General, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Federal Member for Wentworth and Shadow Minister for Communications, and our long-time supporter Laurie Ferguson MP, Former Parliamentary Secretary for

Multicultural Affairs & Settlement Services, Federal Member for Werriwa. Mr Dhanny Perkasa, Consul, represented the Consul General who was in Jakarta at the time.



Malcolm Turnbull, Tony McMullen and Eric de Haas



Rena Sarumpaet and Laurie Ferguson

Rena Sarumpaet from SBS and a member of AIA, was our MC for the day, introducing speakers and the various cultural activities including dances by Tari Nusantara, Sang Budi and Minang Saiyo as well as a contemporary

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band of young folk who kept us dancing while the rain came down outside. The food was excellent and the raffle and auction prizes provided by sponsors and supporters enabled us to raise funds for the Yayasan Anak Sehat Papua, and for our Seymour Shaw Education Fund. Tony McMullen from the Yayasan spoke at the function and provided a slide show of their activities providing health services for children in Papua.



Sisca's dance group

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) celebrated the role of the union in Australia's history, including the blockade of Dutch shipping to Indonesia in 1946. This celebration included a march across the Pyrmont Bridge followed by lunch at the Maritime Museum. Several AIA members attended.

Since returning from our holidays in August, I have been fortunate to attend several functions held in Sydney by various organisations, including the Indonesia Business

Council, the Indonesia Australia Women's Association, and the Australia Business Association.

I also recently travelled to Kupang in Nusa Tenggara Timur to undertake a review of an AusAID funded project. This region remains economically underdeveloped and there are several aid groups doing tremendous work in the area. The airport was a hive of activity, with airlines now flying between Kupang and the major cities of Indonesia. There is some domestic tourism but very few international tourists. I tried some good seafood restaurants, and with the strength of the A\$, was able to have lavish meals for just a few dollars.

The next AIA function is our Christmas Dinner on Saturday 11 December at a relatively new Indonesian restaurant, the 1945 Dutch East Indies Cuisine in Pyrmont. This will be an opportunity to meet people and celebrate the festive season.

Speaking of websites, one of our members, Rudi Wirawan from Wirasoft, offered to help us with our website, so we are currently updating the site and adding more features. The updated site should be ready for action in January.

Could I also remind you that membership renewals can be made for 2011. Renewal forms will be sent out shortly, but you can also just transfer the fee (Family \$30, Single \$25) to the AIA at BSB: 012-327 Account: 2418-30232 including your name and the text "renew".

From all of us here at AIA, I would like to wish you a:

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Please check out our website [www.australia-indonesia-association.com](http://www.australia-indonesia-association.com) for details of activities and membership. We are also on Facebook.

### **INDONESIA'S EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, JAKARTA 10.11.2010.**

By Anthony Liem

Barack Obama gave a historic and groundbreaking speech in Jakarta during his recent visit on November 10, 2010. He had a clear message to Indonesia and Muslims everywhere.

The message to Indonesia was that, despite cultural differences, the US and Indonesia are natural partners in democracy and development. Globalisation means that both countries fortunes are linked. The prosperity of families in Chicago and Jakarta are connected therefore the

two countries have a stake in each other's success. Indonesia's rising middle class means new markets for American goods, just as America is a market for goods coming from Indonesia, reflected in the growth of investments. The G7 group of major global economies has grown to the G20, and through its leadership of the G-20's anti-corruption group, Indonesia should lead on the world stage by example in embracing transparency and accountability.

America respects the Muslim religion, just as Muslims in Indonesia respect the religions of others. For instance, Jakarta's main mosque, Istiqlal, was designed by a Christian architect. The leader of this mosque told Obama, a Christian, during his visit, that "Muslims are also allowed in churches. We are all God's

followers". Such is Indonesia's spirit, such is its inclusive philosophy, - Pancasila. In the land of his youth – Obama spent 4 years in Jakarta from 1967 to 1971 – things have changed, but the spirit is enshrined in the Indonesian Constitution and is symbolised by the mosques, churches and temples that stand alongside each other. President Obama said that Indonesians have made the difficult and demanding transition to democracy, accountability and the transfer of power through free elections. He praised Indonesia for championing human rights within ASEAN and for founding the Bali Forum for Democracy. He could not have said this in Cairo a year ago without offending some of the Middle East countries. He praised religious and democratic equality and pluralism, in

that all Indonesians deserved equal treatment, whether they were born in Aceh, Java, Bali or Papua – these children in Bali are Hindu and in Papua are Christian.

The history of both America and Indonesia are written in the United States' national motto 'E Pluribus Unum' – Out of Many One – and Indonesia's motto 'Bhinneka Tunggal Ika' – Unity in Diversity. Both nations have travelled different paths, yet the nation's hundreds of millions, who hold different beliefs, can be united in freedom under one flag.

For Australia, the development of a partnership between Washington and Jakarta is a huge strategic advance. For instance, the US is committed to double the number of American and Indonesian students studying in their respective countries. This will forge new ties and greater understanding between young people in both countries. Achievements in Indonesia show that democracy and development reinforce one another.

Australia needs an Indonesia that partners in all the critical issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – development, democracy, human rights, combating terrorism, geo strategic stability, nuclear non proliferation, Islam and the refugee problem – you name it and Indonesia is a front line state. The US President in his address referred to these issues in that "America has a stake in the success of the Indonesian people. We must build bridges between our people, because our future security and prosperity is shared. And that is exactly what we are doing – by increasing collaboration and by working together". He also said that "Those who want to build must not cede ground to terrorists who seek to destroy. And this is not a task for America alone. Indeed, here in Indonesia, you have made progress in rooting out extremists and combating such violence"

President Obama won thunderous applause whenever he broke into the Indonesian language, greeting the audience with 'terima kasih, selamat pagi, assalamualaikum dan salam

sejahtera' -followed by 'pulang kampung nih'. He then said "Indonesia bagian dari diri saya" or loosely translated 'Indonesia is part of me' as an introduction to his boyhood experiences at home in Menteng Dalam and at school in Jakarta. And none of his schoolmates could have anticipated that one day he would come back to Jakarta as the President of the United States.

President Obama mentioned that his stepfather's father and his older brother fought and died in the struggle for Indonesian Independence. His late mother, Anne Durham, was honoured by the Indonesian President Yudhoyono recognising her work and her passion in promoting opportunity in Indonesian villages, especially opportunities for women and for girls. She spent the final 20 years of her life working among these villagers, who were surprised to learn that they were helped by the mother of an American President. She held Indonesia and its people very close to her heart for her entire life.

It was a first rate performance by President Obama, who finished his speech with, "Sebagai penutup, saya mengucapkan kepada seluruh rakyat Indonesia terima kasih atas. Terima kasih. Assalamualaikum. Thank you".

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THE AUSTRALIAN 11.11.2010  
UNABRIDGED VERSION OF THE SPEECH REFER [www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2010/11/10/indonesia-s](http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2010/11/10/indonesia-s)  
FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH REFER [www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/11/10/remarks-president](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/11/10/remarks-president)  
THE INFORMATION ON THE SPEECH AND TEXT CAME FROM THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN SYDNEY

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### ***Maritime Day and Australia's Support for Indonesia's Independence***

By Neil Smith

The 28th September 2010 was International Maritime Day, celebrated around the world annually to commemorate those lost at sea. In

Sydney there was a march across Pymont Bridge to the Maritime Museum where speeches and wreaths were laid in remembrance. This year a small group of AIA members marched across Pymont Bridge with the others. Our group comprised of Jon Sumaronoyo, John Luxton and myself. We marched with Mr Hanafi Rustandi, President of Kesatuan Pelaut Indonesia (Indonesia Seafarers Union). I carried an Indonesian flag in recognition of the Indonesians lost at sea as well for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the AIA and the Republic of Indonesia.

The march ended at the two anchors outside the Museum. Here around 100 people gathered to listen to speeches from representatives of the Union, the military and the merchant seamen. Bapak Hanafi laid a wreath for all Indonesians lost at sea. Later Bapak Hanafi made a speech about the help Australia and the Union gave to Indonesia's Independence struggle in 1945-6. The backdrop for Bapak Hanafi speech was Darling Harbour where some of the Dutch ships were moored in these days of Indonesia's struggle. This was a historic day to have the two maritime unions together at the site where it all this happened 65 years ago.

A group of women from the Indonesia Australia Women's Association (IAWA) came to support the event as well. Thank you to Lucy Surtandi. I noticed Sisica Hunt with her son Jason from the AIA. Our President Eric de Haas and his wife Ika were there too. The AIA contributed to the catering for the crowd of 200. Yani's satay went down especially well with a couple of beers. I would like to thank Zoe Reynolds for arranging the event and inviting the AIA to support. I would also like to thank is Paul McAleer for his support and for his rousing speech on the unions struggle in today's working environment. The day went well as a day in remembrance, cross-cultural contact and continued support of Australia – Indonesia relations.



*Myuran and Andrew teaching computer skills*

### **Mercy for the Condemned?**

*Three young Australians have been sentenced to death for their role in smuggling over 8 kg of heroin in 2005. Andrew Chan, Scott Rush and Myuran Sukumaran are part the now infamous 'Bali 9' who were arrested in Bali after Indonesian authorities received a tip-off from Australian Federal Police. They have spent over five years in Bali's Kerobokan prison appealing these verdicts. In October I travelled to Bali with reporter Mark Davis to meet two of them for a Dateline report.*

I first met Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran in the muggy mid-morning heat of the visitor's yard at Kerobokan prison. They were relaxed as they sat and chatted to friends and family. These young men hardly seemed like the criminal 'ringleaders' or 'kingpins' that initial media reports might have had you believe. Andrew is lively and jovial. Myuran is more reserved, composed and softly spoken.

Over the next few days we were given unprecedented access to their world behind the walls of Kerobokan prison. With their death sentences hanging heavily over them, it was a sobering experience to see these young men trying to make the most of their lives. Both have earned respect of the prison guards for their contribution to prison life and their involvement in the rehabilitation program. They have helped set up English and computer courses for fellow prisoners and Myuran has established a screen-printing enterprise and sells paintings. He uses money from T-shirt and art sales to buy art materials for the prison and he gives the remainder of the money to charity.

In a strange way they see their death sentences as a unusual blessing because it's given them a chance to re-evaluate their lives. Myuran explains that he feels he

never really contributed to anything before his arrest. "It feels good to help others," he says. He also hopes his family will be proud of the work he is doing because he doesn't know how else to make it up to them for all the pain he has caused. "I'm trying to do stuff they can be proud of," he says.

Earlier this year, Andrew and Myuran admitted to their crimes and in their final appeal have expressed deep remorse for their actions. As he stood in front a packed courtroom in October Myuran confessed in Indonesian:

"I am now, from the depths of my heart, regret and apologise for my actions. I know that I can't erase what I did. Since I have been detained I have reflected on my sins. With the help of God I am trying to change my life, help others and not live selfishly."

Also speaking in Indonesian Andrew explains, "There is still much I need to do in my life. I hope that one day I will have my own family and can work as a priest so I can guide young people so they don't do what I did. I ask you all to give me this opportunity. I wish to express my thanks for this opportunity to talk and again I ask for forgiveness."

Bapak Siswanto has been the head of Kerobokan prison for almost 2 years. Over this time he has observed Andrew and Myuran's successful rehabilitation and believes they deserve a second chance. Testifying on their behalf, Bapak Siswanto makes a most remarkable plea for a government representative, "If the death penalty is carried out and he is executed – for me personally, I would be sorry. As an individual, I can't oppose it, but instinctively my spirit says "can't he be pardoned? Can't state officials show mercy?" I'll leave matters of law to you legal experts, but since I have been asked for my personal opinion – I've given it."

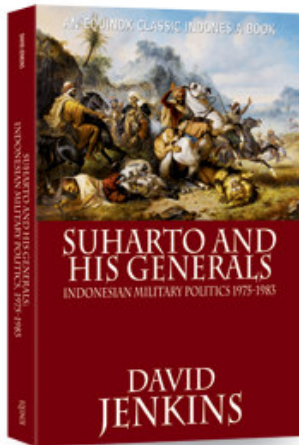
In a few months the Supreme Court in Jakarta will hand down a decision on whether these men will live or die. Although their crimes were serious, Andrew and Myuran have shown they can lead good lives. We will have to wait and see if this is enough to sway the judges in Jakarta.

You can view the entire Dateline program at <http://www.sbs.com.au/dateline/story/about/id/600882/n/T/he-Condemned>

**By Melanie Morrison**

**Focus on Books:****SUHARTO AND HIS GENERALS: INDONESIAN MILITARY POLITICS, 1975-1983**

BY DAVID JENKINS



In writing this monograph I have been guided by two separate but interrelated goals. The first has been to provide an historical-descriptive record of the “challenge” posed to President Suharto within the Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia (ABRI) during the period 1975-82 and the debate that developed over ABRI’s role in society. Although this debate sprawled across the whole canvas of military involvement in society, it can be said to have focused essentially on two key issues. The first, which was debated with considerable vigour during the period 1977-80, involved ABRI’s relations with other social-political groups in society, and in particular the political parties. The center of this debate was the “contradiction” between ABRI’s claim to be above all groups in society and the reality of its continuing support for Golkar, the political grouping which held a majority of the seats in the DPR (Parliament). Due largely to the intervention of the president, this debate was resolved in favor of the status quo and by 1980 it appeared unlikely that there would be any substantial changes during the remainder of the Suharto presidency.

The second issue, which became of increasing importance after 1980, centered on the appointment of military officers to nonmilitary functions. There were in the mid-1970s more than 20,000 military men serving in a *kekaryaan* (nonmilitary, or “functional”) capacity, as ministers, ambassadors, parliamentarians, senior executives in government corporations, bankers, senior civil servants, university rectors, provincial governors, subdistrict heads, and even village headmen. Answerable to the chief of staff for functional affairs (Kaskar), they acted as “reinforcing rods” to ensure that the bureaucracy was responsive to the commands of those at the top—a role that was not unlike that of the Communist Party in many Communist states. In the view of the critics, ABRI’s heavy involvement in *kekaryaan* activities,

although understandable in terms of recent Indonesian history, was excessive and needed to be scaled back. On this front, some government concessions seemed possible, if only because the armed forces were short of manpower. Even so, any cutback in the *kekaryaan* ABRI was likely to be both slow and from the bottom up, with the commanding heights of the system remaining firmly in the hands of the military leaders.

*Retired Australian journalist David Jenkins was banned by President Suharto from Indonesia for eight years for an article about the Suharto family wealth. Over his four-decade journalism career, Jenkins has had a keen interest in Southeast Asia. He worked as a correspondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review from 1976-84, when he covered Indonesia as part of his assignment, and as an editor of the Sydney Morning Herald and The Times on Sunday from 1985-2004.*

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Indonesian military commander in chief General Wiranto chats with Indonesian President Suharto (almarhum) after being sworn-in by the president at the palace in Jakarta on 16 February 1998.

**Klepon – Sweet Rice Balls with Palm Sugar**  
*For something a little Christmas-y*



**Ingredients**

1½ cups glutinous rice powder  
 ¾ cup lukewarm water (optionally coconut milk)  
 2-3 drops green food colouring or pandan paste  
 8 tsp. grated coconut sugar/Java dark brown sugar/gula Jawa/palm sugar  
 1 cup fresh-grated coconut, mixed with ½ tsp. pinch salt

Ingredients

- Mix the glutinous rice powder with the lukewarm water and green food colouring into a firm but flexible dough.
- Pull off one full teaspoon of the dough and shape it into a ball with approximately 2½ cm (1 inch) in diameter.
- Push a finger into the centre of the ball to make a hole, and put in approximately ½ tsp. of the grated sugar. Seal, and roll it back into the ball shape with the palms of your hands.
- Prepare all the balls and set them aside.
- Prepare a pot half filled with water and bring it to a boil.
- Drop the balls into the boiling water. Remove the balls with a spoon once they float to the water surface and then roll the balls in the grated coconut.
- Serve at room temperature.

**FOR THE DIARY:**

**December 9 (Thursday) at 7pm – A Night for Indonesia – Fundraising Event for the Victims of the Tsunami in West Papua and West Sumatra and the Merapi Eruption**

Performances and Auctions

Cnr Frances and Avoca St, Randwick

For more information contact Neny 0401 307 588 or the Indonesian Consulate.

**December 18 (Saturday) Javanese Traditional Opera Wayang Orang Banjaran Gatotkaca at the Opera House.**

For more information contact the Opera House or the Indonesian Consulate.

**AIA 2010 Christmas Dinner**

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**1945 Dutch East Indies Cuisine**

[www.1945.com.au](http://www.1945.com.au)

**42 Harris Street Pyrmont (opposite Bowman St)**

**Come along and enjoy an evening with friends at this delightful restaurant serving “rijsstafel” from “tempo doeloe”**

**Date: Saturday 11 December 2010**  
**Time: 8 pm (a little later than usual so the meal won't be rushed.)**

**Cost: \$45 per person (BYO)**

As numbers are limited, please pay by transfer to:  
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 BSB: 012-327  
 Account No: 2418-30232

Please advise name in transfer details.

Please RSVP so we can confirm numbers to the restaurant

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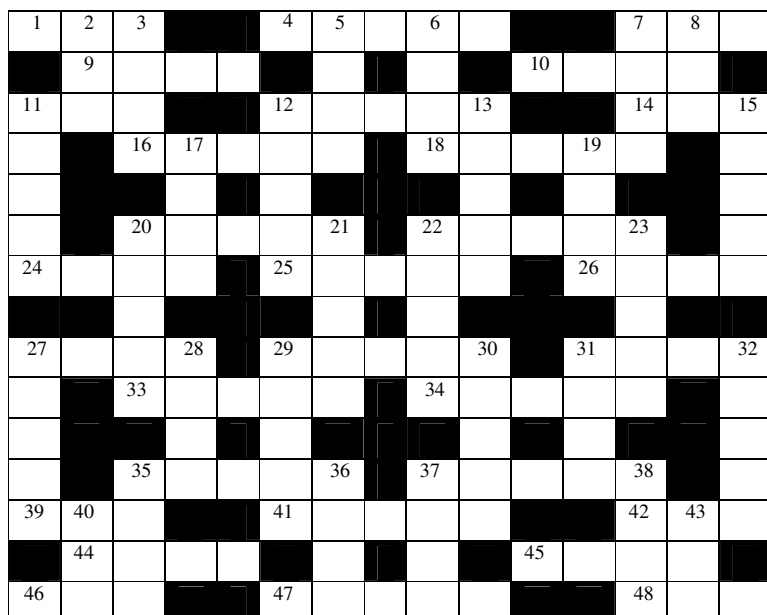
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## CROSSWORD

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Answers on the following page (no peeking)



## Across

1. And
4. Answer
7. He, she
9. From
10. Different
11. What time is it? (---*berapa?*)
12. Sick
14. Water
16. Take
18. Send
20. Live
22. Good
24. Will
25. Tickle s.o.
26. A while ago
27. I, me, my
29. Gentle, soft (of voice)
31. Hook, catch
33. Accompany
34. Coarse, uncouth
35. In
37. Thank you (*terima* ----)
39. Ever (*Coll.*)
41. Grudge
42. There is, there are
- 44 & 45. Approximately
46. Birthday (*Abbr.*)
47. Allowed (*Isl.*)
48. This

## Down

2. There is, there are
3. Name
5. Early
6. Brother and sister (---- *kakak*)
7. Quiet!
8. This
11. Till we meet again (*sampai* ---- *lagi*)
12. Busy
13. No
15. Busy
17. Play
19. Participate
20. Only
21. Think twice (---- *dulu*)
22. Whisper
23. Patient
27. Healthy
28. You
29. Attitude
30. Forbidden (*Isl.*)
31. We, us, our
32. Question, ask
35. Money
36. Where
37. Era, period
38. Day
40. I, me, my
43. And

## Answers

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**Contributions to Kabar**

We are interested in any contributions to *Kabar* from both members and non-members. If you have recently been to Indonesia, eaten at an Indonesian restaurant, read a book or attended an Indonesia related event, we invite contributions with photos, if possible. Send all material to Melanie at [melaniemorrison@bigpond.com](mailto:melaniemorrison@bigpond.com).

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