



JOINT COMMUNIQUE
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On 26 November 2017, the fourth meeting of the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Council on Law and Security was convened in Brisbane, Australia, led by the Australian Attorney-General and the Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs as the heads of their respective delegations.

Ministers acknowledged that the terrorist threat facing their countries and the region remains elevated and welcomed the ongoing close engagement between Australia and Indonesia on a broad range of law, justice and security issues to address these and other security risks.

Ministers also acknowledged that the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Council on Law and Security had become a centrally important standing element of the partnership between Indonesia and Australia. They welcomed the implementation of outcomes agreed at the last meeting held in Jakarta on 2 February 2017, and reiterated their ongoing commitment to cooperation, bilaterally and regionally, to counter terrorism and transnational crime, and to enhance cyber security, through law enforcement cooperation and intelligence sharing.

On responding to current regional security threats,

- Ministers:
 - acknowledged the strength, breadth and frequency of cooperation between Australia and Indonesia's law, justice and security agencies, and emphasised the importance of further strengthening relationships, especially through enhanced information sharing, priority alignment and operational engagement.
 - welcomed the update on implementation of outcomes agreed at the Sub-Regional Meeting on Cross-Border Terrorism and Foreign Terrorist Fighters held in Manado, Indonesia on 29 July 2017, which have contributed to a more coordinated and strategic regional response to contemporary threats.
 - welcomed the holding of the Fourth Australia-Indonesia Counter-Terrorism Consultations in Canberra in October 2017, as an opportunity for further discussion and cooperation on the evolving threat of terrorism in our region.
 - emphasised the importance of continuing to work with regional partners, and noted that the upcoming ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in March 2018 presents a valuable opportunity to enhance regional security and prosperity, and welcomed the inclusion of a Counter Terrorism (CT) Conference at the Summit that will strengthen connectivity and cooperation between Australia and ASEAN members on CT issues.
 - recognised the need for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to respond to an environment characterised by ubiquitous encryption.

On countering terrorism financing,

- Ministers:
 - welcomed the establishment of the Southeast Asia Counter Terrorism Financing Working Group to boost regional counter terrorism financing regimes and disruption capabilities.
 - agreed to work together in support of Indonesia's membership of the Financial Action Task Force.
 - commended the successful hosting, with Malaysia, of the third regional Counter-Terrorism Financing Summit in November 2017, and emphasised its importance in promoting cooperation amongst financial intelligence units in the region.
 - welcomed the extension of the PPATK-AUSTRAC Partnership Program, which will build stronger relationships between Indonesia and Australia's financial intelligence units.

On countering violent extremism (CVE)

- Ministers:
 - agreed to identify opportunities for further CVE engagement with civil society organisations and digital industry, such as the Southeast Asia Network of Civil Society Organisations and the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism, as well as the broader community.
 - welcomed the commencement of Australia and Indonesia's co-chairing of the Global Counter Terrorism Forum CVE Working Group as an opportunity to shape the international CVE agenda and promote greater regional cooperation.
 - discussed Indonesia's development of a National CVE Action Plan and identified opportunities for possible collaboration with Australia.

On cyber security,

- Ministers:
 - welcomed the inaugural Cyber Policy Dialogue which was held in Canberra on 4 May 2017 to implement our Leaders' commitment to strengthen cooperation on cyber security. The Dialogue covered the full range of cyber issues, including regional and international developments, as well as potential bilateral cooperation to promote a safe, open and secure internet for economic and social development. The next Cyber Policy Dialogue will be held in Indonesia in 2018.
 - commended Indonesia's progress towards establishing Indonesia's new National Cyber and Cryptography Agency and welcomed the support of two Australian advisers to the new agency once established.
 - reiterated the importance of bilateral cooperation to address cyber threats in the region, and welcomed the Australia-Indonesia Digital Forum to be held in Jakarta in February 2018.
 - welcomed the collaboration between the Australian Federal Police and the Indonesian National Police to establish a Cybercrime Leaders Working Group, which will meet annually and focus on the prevention and detection of cybercrimes, and the apprehension of cybercriminals.
 - agreed to hold twice-yearly cyber policy 'boot camps' to enhance information sharing on best practice and facilitate relationship building with key representatives from across government, business and academia, with the next event to be held in early 2018.
 - welcomed the series of cyber policy workshops to be held in Indonesia between November 2017 and May 2018 focused on issues including making risk assessments, regulating cybercrime and incident response.

On broader law, justice and security cooperation,

- Ministers:
 - reaffirmed the strength of Australia and Indonesia's partnership as co-chairs of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime, the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process, and the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, and welcomed its new policy guide on 'following the money' in human trafficking cases.
 - noted the strengthening relationship between Australian and Indonesian border agencies especially through the Strong Borders Program, aimed at developing strategic and tactical interagency cooperation to respond to border security threats, including the movement of foreign terrorist fighters.
 - agreed to continue to work closely together on child protection matters to increase overall capacity to detect, deter and disrupt all forms of transnational child sexual exploitation.
 - reaffirmed their commitment to tackle corruption in the region, and welcomed progress on an anti-corruption working group between our law enforcement agencies, which includes a visit of Indonesian law enforcement officials to Australia to share best practice approaches to investigations and early detections in the first quarter of 2018.
 - reaffirmed the importance of building on the existing strong mutual legal assistance and extradition relationship between Indonesia and Australia, to achieve strong criminal justice outcomes, including in the fight against terrorism.
 - agreed to share lessons and experiences in the development and implementation of their respective national policies to counter the drugs problem, including cooperation between justice, law enforcement, health and other government and non-government sectors.

On the next meeting,

Ministers agreed that the next meeting of the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Council on Law and Security will be hosted by Indonesia by mid-2018.