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## Indonesia and Timor-Leste: Facts and figures, January–September 2016

In Indonesia and Timor-Leste, the ICRC is enhancing emergency-response capabilities, supporting medical care in remote parts of Indonesia, promoting IHL and law-enforcement standards, maintaining a dialogue on humanitarian topics across South-East Asia and restoring family links. In Timor-Leste we are developing the capability of the authorities to identify people who died during the 1975-1999 conflict and training the Timor Leste Red Cross in community engagement, restoring family links and the management of dead bodies during emergencies.

### Restoring family links



*A Tamil woman in Lhokseumawe, Aceh, calls a relative during a joint ICRC/PMI mission. CC BY-NC-ND / ICRC / Lana Sunkar*

#### The ICRC:

- helped unaccompanied minors, migrants, separated families and detainees reconnect with their relatives;
- conducted a joint mission to Aceh with the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia, PMI) to facilitate 43 phone calls for Tamils in Lhokseumawe;
- collected tracing requests from unaccompanied Ethiopian, Somali and Afghan minors, enabling one of them to restore contact with their family in Yemen;
- facilitated video calls between people in Indonesia and their relatives detained in Guantanamo;
- supported family visits to Indonesian nationals detained in the Philippines, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- facilitated the attendance of one representative of Dirjenpas (director-general of prisons) and one representative of the Indonesian National Police Crimes

Investigation Division (Kepolisian Negara Republik Indonesia, POLRI/CID) at the Regional Seminar of Correctional Facilities Managers in Colombo, Sri Lanka;

- made it possible for 27 Indonesian citizens originally from Timor-Leste and now living in Indonesia to be reunited with their relatives in Dili, Timor-Leste, after more than 17 years of separation, in cooperation with the NGO AJAR and the Timor-Leste Red Cross;
- helped the Pantau Foundation to organize family visits to 10 detainees from the Moluccas currently held in prisons on Java.

## Management of dead bodies in emergencies

The ICRC:

- continued to work with the Indonesian National Police disaster victim identification department on forensics matters and started to work with Makassar Hospital;
- held a regional forensics workshop on Bali as part of the Indo-Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science (INPALMS) Congress.

## Multilateral affairs and civil society

The ICRC is planning an event with Indonesia and the Philippines (which will be chairing ASEAN in 2017), to support the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, focusing on the principle of humanity, IHL, and religious laws and practices.

## Promoting humanitarian law and principles



*Participants from a range of backgrounds discuss humanitarian work at the Regional Conference on Refreshing Humanitarian Action. CC BY-NC-ND / ICRC / Ursula Langouran*

### *Contextualized international humanitarian law*

The ICRC promotes and contextualizes IHL by highlighting similarities with Islamic law related to armed conflict, other religious traditions and customary practices. Working with Indonesian academic experts, we have developed the “Akhlaq Kemanusiaan” module now being taught at Ahmad Dahlan University in Yogyakarta with the support of the PMI.

We promote humanitarian principles and best practice among faith-based, secular, international and local humanitarian agencies in the region, to better coordinate and address common humanitarian challenges. The ICRC held a regional conference on humanitarian action in South-East Asia in February 2016, attended by people from almost 100 regional humanitarian agencies.

### *Supporting the ministry of law and human rights*

The ICRC:

- attended meetings with the ministry of law and human rights to plan and coordinate the dissemination of IHL together with the Inter-Ministerial National Committee on IHL (Pantap Humaniter);
- worked with the ministry of law and Pantap Humaniter to develop standard points of information on the use and protection of the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems, which would be used as guidelines for dissemination sessions in the Indonesian provinces and for reporting to the Minister;
- at the request of the Director of Law Drafting, collected comments and provided suggestions to improve the draft law on Red Cross affairs that the National Law Development Agency (Badan Pembinaan Hukum Nasional, BPHN) had submitted to the Directorate-General of Legislation (Direktorat Jenderal Peraturan Perundang-undangan, Ditjen PP);
- provided input on war crimes and other violations of IHL for the draft new penal code, working with experts from Universitas Gajah Mada in Yogyakarta, Universitas Negeri Jember in East Java, and Universitas Katolik Soegijapranata.



## *Disseminating the rules of war to the armed forces*



*Dinihari Puspita, who runs the ICRC's programme promoting IHL within the Indonesian armed forces, briefs Indonesian National Armed Forces personnel before an exercise in Bandung. CC BY-NC-ND / ICRC / Fitri Anugrah*

### The ICRC:

- worked with the Indonesian National Armed Forces (Tentara Nasional Indonesia, TNI) to run more than 10 law of armed conflict courses for 619 officers;
- worked with Babinkum (TNI Legal Development Agency) to organize a two-day seminar entitled "The consideration of humanitarian norms when developing operational orders", which was held in Jakarta in May and was attended by 25 senior officers;
- conducted two sessions on the treatment of POWs for 40 commanders from the Army Strategic Reserve Command (Komando Cadangan Strategis Angkatan Darat, Kostrad) and the Special Forces Command (Komando Pasukan Khusus, Kopassus) in Bandung;
- gave briefings on IHL at pre-deployment sessions for more than 1500 officers who were to participate in peacekeeping missions abroad;
- delivered a presentation on IHL in air operations, attended by 50 Air Force legal officers.



*Laksamana Madya Arie Sembiring, Deputy Chief of the Indonesian Navy, opens the workshop on the law of armed conflict at sea with ICRC head of delegation Christoph Sutter and Surabaya mayor Tri Rismaharini.*  
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The ICRC held a joint workshop with the Indonesian armed forces on the law of armed conflict at sea, which was an opportunity for 37 officers from 24 Asia-Pacific countries to share expertise on the law of naval warfare and discuss its applicability in the region. This is of particular importance, as maritime and territorial disputes feature prominently in the region. The workshop offered a forum where ideas could be debated in a protected, safe and tension-free environment. At the request of participants at the 2015 workshop, this year's event also covered anti-piracy operations, rescue and the movement of people by sea.



## *Promoting standards in policing*



*A police officer takes the floor at the training session held in Jakarta for personnel tasked with teaching international policing rules and standards. CC BY-NC-ND / ICRC / Mia Pitria Pangestie*

### **The ICRC:**

- worked with the Crimes Investigation Division of the Indonesian National Police to hold two workshops on international human rights principles governing the exercise of police powers, for senior investigators in North and South Sumatra, attended by 56 participants;
- delivered two sessions during the pre-deployment training of 39 police officers who were to be deployed to the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), the United Nations–African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) or the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH);
- worked with the POLRI Education Institution (LEMDIKLAT), to run a train-the-trainers session on international policing rules and standards for provincial police school trainers, which was attended by 29 participants from 26 provinces;
- organized a two-day session on international policing rules and standards for personnel of the Mobile Brigade Corps (Korps Brigade Mobil, BRIMOB) in Timika, Papua Province, attended by 50 people.

## *Teaching students about the protection of civilians and the application of IHL to modern warfare*

By encouraging universities to offer courses in IHL and by supporting lecturers who teach it, the ICRC reaches out to the leaders of tomorrow. We work with universities across Indonesia to organize student events. These include essay-writing contests and role-playing competitions, such as moot courts.

The ICRC delivered IHL-related presentations on the protection of civilians and POWs, use of drones and the humanitarian crisis in Aleppo to over 300 students from Aceh's Universitas Syaih Kuala (Unsyiah), Social Sciences (FISIP) of the Islamic State University (UIN) Jakarta and Universitas Diponegoro, Semarang.

## Influencing opinion makers

- The ICRC held a media gathering for 15 people from prominent Indonesian media outlets.
- Our discussion session on #digital4humanity looked at how to communicate humanitarian issues, with the dual objectives of creating a digital network of organizations working on humanitarian/social issues and introducing the ICRC. The event was attended by 30 social media administrators from those organizations, which included MSF, UNICEF (and their uReport account), Indonesian Red Cross and the Indonesian National Search and Rescue Body (Basarnas). Altogether, the event reached over 1 million netizens.

## Cooperation with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement



*Christoph Sutter, head of the ICRC's Indonesia and Timor-Leste delegation, visits a cataract patient in Tiom regency of Papua, Indonesia. The ICRC, the Indonesian Red Cross and Dian Harapan hospital carried out eye examinations on 519 people. Cataract surgery was performed on 154 of them and 232 received glasses. CC BY-NC-ND / ICRC / Mia Pitria Pangestie*

### The ICRC:

- worked with the PMI to provide humanitarian services in remote and dangerous environments, conducting cataract operations in Papua, West Papua, the Moluccas and East Nusa Tenggara, plus RFL activities and a pilot project on sexual violence in Papua;

- supported emergency preparedness for PMI staff and volunteers, based on the Safer Access plan of action, to help them face potential humanitarian crises in urban, remote and dangerous areas, focusing on Jakarta, Surabaya, Medan, Bali, Aceh, East Kalimantan/North Kalimantan, Central Sulawesi and Bali, and concentrating on the role of the PMI as providers of first response and pre-hospital care, plus management of dead bodies;
- encouraged the development of a coordinated emergency preparedness plan for large-scale natural disasters, to provide coherent support to the PMI in their role as government auxiliaries;
- provided legal expertise for the drafting of the Red Cross law;
- helped the PMI's communications staff develop their communication and public relations plans, and conducted training for facilitators on IHL for young people;
- held a one-week training workshop for the PMI's North Kalimantan branch and set up a pool of PMI RFL experts.