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GENERAL NEWS AND HEADLINES

Crime rate surges 38% following 'new normal', police say

CNN Indonesia (<https://tinyurl.com/y8sjmasd>)

The National Police recorded a 38.45 percent increase in the crime rate in the 23rd and 24th weeks of 2020, following the transition to the "new normal" in June.

The National Police recorded 4,244 cases in week 23 and 5,876 cases in week 24. The number of recorded thefts increased by 282 cases, or 68.61 percent, and fraud cases increased by 421 cases, or 42.71 percent.

Motorcycle theft rose by 98.25 percent, or by 226 cases, while narcotics cases increased by 94 cases, or 14.48 percent. Gambling cases also experienced a 100 percent increase to 104 cases.

144,327 migrant workers return to Indonesia: COVID-19 task force

Kompas (<https://tinyurl.com/y9y9lt3o>)

National COVID-19 task force chief Doni Monardo stated that to date 144,327 Indonesian migrant workers (PMI) had returned to Indonesia.

A total of 103,000 workers have returned to their hometowns, while 41,000 are undergoing treatment or quarantine after being exposed to COVID-19 during their time abroad.

Doni added that the government had set up quarantine sites in several locations, including Jakarta, Bali, Batam, North Kalimantan and West Kalimantan.

Kowani urges govt to ratify domestic worker protection bill

Media Indonesia (<https://tinyurl.com/y9rwskgs>)

Indonesian Women's Congress (Kowani) chairwoman Giwo Rubianto Wiyogo requested that the government, along with the House of Representatives, immediately ratify the domestic worker protection bill, which has been under deliberation since 2004.

Giwo said there were still no laws regulating domestic work in Indonesia, which resulted in many cases of abuse and harassment of domestic workers, who had little legal recourse.

House Legislative Body (Baleg) deputy chairman Willy Aditya said he was committed to completing and delivering the draft bill at a future House plenary session.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS NEWS AND HEADLINES

Jokowi signs mining law revision

Bisnis Indonesia, (<https://tinyurl.com/y9y6elkp>); *Kontan*, (<https://tinyurl.com/ycsqm3mf>)

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo signed Law No. 3/2020 amending the 2009 Mining Law on June 10. As stipulated in Article 169A, the new mining law allows miners, particularly coal miners, to convert their contracts of work (PKP2B) into special mining licenses (IUPK). Indonesian Coal Mining Association (APBI) executive director Hendra Sinadia lauded the revised mining law, saying it provided legal certainty for long-term investment in the mining sector. However, Tarumanegara University legal expert Ahmad Redi and Center for Energy and Mining Law (Pushep) executive director Bisman Bakhtiar said civil society groups would submit a judicial review challenging the new Mining Law to the Constitutional Court, after the government issued the complete draft.

Jasa Marga: 100,400 vehicles enter Jakarta during PSBB transition

Investor Daily, (<https://tinyurl.com/y9v6k3gb>); *Kompas*, (<https://tinyurl.com/y98nbxwd>)

State-owned toll road operator Jasa Marga says 100,400 vehicles entered Jakarta during the transitional large-scale social restrictions (PSBB) period from June 4 to June 14. Of this traffic 43 percent came from the east, specifically from the Cikampek Utama and Kalihurip Utama tollgates, 33 percent from the west and 24 percent from the south. On

average, daily traffic into Jakarta was down by 19 percent compared with February, Jasa Marga spokesman Dwimawan Heru said.

Gaikindo requests stimulus to boost car sales

CNBC Indonesia, (<https://tinyurl.com/ydfsyrok>), (<https://tinyurl.com/ydc9tpjl>)

Association of Indonesian Automotive Manufacturers (Gaikindo) secretary general Kukuh Kumara has lobbied regional governments to provide vehicle tax reductions of 6 to 12.5 percent for car buyers in order to boost flagging car sales. Combined with price discounts, the vehicle tax reduction would stimulate consumers during the so-called “new normal”. Besides lobbying regional governments, Kukuh has also approached the central government requesting lower electricity prices, saying such a stimulus will help automakers to recover faster.

Danain collaborates with Bank Sahabat Sampoerna

Kontan, (<https://tinyurl.com/yc24mwny>)

Peer-to-peer lending platform Danain signed a cooperation agreement with private lender Bank Sahabat Sampoerna on June 8. Danain CEO and founder Budiardjo Rustanto said the company received a significant funding commitment without elaborating on specific figures. To date, Danain has a 100 percent 90-day success loan settlement rate (TKB90) and has disbursed loans amounting to Rp 600 billion (US\$42.5 million) since 2018.

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