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## GENERAL NEWS AND HEADLINES

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### Jakarta Police limit operational hours for services

CNN Indonesia (<https://tinyurl.com/u64npu8>); Tribunnews (<https://tinyurl.com/szohmls>); Liputan6 (<https://tinyurl.com/qtkp63h>)

The Jakarta Police's Traffic Directorate has decided to reduce operational hours for several services including those concerning driver's license application, vehicle registration certificate (STNK) and vehicle ownership document (BPKB) procurement as COVID-19 cases in the country continue to rise.

Jakarta Police traffic director Sr. Cmr. *Sambodo Purnomo Yogo* stated on Tuesday that the limitation on working hours would be implemented starting March 31.

Driver's license applications and BPKB services will be provided from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Meanwhile, STNK services will be provided from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays, with no services provided on Saturdays.

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### Govt prohibits COVID-19 rapid testing kit distribution

Kompas (<https://tinyurl.com/tx4pvgl>)

The government has not granted authorization for the distribution of COVID-19 rapid testing kits in Indonesia.

Spokesperson for all coronavirus-related matters Achmad "Yuri" Yurianto explained that the prohibition on rapid test kit distribution was due to the government's concerns about potential hoarders, after many citizens admitted to having hoarded masks in response to the pandemic spreading in Indonesia. Yuri said that distribution would be temporarily halted so people could get tested for free.

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Previously, Yuri had also asserted that the testing kits were not yet registered as legitimate items to be distributed across Indonesia. Thus, the government will be able to impose sanctions on citizens who have purchased said testing kits online.

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### **KPK summons witnesses in Nurhadi case**

*Kompas* (<https://tinyurl.com/vyyodug>); *Antara* (<https://tinyurl.com/tubdao9>)

The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) summoned Hartanto and Hertanto, both of whom are lawyers, to be questioned as witnesses regarding former Supreme Court secretary Nurhadi Abdurachman's alleged involvement in a graft case on Tuesday.

KPK acting spokesperson Ali Fikri said that both lawyers would be questioned regarding bribery cases that occurred between 2011 and 2016.

It was also stated that the lawyers were part of the legal team when Nurhadi filed a pretrial petition. However, further details regarding both lawyers' involvement in the case, which had prompted them to be questioned as witnesses, remain undisclosed.

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## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS NEWS AND HEADLINES**

### **Jokowi announces credit relaxation policy for MSEs and vehicle loans**

*CNBC Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/wtejhuu>); *Kontan*, (<https://tinyurl.com/vcojgk4>); *CNN Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/spfgpvz>); *Kompas*, (<https://tinyurl.com/we737bk>)

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo has announced a credit-relaxation policy for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) by allowing borrowers with loans of Rp 10 billion (US\$607,386) or less to delay their principal payments for one year, as well as granting a reduction in interest paid. The newly announced credit-relaxation

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policy also covers vehicle loans taken out by taxi, car-hailing and online *ojek* (motorcycle taxi) drivers, as well as loans taken out to buy small ferries and fishing boats. The loans covered by the policy include bank and non-bank loans.

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### **Erick appoints three new Jiwasraya directors**

*Kontan*, (<https://tinyurl.com/ue7gcpm>); *Kompas*, (<https://tinyurl.com/s8kkc42>)

State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Minister Erick Thohir has appointed three new directors for state-owned insurer PT Asuransi Jiwasraya. The three new directors are Angger P Yuwono as Jiwasraya's new technical director, R. Mahelan Proboantarikso as the new compliance and human resources director and Farid Azhar Nasution as the new finance and investment director. "The new directors can carry out their new tasks after the Financial Services Authority [OJK] approves their appointments," the ministry's acting deputy legal assistant Rini Widyastuti said.

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### **AKI awaits ministry's decision on moratorium on construction project**

*Bisnis Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/t8564wa>)

The Indonesian Contractors Association (AKI) is still waiting for the Public Works and Housing Ministry's decision over its request for 15 to 30 days' moratorium on all construction projects in areas affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. PT Hutama Karya spokesperson Muhammad Fauzan told reporters that the company would support the ministry's decision regarding this matter. While waiting for the ministry's decision, Hutama Karya has reduced the number of workers employed in the company's projects to help slow down the spread of COVID-19.

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### **Jokowi orders cooperation with tech companies in countering COVID-19**

*CNBC Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/s3rhdjj>)

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President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo through the national COVID-19 task force has ordered the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Ministry to cooperate with technology companies such as Gojek, Grab, Alodokter, SobatDokter, HaloDoc, Good Doctor and SehatQ in an effort to combat the COVID-19 outbreak, the ministry’s spokesman Arya Sinulingga said in a press conference streamed by the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB). Through this cooperation, the government will launch an app to monitor COVID-19 patients who are quarantined at home and manage doctors who volunteer to handle COVID-19 cases.

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