

GENERAL NEWS AND HEADLINES
**Jakarta officially
cancels 13
reclamation projects**

*Koran Tempo and the
Jakarta Post, Headline*

Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan has officially revoked the permits for 13 land reclamation projects in Jakarta Bay. The decision was made following a verification process conducted by the coordinating body that managed the reclamation. According to Anies, the coordinating body had summoned developers who had a permit, explaining that the 13 land reclamation projects did not pass the environmental impact analysis (Amdal). The developers affected by the decision are PT Kapuk Naga Indah (KNI), PT Muara Wisesa Samudra (MWS), PT Pembangunan Jaya Ancol, PT Jaladri Kartika Eka Paksi, PT Manggala Krida Yudha and PT Taman Harapan Indah.

Anies' decision to cancel 13 reclamation projects, according to him, was to fulfill his campaign promise. To date, Anies has only revoked the permits for 13 land reclamation projects that have not started. Meanwhile, four reclamation projects, namely Island C, D, G and N, have yet to be cancelled.

**Jokowi campaign
secures support from
Gus Dur family**

*Media Indonesia,
Headline; the Jakarta
Post, p. 2*

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's reelection bid reached new heights with the backing of one of the country's most prominent Muslim families with deep-rooted influence among Indonesians. Yenny Wahid, the daughter of former president and leader of Indonesia's largest Muslim organization Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Abdurrahman "Gus Dur" Wahid, on behalf of her family announced their support for Jokowi and his running mate Ma'ruf Amin in the 2019 election. Yenny further stated that she deemed Jokowi as similar to Gus Dur in terms of their commitment in improving the welfare of the people.

The family's endorsement is expected to win support for Jokowi-Ma'ruf from Gus Dur's followers. While there is no exact number on Gus Dur's followers, it is estimated there are 79.04 million people affiliated with the NU across Indonesia.

**Papua to support
Jokowi-Ma'ruf**

Papua Governor Lukas Enembe ensured that all 3.5 million voters in Papua would support President Jokowi and Ma'ruf Amin in the 2019 presidential election. In his meeting with NasDem Party chairman Surya Paloh, Lukas said he had conducted a meeting with regents

<i>Media Indonesia</i>, p. 4	and mayors in Papua, who all agreed to support Jokowi's reelection bid. Lukas, who is a member of the Democratic Party, one of the parties that supports challenger Prabowo Subianto, claimed that his party did not object his decision to support Jokowi.
Switching sides encouraged by pragmatism <i>Kompas</i>, p. 1	As many as 23 members of the House of Representatives (DPR) will seek reelection in the 2019 legislative election. However, they will reportedly change their party affiliations in their reelection bid. Based on the General Elections Commission's (KPU) data, from these 23 lawmakers, 18 will switch to the NasDem Party, two to the National Awakening Party (PKB), one to the Berkarya Party, one to the Prosperous Justice Party (PKS) and one to the Gerindra Party. They were initially from the Hanura Party (six people), Gerindra Party (five people), the National Mandate Party (PAN) (four people), the United Development Party (PPP) (three people), Democratic Party (two people) and one person from each the PKB, Golkar Party and NasDem Party. Each move is considered to be strategic, particularly because the upcoming legislative election will be more intense following an increase in the parliamentary threshold from 3.5 percent to 4 percent. Sarifuddin Sudin who switched from the Hanura Party to PAN, for instance, claimed he no longer felt that the Hanura was no longer beneficial for his political objectives and future. Meanwhile, Okky Asokawati, who switched from the PPP to NasDem said that her decision was based on NasDem's promise to facilitate its politicians with needed campaign props and attributes.
Ma'ruf to continue chairing MUI <i>Republika</i>, p. 3	Vice-presidential candidate Ma'ruf Amin will reportedly keep his position as chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) until the results of the 2019 presidential election are announced. As explained by the head of MUI's advisory board, Din Syamsuddin, Article 6 Clause F in the council's regulations stipulates that the chairman and secretary of the council are not allowed to occupy executive, legislative or directorate positions in political parties. Hence, if Jokowi and Ma'ruf are elected as the next president and vice president, Ma'ruf has to resign from his position at the MUI. Din conceded there was pressure from several figures who wanted to see Ma'ruf resign even before election. But he confirmed that Ma'ruf would continue chairing the council without affecting the political neutrality of the MUI in election.

Clubs support suspension, suffer financial losses <i>The Jakarta Post</i> , p. 1	The Soccer Association of Indonesia's (PSSI) decision to suspend the Go-Jek Liga 1 soccer league over the death of a fan has financially impacted the league's clubs. Persija Jakarta fan Haringga Sirila, 23, was beaten to death by Persib supporters outside of Gelora Bandung Lautan Api in Bandung on Sept. 23, sparking public anger and demands for suspending the league. To conduct a proper investigation of the murder, the association decided to put the league on hold indefinitely starting from week 24. Although the league's clubs will respect the suspension, financial losses are inevitable. PSMS Medan, for instance, reportedly suffered a financial loss of at least Rp 1 billion (US\$66,943) in terms of its general operations. Similarly, Madura United stated that it suffered at least Rp 1.6 billion in losses due to the suspension.
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BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS NEWS AND HEADLINES

Muamalat attracts new investor <i>Bisnis Indonesia</i> , headline	Syariah Bank Muamalat, which was reported to almost bankrupt and in need of investors, attracted Indonesian tycoon Tahir, the owner of PT Bank Mayapada Internasional. Tahir offered Rp 5 trillion to become a strategic investor where the fund will be disbursed in three schemes through Rp 2 trillion direct fund injection, Rp 2 trillion sub-debt bonds and Rp 1 trillion line-credit in the currency market. The schemes would automatically give him 100 percent share and consequently dilutes existing shareholders' share and eliminates their ownerships. The offer, however, met with heavy opposition from the current majority and minority shareholders, saying that it was unacceptable.
Bank Indonesia 7-DRRR to increase <i>Bisnis Indonesia</i> , p.3	Consensus of economists predicted that Bank Indonesia (BI) 7-day reverse repo rate (7-DRRR) will be increase again in September, to maintain safe interest rate differential with the US Federal Reserve Fund Rate, which is predicted to also increase in the same month. Some economists said safe interest rate differential will help the Indonesian economy to maintain its attractiveness amidst global liquidity tightening. The decision will serve a concrete evidence of BI commitment to become ahead the curve, pre-emptive and front loading in maintaining economic stability. From 38 economists in the consensus, seven believed that BI will raise its benchmark interest rate to 6 percent. Others said it will increase to 5.75 percent.

Governor Anies stops Jakarta reclamation <i>Kontan, headline</i>	Jakarta provincial government officially revoked principal permit for 13 reclamation islets in the Jakarta Bay. Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan said the revocation is permanent and based on a study from the Northern Coast Management Coordinating Agency (BKP-Pantura). The permit elimination will stop all ongoing reclamations in Jakarta Bay, where three completed islets will become provincial asset and publicly managed. Anies is also committed to provide developers who had given extra contributions such as public housing, inspection roads and other public facilities, with land-use permits (SIPPT) in other areas.
Asian Development Bank confident with RI's economy <i>Kontan, p.2</i>	Asian development Bank (ADB) increased its projection on 2018 Indonesian economic growth to 5.2 percent from 5.1 percent. ADB Indonesia Chief Representatives Winfried Wicklein said RI's fundamental economy remains solid amidst tightening global liquidity and attractive to investors. Winfried also suggested for Indonesia to diversify its trade and commerce to minimize the impact of upcoming trade war. Despite the positive growth projection, ADB still believes that current account deficit (CAD) will become the barrier for progressive development. ADB projected fourth quarter CAD would widen 2.6 percent from gross domestic product, 0.4 percent higher than the same period last year.
Coal domestic market obligation to be evaluated <i>Investor Daily, p.9</i>	The Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry will evaluate domestic market obligation (DMO) for coal producers to determine their allocation for next year. According to the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministerial Regulation No. 23/2018, coal producing companies are obligated to provide 25 percent of total production for domestic market. The Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry head of coal production and marketing Dodik Ariyanto said to set a quota transfer for companies who have yet to comply to the 25 percent DMO in this year. The move, Dodik explained, will help producers whose coal quality cannot be used for power plants. State-owned electricity company PLN only uses coal with 4,000-4,500 kilocalorie per kilogram for its power plants.

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