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INDONESIA 2026: GLOBAL AMBITION, DOMESTIC DRIFT

Leadership & Fragility Amidst a New "Golden Age" Narrative (February 20-21, 2026)

REPORT SUMMARY: Indonesia pursues an aggressive global leadership role, securing a high-profile Gaza peace command and a landmark US trade deal. Yet, this "New Golden Age" is challenged by persistent domestic infrastructure failures, seasonal food inflation spikes, and environmental crises, revealing a deep socioeconomic divide and a reliance on a securitized national identity.

GLOBAL POWER PROJECTION & DIPLOMACY



WASHINGTON SUMMIT: Prabowo hailed as "Tough Cookie" cements strategic US partnership. Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs (ART) Finalized (1,819 sectors, 0% palm oil/coffee) in exchange for US soy, wheat, and 50 Boeing aircraft purchase.



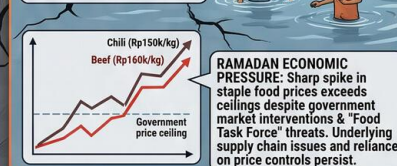
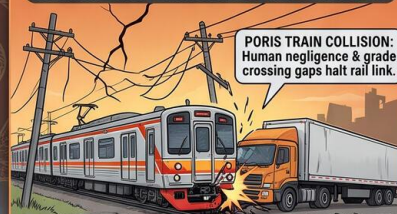
GAZA PEACE MISSION & ISF COMMAND: Indonesia appointed Deputy Commander of International Stabilization Force (ISF). Deploys 8,000 troops for security & reconstruction, framing it as a path to a two-state solution and influencing the "Board of Peace" toward neutrality.



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL President of the 61st Session in Geneva. If the aim: "Inclusive Presidency" to balance West and Global South relations.

DOMESTIC FRAGILITY & SYSTEMIC RISKS

INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS & ENVIRONMENTAL SHOCKS



DEEP DIVE: TRENDS, THEMES & GOVERNANCE

THE CULT OF NATIONAL TOUGHNESS



State-aligned media frames Prabowo as a "Tough Man", linking domestic stability to international military posture. A securitized national identity reassures populaces & investors, distracting from internal dissent.

SEASONAL RELIGIOUS ECONOMICS



Ramadan viewed as a major macroeconomic event. "Shariah Economic Outlooks" promote institutionalizing religious values, but persistent "seasonal inflation cycles" remain a threat due to logistics deficits.

LEGAL WARFARE & REGULATORY RISK



Corruption trials in oil governance, police dismissals for drug offenses, and accelerated Freeport divestment (aiming for 63% national ownership by 2041) highlight ongoing legal & regulatory challenges.

FUTURE OUTLOOK & STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

SHORT TERM (1-4 Weeks)

Potential localized food price riots, heavy security at grade crossings, Gaza deployment logistical mobilization.

MEDIUM TERM (1-6 Months)

Arrival of US gas imports alters energy matrix, Gaza mission risks becoming a quagmire with potential combat entanglement, infrastructure fatigue faces monsoon test.

LONG TERM (1-5 Years)

Freeport divestment reaches next milestone, "Dutch Disease" risk if windfalls aren't diversified, ART may undercut local farmers despite export benefits.



HIGH RISK: Infrastructure Failure Catastrophe (Dams, Bridges), Hyper-Inflation of Staples, Tin & Drug Smuggling Contagion.
MEDIUM RISK: Gaza Combat Entanglement, Transport System Collapse.

CONTRARIAN SCENARIOS: The Gaza Trap (US entangles Indonesia in no-win situation) & Synthetic Golden Age (ART destroys domestic food sovereignty for short-term stability).
RECOMMENDATIONS: Institutionalize peace bodies, link budgets to independent safety audits, expand food task force to logistics, and hedge against labor unrest & supply chain risks.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The reporting period for February 20-21, 2026, is dominated by a stark juxtaposition between Indonesia's aggressive pursuit of global prestige and the persistent fragility of its domestic infrastructure. Internationally, the administration is celebrating a major diplomatic victory following President Prabowo Subianto's meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington D.C. The high-profile [appointment of Indonesia](#) as the deputy commander of the International Stabilization Force (ISF) for Gaza serves as the cornerstone of a narrative portraying the nation as a rising "tough and respected" global power. This external projection is further bolstered by the finalization of the Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs (ART), promising 0% tariffs for key Indonesian commodities in exchange for market access for U.S. agricultural products.

However, this narrative of a "New Golden Age" is undermined by significant domestic failures. A major [train collision](#) at Stasiun Poris involving the Airport Commuter and a trailer truck highlighted critical gaps in transportation safety and grade-crossing management. Simultaneously, the nation struggles with recurring environmental crises; severe flooding has displaced hundreds of families in Karawang and Tangerang, while Aceh faces a bizarre and dangerous "giant hole" phenomenon and the [collapse of a bridge](#) just one day after its completion. These events suggest a systemic inability to maintain critical infrastructure despite lofty international ambitions.

Economically, the country is entering the Ramadan period under significant pressure. The government is struggling to contain a [sharp spike in staple food prices](#), with chili, rice, and meat prices far exceeding government-set ceilings. While leadership attempts to frame these issues through the lens of Shariah economic resilience and "self-control," the underlying reality reflects supply chain vulnerabilities and a heavy reliance on price interventions. The divergence between the elite gatherings at "Nasdem Tower" and the residents of "Kebon Pala" wading through meter-high floodwaters underscores a deep socioeconomic divide that continues to test social stability.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Gaza Peace Mission and the International Stabilization Force (ISF)

- Indonesia has been officially [appointed as deputy commander](#) of the International Stabilization Force (ISF) for Gaza, an initiative born out of the inaugural "Board of Peace" summit in Washington D.C.
- President Prabowo committed to [sending 8,000 personnel](#) to the Gaza Strip to ensure civilian safety and support reconstruction efforts, positioning Indonesia among the first five nations to commit troops.
- The deployment is framed as a crucial step toward realizing a **two-state solution**, with Indonesia explicitly seeking to influence the "Board of Peace" toward a more neutral, pro-Palestinian stance.

The Trump-Prabowo Washington Summit and ART Treaty

- President Donald Trump publicly lauded Prabowo Subianto as a ["tough cookie"](#) and a respected leader, emphasizing the strategic importance of the U.S.-Indonesia relationship.
- Negotiators finalized the **Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs (ART)**, covering 1,819 sectors and granting [0% tariffs](#) for Indonesian palm oil, coffee, and cocoa.
- In exchange, Indonesia will grant 0% tariffs for U.S. soy and wheat to stabilize domestic prices for tempeh and tofu, while also committing to the [purchase of 50 Boeing aircraft](#).

Infrastructure Crisis: The Poris Train Collision

- A Soekarno-Hatta Airport Rail Link train [collided with a trailer truck](#) at a grade crossing near Stasiun Poris, Tangerang, on Friday morning.
- The incident caused massive disruption to the KRL Commuter Line (Duri-Tangerang route) and severely damaged overhead power lines (LAA), requiring [dozens of emergency responders](#) to clear the tracks.
- Investigations are currently focused on the truck driver, the assistant, and the crossing gate tender to determine if [human negligence](#) was the primary cause.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Indonesia is utilizing its involvement in the "Board of Peace" to balance its relationships between the West (USA) and the Muslim world (D8, OIC), aiming for a [leadership role](#) in Gaza mediation.
- The administration is emphasizing "consultation and consensus" (ASEAN style) to avoid being trapped by [U.S. veto power](#) in the UN Security Council regarding the Palestinian issue.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- The [failure of a bridge](#) in Bireuen, Aceh, just one day after handover to the community, has triggered an investigation into whether the project met technical specifications.
- Recurring flooding in Cengkareng and Tangerang, caused by [burst levees](#) along the Pesanggrahan river, indicates a lack of resilient urban water management.

Food & Water Security

- The onset of Ramadan has seen **chili prices hit Rp150,000/kg**, a significant increase from the usual Rp120,000, while beef has reached [Rp160,000/kg](#).
- Government officials are conducting [market interventions](#) and threatening legal action through the "Food Task Force" (Satgas Pangan) against distributors hoarding supplies.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- Major legal proceedings are underway, including a [corruption trial](#) involving crude oil governance at Pertamina and the dismissal of high-ranking police officials for drug offenses.
- The government is moving to [accelerate the divestment](#) of an additional 12% stake in PT Freeport Indonesia, aiming for 63% national ownership by 2041.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Cult of National Toughness

There is a concerted effort to link Indonesia's domestic stability with its international military and diplomatic posture. The repetitive use of terms like "tough man" and "tough cookie" by the state-aligned media to describe President Prabowo reflects a shift toward a **securitized national identity**. This is intended to reassure both the domestic populace and foreign investors that the state is capable of managing internal dissent and projecting power in volatile regions like Gaza [without compromising sovereignty](#).

Seasonal Religious Economics

Ramadan is no longer just a religious observance but a major macroeconomic event. The transcripts highlight a trend of "Shariah Economic Outlooks" and "Kickoffs for Shariah Financing," attempting to institutionalize religious values into state banking and [liquidity management](#). However, the persistent "seasonal inflation cycle" remains the biggest threat to this narrative, as the state's reliance on "Market Operations" (Operasi Pasar) and [price monitoring](#) fails to address the underlying logistics and production deficits.

The Failure of "Emergency" Infrastructure

A disturbing theme of "disposable" infrastructure has emerged. From "emergency bridges" that [wash away in one day](#) to "temporary shelters" (Huntara) in Aceh that have housed disaster victims for months, the Indonesian state appears to be stuck in a permanent reactive cycle. The [Stasiun Poris crash](#) further illustrates that even high-prestige projects like the Airport Rail Link are vulnerable to low-tech risks at grade crossings, suggesting a dangerous imbalance between project ambition and operational safety.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Domestic stability is currently characterized by a veneer of religious unity masking underlying social tensions. The political elite, including leaders from Nasdem and PDIP, are using [Ifar gatherings](#) at Nasdem Tower to project a image of political reconciliation and "self-control." However, this contrast with the [evacuation of balitas and the elderly](#) from flooded urban slums in Kebon Pala highlights

a disconnect between elite maneuvering and the daily struggles of the urban poor.

Institutional decay within the police force remains a significant risk factor. The [dismissal of the former Kapolres Bima Kota](#) for drug abuse and the arrest of high-level drug syndicates with Malaysian ties indicate that law enforcement agencies are deeply compromised by the very criminal activities they are tasked to combat. Furthermore, labor unrest is brewing over a [proposed RUU](#) (Bill) that would increase work hour flexibility to 12 hours a day, which unions are already branding as exploitative.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Indonesia is successfully framing itself as the primary mediator between the Western-led "Board of Peace" and the Global South. By securing a [leadership role in the UN Human Rights Council](#) (presiding over the 61st session) and a command position in the Gaza ISF, Jakarta is attempting to "weaponize" its neutrality. The goal is to ensure that international reconstruction and stabilization efforts do not become exclusive tools of U.S. foreign policy, but rather serve as a [bridge to a two-state solution](#).

The posture toward the U.S. is one of opportunistic partnership. The Prabowo administration has correctly identified that Trump's transactional diplomacy allows Indonesia to trade military commitments (Gaza) and defense purchases (Boeing) for economic concessions (ART). This enables Indonesia to [maintain 0% tariffs](#) for its palm oil sector, a critical pillar of the economy that is under constant threat from European environmental regulations.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic climate is defined by a mix of long-term trade optimism and short-term inflationary shock. The ART Treaty represents a significant win for the export sector, while the Shariah economic pillar is being positioned to absorb financial shocks through [blended financing](#) (zakat combined with commercial returns).

Key Economic Vectors

- **Commodity Prices:** Palm oil, coffee, and cocoa have secured [long-term 0% tariff access](#) to the U.S. market.
- **Inflation:** Staple prices (Rice, Chili, Oil) are up 20-30% nationwide entering Ramadan, with [market volatility](#) persisting despite government ceilings.
- **Divestment:** Freeport divestment to reach 63% ownership by 2041, with 12% to be [allocated to the Papuan local government](#).
- **Banking:** Bank Indonesia maintained the **BI Rate at 4.75%** to stabilize the Rupiah amidst global uncertainty [in early 2026](#).
- **Energy:** The U.S.-Indonesia agreement includes [US\\$15 billion annual imports of U.S. gas and crude oil to offset domestic production declines](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

[The current leadership environment is stable but undergoing a consolidation of "tough" loyalists and institutional reforms.](#)

- **Prabowo Subianto:** [Elevated to "global statesman" status; his domestic mandate is increasingly tied to the success of the Gaza mission and the ART Treaty.](#)

- **Sugiono (Foreign Minister):** Charged with leading the 61st UN Human Rights Council session and ensuring Indonesia's [Gaza troop deployment](#) follows international law.
- **Iren Umar:** Appointed as Chairperson for the 2026 National Lunar New Year Celebration, signaling a move toward [cultural inclusivity](#) and political harmony.
- **Ali Gufron Mukti:** New President Director of BPJS Kesehatan, tasked with managing social health insurance for [millions of citizens](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial tone of Metro TV is overtly nationalistic, prioritizing diplomatic wins and religious themes while framing infrastructure failures as individual errors rather than systemic flaws. The Gaza ISF and the Trump-Prabowo summit received maximum airtime, often repeated across different news blocks (Newline, Metro Siang, Metro Hari Ini). Domestic tragedies like the [Poris train crash](#) were covered heavily but framed through a lens of "rapid government response" rather than questioning why crossings remain unprotected. A notable "buried" story was the labor unrest over [the 12-hour workday](#), which received only brief, fragmented coverage. The channel also focused heavily on soft-news Ramadan segments ("Mencari Hafiz") to maintain a reassuring emotional tone amidst a week of floods and plane crashes.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The global arena is framed as a transactional space where "toughness" and military commitment are the primary currencies for economic survival.

COUNTRIES and LEADERS

- **Donald Trump (USA):** Portrayed as a "strong friend" who respects strength. He is seen as the catalyst for Indonesia's new global role, despite his [unpredictable veto-heavy diplomacy](#).
- **Prabowo Subianto (Indonesia):** Framed as the "**Tough Man of Asia**," a leader capable of commanding thousands of troops in Gaza while simultaneously [securing trade deals](#) that protect the Indonesian palm oil farmer.
- **Israel/Hamas:** Framed as a cycle of violence that requires [neutral Indonesian intervention](#), with Israel depicted as a force capable of violating ceasefires [without hesitation](#).
- **Malaysia:** Portrayed as a source of criminal contagion, linked to sabotaging the Indonesian economy through [tin smuggling](#) and Sabu trafficking.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **PT Freeport Indonesia:** Portrayed as a prize of national sovereignty, with its [divestment timeline](#) framed as a victory for domestic resource control.
- **KNEKS (National Sharia Economy Committee):** Framed as a [strategic engine](#) for digitizing and formalizing the Islamic economy.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The term "New Golden Age" is being seeded to describe the post-ART U.S.-Indonesia relationship, aiming to create a sense of inevitable economic prosperity that distracts from [high staple prices](#).
- **Military Normalization:** The rapid deployment of 8,000 troops to Gaza is being normalized through comparisons to Indonesia's "reputation in peacekeeping missions," downplaying the [high risk of casualties](#) in an active combat zone.
- **Psychological Operations:** The use of children (Hafiz Quran segments) immediately following reports of [landslides and human trafficking](#) is a clear editorial tactic to manage public anxiety and bolster moral standing.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Gaza Quagmire:** Indonesia's 8,000-troop commitment is likely to lead to domestic political blowback if casualties occur, as the "stabilization" force will inevitably be [caught between Israeli operations](#) and Hamas resistance.
- **Infrastructure Fatigue:** The failure of new bridges and levees suggests that regional governments are cutting corners on construction to meet political deadlines, which will lead to a [cascading series of failures](#) during the 2026 monsoon season.
- **ART Backlash:** While 0% palm oil tariffs benefit big conglomerates, the 0% soy and wheat tariffs for the U.S. may [undercut local farmers](#), leading to localized agrarian unrest despite the "Golden Age" narrative.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Potential for localized riots over food prices if market interventions by Satgas Pangan [fail to lower chili and rice costs](#). Expect heavy security at grade crossings following the Poris accident.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Implementation of the Gaza ISF deployment will require massive logistical mobilization, potentially [straining the defense budget](#). The arrival of the first U.S. gas shipments will begin to alter the domestic energy matrix.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The Freeport divestment will reach its next milestone (63% national stake), but the "Dutch Disease" risk remains high if the windfall is not [diversified into AI and renewable energy](#) as promised in the D.C. summit.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Infrastructure Failure Catastrophe:** High risk of a major bridge or dam collapse due to poor engineering and extreme weather. **Triggers:** Continued torrential rain in Aceh or West Java. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Massive loss of life and regional economic paralysis. **Mitigations:** Immediate independent audit of all infrastructure projects handed over [in the last six months](#).
- **Gaza Combat Entanglement:** The ISF deployment could easily transition from peacekeeping to combat. **Triggers:** An Israeli airstrike or Hamas attack that kills Indonesian peacekeepers. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Domestic political crisis for the Prabowo administration. **Mitigations:** Strict adherence to a [limited UN-style mandate](#) and avoiding unilateral operations.

- **Hyper-Inflation of Staples:** Religious holidays could push prices beyond the reach of the urban poor. **Triggers:** Hoarding by regional cartels during Ramadan. **Likelihood:** Very High. **Impact:** Civil unrest and looting of food warehouses. **Mitigations:** Aggressive enforcement of [price ceilings](#) and emergency logistics for food distribution.
- **Tin and Drug Smuggling Contagion:** Illegal trade with Malaysia undermines domestic tax revenue and security. **Triggers:** Weak maritime patrols in the Riau Islands. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Strengthening of transnational crime syndicates with [high-level police ties](#). **Mitigations:** Joint task force with Malaysia for [repatriation and tin tracking](#).
- **Transport System Collapse:** Repeated accidents at rail crossings could lead to a boycott of public transit. **Triggers:** Another high-profile crash at a [major hub like Batu Ceper](#). **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Economic loss due to traffic congestion and logistics delays. **Mitigations:** Accelerating the construction of flyovers and [automated gate systems](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts do not explain the **funding source** for the 8,000-troop Gaza mission, which will be astronomical given current military budget constraints.
- There is a total lack of detail on the **environmental impact** of the "Giant Hole" phenomenon in Aceh, which may indicate systemic illegal logging or mining that the state is ignoring.

- The "0% tariff" on Boeing aircraft is mentioned, but the **long-term debt implications** for state-owned airlines (like Garuda) are never discussed.
- No coverage was provided on how **Chinese investments** in Indonesia might be affected by the aggressive new tilt toward the U.S. and the ART Treaty.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The Gaza Trap: Far from being a diplomatic win, the Gaza deployment could be a calculated maneuver by the U.S. to entangle Indonesia's military in a no-win situation, thereby reducing its strategic maneuverability in the Indo-Pacific. If Indonesian troops become the "face" of an unpopular occupation force, its reputation in the Global South will be permanently tarnished.

Synthetic Golden Age: The ART Treaty might be a "Black Swan" event for the domestic soy and wheat industry. By allowing 0% U.S. imports, the government might be permanently destroying its food sovereignty for short-term price stability during Ramadan, creating a dependency that the U.S. can weaponize in future trade disputes.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Institutionalize the "Board of Peace" into a permanent multilateral body to avoid being sidelined by a [return to U.S. isolationism](#).
- Link infrastructure budgets to **rigorous 3rd-party safety audits** to prevent catastrophic failures of recently completed projects.

- Expand the Satgas Pangan mandate to include **logistics infrastructure development**, rather than just price monitoring.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Commodity Hedge:** Capitalize on the 0% tariff access for palm oil and coffee, but hedge against potential labor unrest caused by [new work-hour regulations](#).
- **Infrastructure Opportunity:** Significant capital is needed for [automated rail crossing technology and urban flood mitigation](#); the government will be desperate for private partners.
- **Supply Chain Diversification:** [The U.S. gas import agreement offers a long-term play for energy-heavy industries to stabilize costs away from volatile local supplies.](#)

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

[Legislative activity is focused on trade formalization and domestic regulatory overhaul to align with the new "toughness" doctrine.](#)

- **Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs (ART):** [A bilateral treaty covering 1,819 sectors intended to eliminate trade barriers between the U.S. and Indonesia.](#)
- **RUU Hak Cipta (Copyright Bill):** Legislation aimed at [regulating royalty distribution](#) and ownership in the creative and digital industries to reduce polemics among artists.
- **RUU Ketenagakerjaan (Labor Reform):** A controversial proposal to [extend flexible working hours](#) to 12 hours a day, currently facing severe labor union opposition.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Board of Peace Inaugural Summit (Washington):** Established the Gaza stabilization framework and [Indonesia's command role](#).
- **Sharia Economic and Financial Outlook 2026:** Outlined Bank Indonesia's plan to [strengthen the halal ecosystem](#) and integrate it with global markets.

KEY STORIES

- **Indonesia Deputy Command Gaza:** Official appointment of Indonesia as deputy commander of the ISF for Gaza; 8,000 troops prepared for deployment to [manage security and reconstruction](#).
- **Trump-Prabowo Washington Summit:** U.S. President Trump praises President Prabowo's toughness and leadership during a high-stakes [meeting in Washington D.C.](#)
- **ART Trade Treaty Finalized:** Agreement on Reciprocal Tariffs reached, granting 0% tariffs to Indonesian [palm oil and coffee](#) while Indonesia opens up to U.S. grain and gas.
- **Poris Train Collision:** Airport Rail Link train hits a trailer truck in Tangerang, damaging overhead power lines and [disrupting commuter services](#) for hours.
- **Bireuen Bridge Collapse:** A newly completed "emergency" bridge in Aceh [collapses just one day](#) after being handed over to residents due to river flooding.
- **Ramadan Food Price Crisis:** Chili prices surge to [Rp150,000/kg](#) and beef to [Rp160,000/kg](#) as the festive season drives demand beyond supply.

- **Giant Hole Aceh:** Research continues into a ["giant hole" in Aceh Tengah](#) that is threatening homes and fields, likely caused by erosional piping.
- **Major Drug Bust (82kg Sabu):** Authorities dismantle a Malaysia-Indonesia syndicate in East Java, [seizing 82kg of Sabu](#) and illegal firearms.
- **Police Ethics Trial (AKP Malaung):** Former police official in Bima dismissed and [given 7 days special detention](#) for involvement in narcotics distribution.
- **Human Trafficking (13 Victims):** Thirteen women from Bandung [rescued in Sikka, NTT](#), after being trafficked into forced night-club work due to debt traps.
- **Freeport Divestment Acceleration:** Government announces plan to increase national stake in PT Freeport to 63%, with [Papua to receive a larger share](#).
- **Karawang Floods:** Hundreds of homes in Karawang submerged by 3-meter floods following the [overflow of the Citarum and Cibeet rivers](#).
- **Padel Court Conflict:** Residents in Cilandak, South Jakarta, protest "unbearable noise" from [illegal padel court operations](#) in residential areas.
- **Hafiz Quran Ramadan Segments:** Metro TV launches special segments showcasing young [Quran memorizers \(tahfiz\)](#) to promote religious morality.
- **F1 Bahrain Pre-Season Testing:** George Russell (Mercedes) leads the [opening day of testing](#) in Bahrain, ahead of Lando Norris.
- **Racism Allegations in Champions League:** UEFA investigates alleged [racist remarks by Prestiani \(Benfica\)](#) toward Vinicius Jr. (Real Madrid).

- **Boeing 50-Aircraft Purchase:** Indonesia commits to purchasing [50 new aircraft from Boeing](#) as part of the strategic trade agreement with the U.S.
- **Giant Log Debris Bukit Lintang:** Residents in North Aceh struggle to clear [tens of thousands of tons of logs](#) burying their farms after November floods.
- **UN Human Rights Council Presidency:** Indonesia takes the presidency of the [61st session in Geneva](#), focusing on "Inclusive Presidency for All."

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