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### Austral Peace and Security Network (APSNet)

**Thursday 13 October, 2005**

Bi-weekly report from the Nautilus Institute at RMIT, Australia.

1. [Philippines Denies Australia Has Joined JI Hunt](#)
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Special Report: [End of Mission Report From Australian Inter-Agency Mission To Indonesia On Avian Influenza](#)

1. Philippines Denies Australia Has Joined JI Hunt  
AP/AAP, Age 2005-10-11 Philippines military spokesman said [Australian security forces have only been involved in investigations into recent bomb attacks](#) in the country. He was responding to reports that Special Air Service Regiment troops were cooperating with Filipino soldiers in the hunt for senior terrorist figures.
2. Senator Condemns Lack Of Long-Term Analysis  
Geoffrey Barker, AFR, 2005-10-10 Queensland senator Russell Trood has criticised the [decline in Australia's long-term strategic intelligence analysis](#) and says an agency should be established

within the department of foreign affairs and trade to work on long-term issues.

3. Human Rights Watch Slams Anti-Terror Laws

AFP, Age, 2005-10-13 [Human Rights Watch condemned today Australia's proposed anti-terrorism laws](#) as a "shocking departure" from the country's historical championing of the rights of the individual. The proposed measures have been criticised by other human rights groups, including Amnesty International.

4. 'Reform' A Rank Injustice

Geoffrey Barker, AFR, 2005-10-10 Defence Minister Robert Hill and Defence Force chief Angus Houston have described the [federal government's latest tinkering with the military justice system](#) as "significant reforms". They are, in fact, at best marginal reforms that may or may not improve the system.

5. Australia Is China's New Spokesman

Sushil Seth, Taipei Times, 2005-10-06 Of late, Australia has been seeking to [create some political space for its diplomacy between the US and China](#).

**Special Report: High-Level Inter-Agency Mission To Indonesia On Avian Influenza, End Of Mission Report  
October 2005**

A high-level Australian interagency delegation was deployed to Indonesia from 4 to 6 October 2005 to:

1. explore the [challenges presented by Avian Influenza in Indonesia](#) and the capacity of the Indonesian Government to respond;
2. Develop a clear picture of assistance from other donors and international agencies; and
3. Identify specific areas for immediate and medium-term Australian assistance.

As a result the Australian the Government has announced an additional \$10 million in assistance to Indonesia bringing Australia's total assistance package to Indonesia on Avian Influenza to \$15.5 million.

Of related interest: Christian Enemark, [Disease Security in Northeast Asia: Biological Weapons and Natural Plagues](#), Canberra Paper 156, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU (2004)."

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