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1. Hell of a Holiday Destination,
Scott Rochfort, SMH, 2006-01-28 Qantas-controlled Jetstar Asia is now offering holiday deals to the delightful pariah state of [Burma, or Myanmar](#). It might be difficult to see Burma's last democratically elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. She is still under house arrest.
 - [DFAT Travel Advice, Burma](#)
 - [Only A Global Campaign Will Change Myanmar](#), Michael Vatikiotis, International Herald Tribune, 2005-12-07
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3. The Looming Conflict Over West Papua,

Hugh White, Age, 2006-02-08 For years, Indonesians who know Australia have worried about what happens if the simmering independence movement in [West Papua](#) starts to catch the attention and sympathy of the wider Australian community. To understand just how sensitive the issue is in Jakarta, we need to take account of how they see both the Papuan issue and Australia's role in it.

◦ [Papua's Tortured, Jakarta Admits](#), Mark Forbes, Age, 2006-02-07

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5. US Remarks Draw Unfriendly Fire,
Geoffrey Barker, AFR*, 2006-02-07 John Hillen, the US State Department's assistant secretary for political-military affairs has outraged local defence experts by claiming Australia is a global power with an "expeditionary mindset" and closer to the [US](#) than it had been during the Cold War. One participant said "If a senior US official can misread Australia so badly, you have to wonder about their ability to read much more different countries".
◦ [Conventions Breached](#), Hugh White, AFR*, 2006-02-08
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7. The Ominous New Pact,
Tim Flannery, New York Review of Books*, 53:3, 2006-02-23 The concluding communiqué of the [Asia-Pacific Partnership](#) on Clean Development and Climate astounded many observers. It contained no specific targets or timetables for reducing emissions and imposed no penalties intended to influence the polluting industries. When we consider the urgency of reversing global warming, the AP6 strategy looks hopeless. If the use of conventional coal prevails over low-emissions technologies, then we will lose the struggle to stabilize the earth's climate."*Subscription required

Policy Forum Online 06-02A: [Representing and Misrepresenting Islam: The Discursive Struggle Between Literal and Liberal Islam in Southeast Asia](#), Lily Zubaidah Rahim, 2006-02-09

Lily Zubaidah Rahim, who teaches in the Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, writes that in Southeast Asia the "contest between literal and liberal Islam will have a major impact on the direction and outcome of the protracted War on Terror. It is imperative that the discursive advances of the literal Islam are countered by reinforcing democratic structures and institutions and addressing localised socio-political and economic grievances. In the long term, the promotion of liberal Islam's inclusive and flexible worldview based on *ijtihad* is likely to prove more effective than the conventional reliance on draconian security-orientated measures in the protracted War on Terror.

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