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1. RI Pursues $1 Billion Arms Deal with Russia, Tony Hotland, Jakarta Post, 2006-11-17The Indonesian government has agreed to purchase military equipment worth US$1 billion from Russia in an effort to diversify its arms sources, Defense Minister Juwono Sudarsono said. Juwono said Indonesia had ordered five new cargo helicopters, four combat helicopters, two submarines and six fighter jets from Russia.
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3. Evacuees Tell How Tonga Erupted into Violence, Malcolm Brown, Cynthia Banham, SMH, 2006-11-20In the riots - linked to a pro-democracy movement - public buildings and shops were attacked and looted, and at least eight people were killed. Australia sent 50 military personnel and 34 police to support the local security forces trying to stabilise the situation, after the Tongan Government requested help. Mr Downer said the New Zealanders had secured the airport in Tonga.
    - Tonga's King Backed Reform a Month Ago but Move Was Kept under Wraps, RNZ, 2006-11-17
    - Lopeti Senituli-Tongan Revolutionary, Trevor Loudon, New Zeal [blog], 2006-11-18
    - New Zealand Led Joint Task Force Heads to Tonga, Press Release, New Zealand Defence Force, 2006-11-18
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5. Fiji's Power-Sharing Arrangement on Brink of Collapse, James Panichi, ABC, 2006-11-19 [transcript]When Fiji's power-sharing arrangements came into effect in 1999, they were seen as a bold new path towards ending the country's bitter racial divisions. The new constitution required all major opposition parties be invited into the Cabinet. But now, that system may be on the verge of collapse.
    - Fiji's Military Leader Speaks of Clean up of Government next Month, RNZI, 2006-11-20
    - New Afghan Police Force Deployed, Matt Prodger, BBC, 2006-11-17
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7. The Afghan government has begun deploying more than 11,000 auxiliary police in the south of the country to combat worsening lawlessness. But there is growing opposition to the auxiliary police from ordinary Afghans complaining of corrupt behaviour. One diplomat has described the auxiliary police as legalised militias loyal to their warlords, and not the central government in Kabul.
8. India Tests Medium Range Missile, BBC, 2006-11-19India has successfully tested a short-range ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads, according to defence officials. The test comes three days after a missile was tested by Pakistan. The 8.5m (28-ft) surface-to-surface Prithvi missile covers 150 km (90 miles) in 300 seconds and has a range of up to 250 km. Pakistan said it had tested its Hatf V (Ghauri) missile successfully.
    - India Gears Up to Begin Exporting Missiles, Defense News, 2006-10-31
    - Pakistan Tests 'Nuclear' Missile, BBC, 2006-11-16
    - Prithvi Missile, GlobalSecurity.org
    - Interim Test Range, Balasore, Orissa, Chandipur-On-Sea, GlobalSecurity.org
    - Ghauri [Hatf-5] Missile, GlobalSecurity.org
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10. No Need for Cloaking Effect with Indonesian Ties, Duncan Campbell, SMH, 2006-11-17The new [security] agreement will likely introduce more tension and resentment into our bilateral relationship with Indonesia than provide relief at what is bound to become a pressure point. The essential ingredient to successful Australian-Indonesian relations is to succeed in exposing the development of Indonesian West Papua to improved international scrutiny, and we are turning away from that prospect.
11. Uses of Layered Identities, Noel Pearson, Australian, 2006-11-18The era of decolonisation is

coming to an end. In the Asia Pacific, it is likely that East Timor's independence will be the last chapter in the decolonisation process in our region. Australia's best contribution to places such as West Papua and throughout the Indonesian archipelago is leadership by example in the policy area of constructive resolution of peoplehood issues within the existing sovereign states.

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