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1. [Solomons PM Stands Firm on Arming Guards](#), ABC, 2007-01-23 Prime Minister Manasseh

Sogavare says RAMSI's decision in 2003 to abolish the three armed units of the Solomons police was a serious mistake, and if that reflects the kind of law enforcement agency RAMSI wants for his country, RAMSI has no place in the Solomon Islands. RAMSI special coordinator Tim George says that RAMSI believes neither the country's police nor its general population is ready for re-arming.

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lawyers, politicians, security forces - everyone's walking a fine line with avian flu, between the rights of the individual and the rights of the wider public. When a pandemic happens each of us will be on our own, as the authorities look at the big picture.

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Austral Policy Forum 07-01A: [National Security and the Failed State in Remote Australia](#) - Michael C Dillon

Michael C. Dillon, Australian policy analyst, writes that, "the implications for national security which flow from policy outcomes in the Indigenous domain in Australia, particularly in remote Australia, are more significant than generally recognised." This is true in both positive and negative terms. Dillon argues that negative impacts for Australian national security derive from the "longstanding economic and social disadvantage faced by Indigenous citizens" and "the apparent incapacity of governments to both address the disadvantage and effectively ensure order and good governance." In important respects, the "'failed-state' policy-set" that Australian governments have applied to the Pacific is in fact relevant to the Indigenous domain, with significant implications for national security policy. "Such an expanded policy framework would include addressing the under-investment in the Indigenous-owned estate."

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