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1. [Nuclear Reactor Plan on Shaky Ground](#), Tom Hyland, Age, 2007-10-14 With Indonesia planning to build nuclear power plants in an area prone to earthquakes, many are worried about the risks to the region. Australia's position is ambivalent. Indonesia is a potential market for Australian uranium and under the 2006 Lombok Agreement the two countries are committed to peaceful nuclear co-operation. Yet, studies show a disaster in an Indonesian reactor would send fallout across northern Australia.

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3. [More than 100,000 Timorese Remain in Refugee Camps](#), Marianne Kearney, ReliefWeb, 2007-10-11 Almost 18 months after violence erupted in East Timor, more than 100,000 people are still living in camps or with relatives. The government and an aid agency (the Norwegian Refugee Council) have only managed to rebuild four of the 6,000 houses that were damaged or destroyed in last year's crisis.
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  - [Kurdish Rebel Commander Warns Turkey against Attacks on Iraqi Kurdish Region](#), AP, IHT, 2007-10-14
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8. [Afghanistan-Pakistan: Zone of Insecurity](#), Paul Rogers, OpenDemocracy, 2007-10-11 The combination of the increased military action in western Pakistan, and the US and British build-ups in Afghanistan, means that the Afghan/Pakistan border region is likely to become an area of intense confrontation. Moreover, if there were also to be a confrontation with Iran in the new year, that could all too easily spread into Afghanistan.
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10. [New Zealand Activists Held in Anti-Terrorism Raids](#), ABC, 2007-10-15 New Zealand police have arrested about 14 people in a series of anti-terrorist raids across the North Island, with Maori and environmental activists the main target according to media reports. Detective Inspector Harry Quinn confirmed specialist staff were continuing to search addresses looking for people, firearms and ammunition. It is understood police plan to charge people under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002.
  - [Responding to the Threat of Terrorism](#), New Zealand Police

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