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1. [Revealed: The Day Australia Planned to Bomb Indonesia](#), Geoffrey Barker, AFR, 2007-12-01 [Subscription Required] It was the 1980s West Papua-PNG border clash that arguably threatened the most serious military clash between Australia and Indonesia. Paul Dibb and Richard Brabin-Smith reveal that "Australia would have little choice but to resort to the escalation of force, including the interdiction of Indonesia's supply lines from Java to Irian Jaya and strike at

Indonesian military bases"

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 3. [Climate Diplomacy: The Governance Challenge](#), Alejandro Litovsky, Open Democracy, 2007-1-30The principal challenge for the climate diplomacy is to engage actors across energy-sector divides and ensure they support the climate process. From multilateral financial institutions, to trade bodies like the World Trade Organisation (WTO), international agencies and industries as well as national ministries of energy and infrastructure: the need to cooperate and to create mutual accountability ties is crucial.
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 - [Afghanistan: Detainees Transferred to Torture: ISAF Complicity?](#) Amnesty International, 2007-11-13
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 7. [Defence Silent on Civilian Deaths](#), Craig Skehan and Ash Sweeting, SMH, 2007-12-1The Australian Defence Force has refused to provide any details about the killing of two women and a child during a special forces attack on a compound in Afghanistan last week, but the international coalition is conducting its own investigation.
 - [Casualties - Civilian](#), Australia in Afghanistan, Nautilus Institute
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 9. [Iraqi Parliament Hit by Walkout](#), Australian, 2007-12-2Iraq's faltering political process was thrown into fresh turmoil when the main Sunni bloc walked out of Parliament in protest at a security crackdown on its leader Adnan al-Dulaimi. The latest political upheaval came as suspected al-Qaeda militants killed 14 people in a raid on a Shi'ite village.
 - [Iraqi Sunni Bloc Ends Boycott](#), Al Jazeera, 2007-12-2
 - [Why Bush Won't Leave Iraq](#), Michael Schwartz, Tom Dispatch.com, 2007-11-29
 - 10.
 11. [BHP Nuclear Hopes Come at High Price](#), Jo Clarke, AFR, 2007-12-03 [Subscription Required]For the past three years Australian exports of uranium oxide have averaged about 10,000 tonnes, or 22 per cent of a global market of 45,000 tonnes. The enlarged BHP Billiton would control production of 25,000 tonnes of uranium oxide a year.
 12. [South Seas Carbon Bubble: Australia and a Near-Pacific Regional Climate Pact](#), Peter Christoff, Austral Policy Forum 07-24A, 2007-12-3Peter Christoff of Melbourne University writes that the new Labor government "should initiate a regional climate pact, established within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change/Kyoto Protocol framework" aiming at both mitigation and adaptation. Christoff examines possible models for such a pact, and argues for the inclusion of major emitters Australia and Indonesia and a diverse group of smaller countries in the Pacific.

“Environmental security is an issue best considered preemptively and cooperatively”, writes Chritoff. “If conditions associated with sea levels, and water and food availability, deteriorate, it is certain that issues of environmental security associated with the mass migration of peoples will become significant concerns for regional countries, including Australia.”

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