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Information on current indiscriminate violence/conflict/international conflict

In November 2018 the *Economist Intelligence Unit* notes that:

“Indonesia faces no immediate threat to its sovereignty, despite the presence of a small-scale insurgency in the province of West Papua” (Economist Intelligence Unit (27 November 2018) *Indonesia risk: Security risk*)

A report issued in December 2018 by *Business Monitor Online* points out that:

“Security risks from interstate conflict are minimal in Indonesia, and which are supported by the country's strong military power and wide array of diplomatic dispute resolution channels afforded by its ASEAN membership” (Business Monitor Online (23 December 2018) *Indonesia Crime & Security Risk Key View*).

In January 2019 the *Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia* notes that:

“Terrorism is a threat in Indonesia...” (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia (25 January 2019) *DFAT Country Information Report Indonesia*, p.14).

This document also states that:

“Recent terrorist attacks have focussed on state institutions as their primary target, in particular Police” (ibid, p.14).

It is also pointed out in this document that:

“Active armed insurgencies against the central government, for example in Aceh, have largely ceased. Small scale violent secessionist activities continue in the Papua provinces...Indonesian authorities continue to conduct security operations against the remnants of the Santoso terrorist networks in Central Sulawesi province after Indonesian police killed its eponymous ISIL linked leader in July 2016” (ibid, p.14).

A report issued in December 2018 by *Human Rights Watch* states that:

“Human Rights Watch has long documented human rights abuses in Papua's Central Highlands, where the military and police have frequently engaged in deadly confrontation with armed groups” (Human Rights Watch (9 December 2018) *Indonesia: Papuan Militants Kill 17*).

A report issued in January 2019 by the *International Crisis Group* notes:

“Clashes continued in Papua's central Highlands region” (International Crisis Group (January 2019) *CrisisWatch January 2019, Indonesia*)

In January 2019 the *Guardian* notes that:

“Indonesia has agreed in principle to allow the UN office of the human rights commissioner into West Papua amid continuing violence in the region. The long-running low-level insurgency violently escalated late last year, after West Papuan guerrillas attacked a construction site in Nduga, killing at least 17 people they claimed were Indonesian military but who Jakarta insists were civilian workers. In response Indonesia launched a military crackdown in the region, leading to a number of deaths and thousands of people allegedly being displaced after they fled into the jungle” (Guardian (30 January 2019) *Indonesia to let UN workers into West Papua as violence continues*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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