





ASEAN Region – Press Review September 2022

Contact: info@th.boell.org

 ASEAN
<p>ASEAN and Geopolitics</p> <p>Asean needs to be vigilant on moves to dominate South China Sea, says top analyst The Star</p> <p>Philippines' Marcos, Singapore's Lee align on South China Sea Nikkei Asia</p> <p>Stiffening the ASEAN spine in the South China Sea – Arrizal Jaknanihan The Interpreter</p> <p>ASEAN tells the US it welcomes opportunities not interference RFA</p> <p>RCEP contributes to region's post-pandemic recovery efforts: ASEAN ministers Vietnam Plus</p> <p>Indo-Pacific vision that promises peace and prosperity – Kei Koga East Asia Forum</p>
<p>ASEAN and Myanmar</p> <p>Why Should ASEAN or Anyone Else Negotiate with the Tatmadaw The Diplomat</p> <p>How ASEAN Can Still Help On Myanmar The Diplomat</p> <p>Malaysia's Saifuddin Calls for ASEAN to Review Peace Plan The Diplomat</p> <p>Malaysia urges ASEAN to "buck up" in enforcing Myanmar peace plan Reuters</p> <p>Asean leaders will have to assess progress of Myanmar peace plans: Vivian Balakrishnan The Straits Times</p> <p>Myanmar's civil war meanders onward – Mikael Gravers East Asia Forum</p>

 Brunei
<p>Politics</p> <p>Sultan of Brunei becomes longest-serving living monarch following Queen's death Arab News</p> <p>Brunei spotlights environmental issues The Star/Borneo Bulletin</p> <p>Everyone must play their part for EV adoption: Minister Borneo Bulletin</p> <p>Envoy lauds Brunei-China relations The Star/Borneo Bulletin</p>

 Cambodia
<p>Politics</p> <p>If not Hun Manet, who? Khmer Times</p> <p>Hun Manet mocks those who criticise PM candidacy, family – Hang Punreay Khmer Times</p> <p>Hun Manet laughs off claims of 'brotherly rift' for top job – Sek Prak and Keo Kereya The Phnom Penh Post</p> <p>Anticipating power transfer, Cambodian activists turn to Hun Manet for help RFA</p> <p>PM Hun Sen's United Nations appearance draws Cambodian diaspora protest – Sokunthea Hong RFA</p> <p>Cambodia increases minimum wage to \$200 per month RFA</p>

 Indonesia
<p>Politics</p> <p>Here Are Jokowi's Options for Retaining Power After Indonesia Term Ends Bloomberg</p> <p>Jokowi Could Run for Vice President in Indonesia's 2024 Election Bloomberg</p> <p>Analysis: Constitutional and ethical issues with Jokowi running for VP The Jakarta Post</p> <p>Jokowi's hard choice: 'Extreme' subsidies or 'political suicide' – Erwida Maulia Nikkei Asia</p> <p>Jokowi to decide presidential hopeful he'll endorse, has no plans to run for V-P in 2024: Sources The Straits Times</p>

[Can Jokowi make capital relocation his legacy?](#) | Nikkei Asia
[Prabowo Subianto and Indonesia's Next Presidential Election](#) – Joshua Kurlantzick | Council on Foreign Relations
[Survey says: Prabowo, Ganjar or Anies. Where is Puan?](#) – Endy Bayuni | The Jakarta Post
[Puan Maharani's trip may shift party alliances](#) | The Star/The Jakarta Post
[Analysis: Puan makes last dash in 2024 presidential bid](#) | The Jakarta Post

Laos

Economy

[Laos' financial crisis can be an opportunity for reform](#) – Kanni Wignaraja and Ricarda Rieger | Nikkei Asia
[World Bank projects slower growth for Lao economy](#) | The Star
[Laos' debt pressure raises specter of a China vassal state](#) – Marwaan Macan-Markar | Nikkei Asia

Malaysia

Politics

['We are very close to the election', Malaysia's PM Ismail says](#) | The Straits Times
[Umno calls for Malaysia Parliament to be dissolved soon for general election this year](#) – Hazlin Hassan | The Straits Times
[Malaysia's ruling party pushes for national elections this year](#) | Reuters
[Malaysia's 15th General Election: Considering the Chessboard](#) – Liew Chin Tong and Dzulkefly Ahmad | Fulcrum
[Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim says opposition has 'fair chance' to win election even without Mahathir](#) | SCMP/AP
[Malaysia's corrupt ex-PM Najib Razak applies for royal pardon to get out of prison](#) | SCMP/Reuters

Myanmar

Political Situation/Coup

[Suu Kyi convicted again. Australian economist gets 3 years](#) – Grant Peck | Associated Press
[Aung San Suu Kyi and Australian adviser handed three years' jail after secret trial](#) | The Guardian
[Myanmar Gives More Prison Time to Its Best-Known Convict](#) | The New York Times
[EU Failing to Sanction Myanmar Junta Arms Suppliers: Activist Group](#) | The Irrawaddy
[Myanmar's Path From Junta Rule to Democracy and Back](#) | The Washington Post
[In Myanmar, the Tatmadaw's Frustration Fuels a Cycle of Violence](#) – Andrew Nachevson | Foreign Policy
[Myanmar military threatens jail for online 'likes' for opponents](#) | Reuters
[Myanmar's Min Aung Hlaing meets Putin for first time since coup](#) | Al Jazeera

Philippines

Politics

[50 years after martial law, Filipino activists seek justice for abuses](#) | NBC/Associated Press
[We Haven't Learned Our Lesson': Victims Recall Martial Law in the Philippines](#) – Jes Aznar and Jaso Gutierrez | The New York Times
[They were tortured under Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos Snr. Now they fear their stories are being erased](#) – Kathleen Magramo | CNN
[Philippines President Marcos defends father's martial law legacy](#) | Reuters
[Marcos: 'History is not through with me yet!'](#) – Ambeth R. Ocampo | Inquirer
[Marcos lays out plans, wants to 'reintroduce' Philippines to the world](#) | CNA
[Marcos Is Already Undercutting The Philippines' Economic Future](#) – William Pesel | Forbes
[Sara Duterte to fix education in 6 years if given P100 billion. Is this enough?](#) – Bonz Magsambol | Rappler

[Typhoon Noru smashes into the Philippines, killing 5 and leaving villages in tatters](#) – Jessie Yeung and Jan Broomby | CNN



Singapore

Politics

[Leadership handover to happen 'when we're ready', priority now on pressing issues such as cost of living: DPM Wong](#) – Low Youjin | Today Online

[High level of trust in S'pore due to culture of honouring one's word and one another: DPM Lawrence Wong](#) – Tham Yuen-C | The Straits Times

[Workers' Party invites youth to submit and debate alternative policies in competition](#) – Goh Yan Han | The Straits Times

[Forward Singapore campaign: what's in it for Singaporeans, and for leader-in-waiting Lawrence Wong?](#) – Dewey Sim | SCMP

[Singapore to sign 'green economy agreement' with Australia during annual leaders' talks](#) – Andrew Greene | ABC News



Thailand

Politics and Economy

[Prayut to continue as Thai prime minister after court rules his tenure is not up](#) – Tan Tam Mei | The Straits Times

[Prayut remains PM, court rules tenure ends in 2025](#) | Bangkok Post

[Prayuth did not break term limit and can stay in power: Thai court](#) – Apornrath Phoonphongphat | Nikkei Asia

[Thai PM Prayuth gets a reprieve, but will he survive election?](#) – Aidan Jones | SCMP

[Activists call for major anti-Prayut rally on Saturday](#) | Bangkok Post

[And the fight continues ...](#) | Thai PBS

[Daughter of Thailand's exiled ex-PM Thaksin leads opinion poll](#) | Reuters

[Thaksin, 16 years on: Coup was a stab in the back](#) | Bangkok Post

['You cannot survive': Inflation bites as Thai election looms](#) – Rose Troup Buchanan | The Japan Times/AFP

[Thailand lifts key rate by 25 basis points to 1% to curb inflation](#) – Apornrath Phoonphongphat | Nikkei Asia

[Thailand is optimistic it has room to slow rate hikes, but one economist says it's a gamble](#) | CNBC



Timor-Leste

Politics

[Timorese push case to pipe Greater Sunrise gas to East Timor](#) – Sonali Paul | Reuters

[East Timor's Ramos-Horta presses Australia on stalled gas fields](#) | Al Jazeera

[East Timor warned: Be wary of Chinese debt](#) | The Manila Times/Associated Press

['Don't lecture us!' East Timor president defends China, offshore gas drilling](#) – Matthew Knott | The Sydney Morning Herald

[Penny Wong calls for quiet negotiations over gas project after Jose Ramos-Horta warns Timor Leste may turn to China](#) | ABC News

[Vatican secretly disciplined Nobel-winning bishop from East Timor over alleged abuse of minors](#) | CNN/Reuters

[Queering LGBT rights in Timor-Leste](#) – Li-li Chen | New Mandala



Vietnam

Economy, Disaster, and Human Rights

[Vietnam GDP grows 13.67% in Q3 on brisk exports to U.S.](#) – Tomoya Onishi | Nikkei Asia

[Vietnam Becomes Asia's Economic Leader as China's Growth Decelerates](#) | The Diplomat
[Vietnam emerges as Asia's growth leader as China slows](#) – Francesca Regalado | Nikkei Asia
[Gridlocked and flood-prone, Vietnam's biggest city struggles to keep pace with its own breakneck growth](#) – Michael Tatarski | SCMP
[Vietnam shuts airports, starts evacuations as Typhoon Noru nears](#) | Nikkei Asia/Reuters
[Typhoon Noru leaves hundreds of thousands of homes without power in Vietnam after crashing through Philippines](#) | SCMP
[Political prisoners excluded from Vietnam amnesty](#) | RFA
[HRW: Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security continues Stalinist crackdown](#) | RFA
[Vietnam rights lawyer barred from leaving country](#) | RFA
[Vietnam urged to free green activist Nguay Thi Khanh as it bids to join UN rights body](#) – Chris Humphrey | The Guardian
[Vietnam's 'unjust' energy transition](#) – Bobby Peek | Al-Jazeera