HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG **SOUTHEAST ASIA**

ASEAN Region – Press Review November 2023

Contact: info@th.boell.org



ASEAN

ASEAN and Geopolitics

South China Sea Crisis and ASEAN's Quiet Diplomacy – Antonia Timmerman | CGSP

China Hosts Military Exercises With 5 ASEAN Members - Han Noy | VOA

South China Sea row to top agenda of Asean defence ministers' meeting amid China-Philippines clashes -Maria Siow | SCMP

A strengthened ASEAN gives regional states options in safeguarding their interests – East Asia Forum ASEAN's Indo-Pacific Priorities - Yukti Panwar | IDSA

The Quad needs to work with other groups, ASEAN is the place to start – Bharat Sharma | Nikkei Asia ASEAN's rotating chairmanships should be scrapped for a troika system - David Hutt | RFA

ASEAN and Myanmar

ASEAN defense ministers back Five-Point Consensus for Myanmar | Antara Indonesian Government Claims 'Positive' Progress in Myanmar Talks - Sebastian Strangio | The Diplomat Indonesia says 'positive' signs from Myanmar's warring camps on dialogue effort | Reuters Assessing Myanmar situation: Consensus needed for solution – Ry Sochan | ANN/The Phnom Penh Post ASEAN pushes Myanmar to find non-violent resolution to insurgency | The Jakarta Post



Politics

Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Brunei's sultan | CGTN

Xi says China, Brunei should jointly safeguard peace, stability in South China Sea | Xinhua

China's Xi offers more investment in South China Sea claimant Brunei | Reuters

Cambodia

Politics

Cambodia's Hun Manet goes up against the private sector – David Hutt | RFA

Reflecting on Hun Manet's First 100 Days and the Future of his leadership - Seun Sam | Khmer Times

Structural Transformation for Inclusive Growth in Cambodia – Javant Menon | Fulcrum

Exclusive: Cambodia scraps coal power project to build gas-fired plant, import LNG – Sudarshan Varadhan |

UNESCO is criticized after Cambodia evicts thousands around World Heritage site Angkor Wat – Grant Peck AΡ



Indonesia

Politics and Elections 2024

Indonesia's 3 presidential contenders vow peaceful campaigns ahead of next year election - Fadlan Syam and Niniek Karmini I AP

Campaigning Begins for Indonesian Presidential Election – Sebastian Strangio | The Diplomat Indonesia's Prabowo leads as presidential campaign kicks off – Erwida Maulia | Nikkei Asia

Indonesia election 2024: as Prabowo dances his way up the polls, can he keep in the groove until voting day? – Amy Sood | SCMP

Ahead of Indonesia's elections, critics slam Jokowi for nepotism and 'dynastic politics' – Nyshka Chandran | CNBC

Is Indonesia finally set to become an economic superpower? - Alec Russell and Mercedes Ruehl | FT



Laos

Politics

Lao assembly rejects SEZ bill | RFA

Laos railway a boon for overland travel – Molpasorn Shoowong | Bangkok Post

More than 100 displaced northern Laos families refuse resettlement | RFA

Thai, Laos prime ministers agree on new railway bridge across Mekong | RFA

Laos is spiraling toward a debt crisis as China looms large - Nyshka Chandran | CNBC

Laos' Asean opportunity beckons - Anucha Charoenpo | Bangkok Post



Malaysia

Politics

Malaysia's Prime Minister Gets Mixed Reviews After One Year in Power – Dave Grunebaum | VOA Anwar's First Year: Performative and Underperforming – Khairy Jamaluddin | Fulcrum A year into Anwar's government, Malaysia still waits for Reformasi – Shannon Teoh | The Straits Times Malaysia PM's Rival Muhyiddin to Step Down as Party Chief | Bloomberg Malaysia's new budget and the long road to fiscal consolidation – Amalina Anuar | East Asia Forum



Myanmar

Political Situation/Coup

Myanmar Junta Chief Says 'Foreign Experts' Helping in Offensive Against Military | The Irrawaddy/AFP Opponents vow 'beginning of the end' for Myanmar's junta as resistance launches nationwide offensive – Regan, Salai TZ, Watson, and Hancocks | CNN

Myanmar's shadow government says 'military is ready to collapse' – Andrew Sharp | Nikkei Asia Time to start planning postwar future of Myanmar's military – Zachary Abuza | Nikkei Asia

Myanmar junta's war against rebels displaces millions: UN - Jonathan Head | BBC

Myanmar Junta Will Continue to Use Chemical Weapons: MNDAA – Htein Htoo Zan | The Irrawaddy

Nearly 200 Myanmar nationals arrested across Thailand | RFA



Philippines

Politics

<u>Ex-Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte Hints at Return to Politics</u> – Mong Palatino | The Diplomat <u>Rodrigo Duterte threatens return to Philippine politics if daughter Sara impeached as vice-president</u> | SCMP/Bloomberg

<u>Political shakedowns in the Philippines threaten Marcos-Duterte alliance</u> – Mara Cepeda | The Straits Times <u>Where the ICC Probe Into Former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's Drug War Stands</u> – Chad De Guzman | TIME

<u>Philippine opposition leader and Duterte critic freed after almost 7 years</u> – Regine Cabato | The Washington Post

Long-jailed former Philippine senator who fought drug crackdown is granted bail | NPR/AP

Philippine government and communist rebels agree to resume talks on ending their protracted conflict | AP



Singapore

Politics

Singapore's prime minister to step aside before next polls – Philip J. Heijmans | The Japan Times
Singapore PM Lee to hand reins to deputy Wong by next year – Tsubasa Suruga | Nikkei Asia
Singapore Proposes Bill Allowing President to Take Foreign Roles – Philip J. Heijmans | Bloomberg
Singapore Restricts Display of National Emblems Relating to Israel-Hamas War – Sebastian Strangio | The
Diplomat



Thailand

Politics & Economy

<u>Thailand's Srettha delays digital money handout for 3 months</u> – Apornrath Phoonphongphiphat | Nikkei Asia <u>Thailand's digital stimulus plan is a race to nowhere</u> – Wannaphong Durongkaveroj | East Asia Forum <u>Will a 10,000 baht handout plan jump-start the Thai economy?</u> – Tan Hui Yee | The Straits Times <u>10k wallet policy 'could backfire'</u> | Bangkok Post

<u>Thailand at economic crossroads</u> – Marthe Hinojales & Allen Ng | Bangkok Post <u>Ex-Thai PM Prayuth named to king's advisory body</u> – Kosuke Inoue | Nikkei Asia

LGBTQ advocates cheer Thailand's latest drive for same-sex marriage law | Al Jazeera



Timor-Leste

Politics

<u>Timor-Leste's uncertain future</u> – Parker Novak | Lowy Institute <u>One-fifth of Timor-Leste youth without education, jobs</u> | UCA News <u>Economic empowerment heals trauma wounds in Timor-Leste</u> | AAP



Vietnam

Politics

Analysts: Vietnam's Island Expansion Aims to Counter China – An Hai | VOA

Vietnam rapidly builds up South China Sea reef | RFA

Vietnam, Japan Establish Comprehensive Strategic Partnership – Sebastian Strangio | The Diplomat

Vietnam approves 15% tax on multinationals, Thailand to follow | The Nation

Vietnam lawmakers pass law creating new grassroots security force | RFA