# ASEAN Region – Press Review June 2019

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## Myanmar

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**Cambodian farmers take Thai sugar giant to court** (Al Jazeera, Reuters)
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**Hun Manet: The next PM?** (The Diplomat)

## Brunei

**Being gay in Brunei** (South China Morning Post)

**Sultan: Defence strategy needs to be updated:** (The Scoop)
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## Indonesia

**Constitutional Court rejects Prabowo's challenge to election result** (Al Jazeera, The Jakarta Post, The Diplomat)

**Jokowi-Ma’ruf call for unity** (South China Morning Post, The New York Times, Asia Sentinel)
### Laos

**60 families still waiting for dam collapse compensation** (Radio Free Asia)

**Laos asked to give data to prevent Isan floods** (Bangkok Post)

**Lao National Assembly call out corruption** (Radio Free Asia)

### Malaysia

**Gay sex video leak: new Malaysia a bit like the old one** (South China Morning Post, Bloomberg, Reuters)

**Why Mahathir is unlikely to make Anwar his successor** (The Interpreter)
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### The Philippines


**Philippine drug war deaths pile up** (South China Morning Post)
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### ASEAN

#### ASEAN Summit 2019 opens in Bangkok
(New Straits Times, ABS-CBN, South China Morning Post, Thai PBS, The Straits Times)


#### ASEAN seeks middle path between US and China
(Nikkei Asian Review, South China Morning Post, Bangkok Post)

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#### No room for civil society groups at ASEAN Summit
(The Nation)

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#### SE Asian authorities accused of trading exiled activists
(Reuters)


#### What ASEAN can do about waste
(The Star, East Asia Forum, The Irrawaddy)