

## WHY INDONESIA IS SO TOUGH ON TRYING TO STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING

Dear members

Here is some more accurate information on the overwhelming drug problem in Indonesia:

In Indonesia there is today about **4.5 million people (close to the population of New Zealand)** undergoing drug rehabilitation, while 1.2 million are still trapped in drug addiction. With its very strategic position as an international hub and huge market with majority of young population (around 90 million young people) , Indonesia has been used by traffickers as a very fertile land to carry out these extraordinary crimes. The 'market' for drug dealers is massive.

The amount of substance being misused is astonishing: Seizures include ten tonnes of heroin, at least 49.5 tonnes of crystal meth (ice), 147 million ecstasy pills and hundred of tonnes of marijuana every year. It costs Indonesia's economy over Rp. 57 trillion per year (Almost Au\$ 5.6 Billion.) and destroys families, children, grandparents and communities.

Only two weeks ago, Indonesia's BNN agents seized over **860 kg of ice**, locally known as 'sabu-sabu'. This is one of the largest captures in Indonesia and South East Asia. This syndicate, wanted in seven countries were arrested as they moved the drugs from from China to Indonesia by boat taking advantage of this country's **17,000 island entry points**.

**Drug-related abuse and crimes kill around 40 Indonesians every day** and leave thousand others without adequate education...

So the new president asks.... "Who can help to prevent these young people dead from drugs?"

AUSTRALIA FACES MASSIVE A PROBLEM WITH THE IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. FOR INDONESIA IT IS A TSUNAMI

I hope you will find this information useful when writing or speaking on this matter.

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