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## US-INDONESIA SECURITY RELATIONS FLOURISH IN A CHANGING INDO-PACIFIC

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*Defense cooperation between Washington and Jakarta is on an upswing, but on the Indonesian side clear limits remain.*

Imagine this scenario: an Indonesian company is drilling for oil within its exclusive economic zone in the South China Sea, when the platform is suddenly swarmed by Chinese navy and coast guard vessels. Not far away, there is a U.S. Navy ship, perhaps on a routine patrol through contested waters. What does the Indonesian government decide to do next?

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