
INDONESIA CONSIDERING US OVERFLIGHT PROPOSAL, FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS

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Indonesias foreign ministry said on April 15 that an overflight proposal put forward by the United States was now being considered, but the government had no policy granting unrestricted access to its airspace to any foreign party.

Reuters reported on April 14 that Indonesias foreign ministry had warned the defence ministry in a letter that an American proposal to give the US military blanket permission to fly over Indonesian territory risked entangling Jakarta in potential South China Sea conflicts.

Ms Yvonne Mewengkang, a foreign ministry spokesperson, told Reuters on April 15 that the proposal is still under internal consideration and that intra-ministerial coordination is a common and necessary part of the policy making process.

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