

3rd ASEAN Media Forum: "Developing Social Media Collaborations"
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Day Two: Panel 4: Impact of Anti-Terror Laws On the Media in Southeast Asia
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Vidia Arianti, NTU: Presenting on Radical and Extremist Web sites, offline activities
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Arianti: There is a difference between extremist and radical Islamist Web sites
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Arianti: Extremist Web sites raise funds for terrorists, share press releases
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Arianti: Main extremist Web sites: Arrahmah.com, MuslimDaily.net, VoA-Islam.com
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Arianti shows videos of bomb making and weapons handling from extremist Web sites
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Yeo Lay Hwee, Director, EU Centre Singapore, launches the book "Balancing Civil Rights and National Security - An East-West Dilemma" #ASEANforum

Kalinga Seneviratne, Head of Research, AMIC, Singapore: Terrorism has no nationality, there have been American/European terrorists as well #ASEANforum

Kalinga provides theoretical perspectives, personal experiences as a "Muslim-looking" person travelling around the world! #ASEANforum

Kalinga: Sri Lanka is the only country in the world which has militarily defeated terrorists (LTTE) in its home ground #ASEANforum

Kalinga shows music video "Where Were You," of Sri Lankans accusing UN of double standards on human rights #ASEANforum

Yuli Ismartano, Managing Editor, Asiaviews, Indonesia: Indonesia also faced international double standards during East Timor events #ASEANforum

Yuli: We have faced protestors and received Molotov cocktails when we publish articles critical of extremists #ASEANforum

Yuli: We should also be critical of state-sponsored terrorism #ASEANforum

Yuli: Yesterday at this conference we looked at the good uses of social media, now we are seeing how terrorists use it #ASEANforum

Yuli: Unfortunately there is a small core of extremists who want Indonesia to become an Islamic republic and not secular democracy #ASEANforum

Yuli: Tough question: what kind of public/media space to give terrorists? #ASEANforum

Yuli: Brave journalists in Indonesia are being killed when they investigate corruption, terrorism. Culture of impunity #ASEANforum

Yuli: An intelligence agent poisoned an activist on the flight to Amsterdam #ASEANforum

Yuli: Tempo magazine has always been harassed for its bold free coverage #ASEANforum

Yuli: The big challenge is getting the silent majority on board, they are not protesting against human rights violations #ASEANforum

Yuli: Many Indonesian people are afraid that standing up for freedoms might make them be seen as un-Islamic #ASEANforum

Up next: Shahzada Saleem Akhter, Research Analyst, ICPVTR, Singapore (International Centre for Political Violence & Terrorism Research www.pvtr.org) #ASEANforum

Akhter: A number of social media apps are being used by terrorists and extremists in Pakistan #ASEANforum

Akhter: Pakistan has a number of sources for extremism, terrorism, radicalism (TTP, TNSM, SSP, SeM) #ASEANforum

Akhter: Terrorists in Pakistan have been using books, newspapers, videos, mobiles, Internet to spread their message #ASEANforum

Akhter shows videos on YouTube uploaded by Pakistani terrorists #ASEANforum

Akhter: Some of the videos/blogs urging revenge after government crackdowns have spurred more suicide attacks #ASEANforum

Akhter: Use of social media in Pakistan is limited, poses no challenge like Arab Spring #ASEANforum

Sundeeep/AMIC: Can't look at issues of terrorism in black-and-white - there is more complexity in causes, and terms used #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: Media also needs to cover issues of the 'silent majority' even if it may not be seen as newsworthy #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: New York Times always referred to Yaser Arafat as a terrorist - until the Oslo accords #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: Obscure pastor in southern US said he would burn a Koran – US media picked it up and it became a global story #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: Not all civil rights organisations reveal their affiliations and agendas – these issues also need to be exposed #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: Civilians and media audiences are also complicit in this debate #ASEANforum

Kai/MalaysiaKini: Countries like Malaysia have polarised discourse, we need to reach a negotiated pluralistic discourse #ASEANforum

Q: What research has been done on the policies of companies like Google, YouTube, Blackberry in this freedom v/s terrorism debate? #ASEANforum

Akhter: Pakistani government on occasion has blocked YouTube and Facebook access #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: India's law minister Kapil Sibal also called for 'monitoring' of objectionable content on social media sites #ASEANforum

Sundeeep: Companies like Google regularly get pressured from governments to take down content (No.1: US) #ASEANforum

Sundeeep reminds the audience that terrorism did not begin with 9/11! US tended to be dismissive of this earlier #ASEANforum

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