

# Transnational Terrorist Networks in Post-Jemaah Islamiyah Southeast Asian Borderlands

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**What is the state of Southeast Asian terrorist organizations today?** Dr. Justin Hastings, an internationally recognized expert on terrorism, argues that in contrast to the heyday of groups like Jemaah Islamiyah and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the early 2000s, today's Southeast Asian terrorist and insurgent groups are structurally flatter, more decentralized and less strategically coherent than before, but they are attempting to rebuild their networks in peripheral regions. What might these developments mean for Southeast Asian governments? How can governments take advantage of terrorist groups' disorganization without losing legitimacy among residents in peripheral regions?



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