



Trends, Tips and Lessons Learned

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We are excited to announce our new blog, *Musings on Misdeeds*. It is a forum where we, as expert business investigators, provide information, tips and commentary on malfeasance and misdeeds; scam artists and swindlers; and how investors, business owners and executives can protect themselves from becoming victims of any of the many flavors of fraud. Check out our posts so far and continue to check in... <http://www.corporateresolutions.com/page/news/blog>

Tips for Fraud Prevention: Another Look at MIST

In keeping ahead of the curve, Corporate Resolutions is highlighting the second in our series of MIST (Mexico, Indonesia, S. Korea and Turkey) countries, Indonesia, in the event you are considering traveling or investing in this country.

- Our strategic partners tell us that visitors to Indonesia need to be aware that although terrorist threats to safety and security have been disrupted by the police and security forces, violent attacks in Indonesia continue with little or no warning. Visitors should be vigilant and prudent at all times. Vary your routes and times of your daily travel and maintain a low profile.
- Selecting tour guides, hotels, and business partners based on their reputation, competence, and ability to help can be very useful when considering a stay in Indonesia. Major hotels have staff on duty to offer safe meet-and-greet service at airports and can also direct their hotel guests to a reliable taxi. It is best to request meet and greet services from your hotel in advance.
- Crimes of opportunity such as pick-pocketing and theft occur throughout the country. If you are in Jakarta and Surabaya, hire a taxi either at a major hotel or shopping center queue, or by calling or hailing a reputable taxi company. Use only taxis obtained at a designated taxi queue or clearly marked taxi stand. Criminals in Jakarta regularly rob customers in taxis painted to look like taxis from reputable companies; booking taxis by telephone directly from the company or through hotels is the best way to avoid falling victim to this scam.
- Credit card fraud and theft is a serious and growing problem in Indonesia. Travelers should minimize use of credit cards and instead use cash. Avoid using credit cards for online transactions at Internet cafes and similar venues. Monitor your credit card activity carefully and immediately report any unauthorized use to your financial institution.
- ATM cards have been skimmed and cloned, resulting in bank accounts being drained. If you choose to use an ATM, exercise the same level of caution you would in the United States when using unfamiliar ATM machines and monitor your statements closely.
- Don't buy counterfeit and pirated goods, even if they are widely available. Bootleg items are illegal in the United States, and if you purchase them you may also be breaking the local laws and subject to arrest.
- Potential investors need to be cautious because vague and conflicting regulations, poor existing infrastructure, rigid labor laws, and corruption continue to be significant concerns for foreign investors.
- Corruption remains a serious problem and Indonesia's ranking in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index in 2012 is 118 out of 183 countries. Corruption remains pervasive despite laws to combat corruption and a strong, independent Corruption Eradication Commission.

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Corporate Resolutions Inc. was founded in 1991 and is headquartered in New York City, with additional offices in Hong Kong (Asia-Pacific), London (Western/Eastern Europe), Miami (Latin America/Caribbean) and Boston. Corporate Resolutions conducts background checks and business investigations globally and offers a suite of investigative solutions including background checks, Ethics Hotlines, FCPA investigations, business intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) compliance reviews. Our professional staff is comprised of former FBI and US Customs Agents, white-collar investigators, intelligence analysts, public record specialists and investigators both nationally and internationally. Ken Springer, President and Founder of Corporate Resolutions Inc., is a former FBI agent who, along with Joelle Scott, Director of Business Intelligence, recently published *Digging for Disclosure: Tactics for Protecting Your Firm's Assets from Swindlers, Scammers and Imposters*.

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