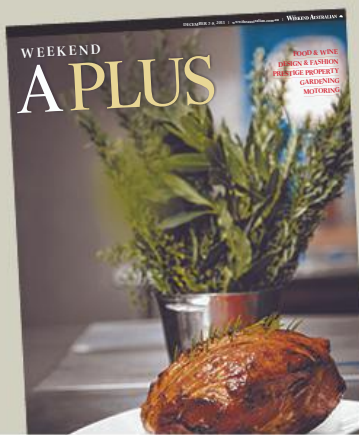


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# Terror is still joint issue, AFP told

**EXCLUSIVE**CAMERON STEWART  
PAUL MALEY

INDONESIAN police have told their Australian counterparts that the spy scandal will not affect their joint co-operation in tracking down potential terrorists in Indonesia.

The news is a relief for the Abbott government, which feared that Australian-Indonesian co-operation on counter-terrorism, which has directly helped to save the lives of Australians in Indonesia, may have been affected by the raft of retaliatory measures imposed by Jakarta.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said last month he would halt "some" co-operation on intelligence exchange between the two countries, but did not specify whether this would include intelligence on counter-terrorism, which is freely shared between the Indonesia National Police and the Australian Federal Police.

The move was part of a package of retaliatory measures, including co-operation on people-smugglers and on defence, imposed by Indonesia after revelations that Australian intelligence agencies monitored the phones of the President, his wife and eight other leadership figures in 2009.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said Jakarta now had a commitment from Tony Abbott that Australia would no longer conduct espionage activities against its government and senior administration figures.

He reacted calmly yesterday to the Prime Minister's statement that Australia would continue gathering intelligence on Indonesia and that "they certainly haven't agreed to stop collecting intelligence on Australia". Dr Natalegawa responded: "Well, it's a description of fact in terms of intelligence and information gathering, it's something that countries conduct, it's part and parcel of co-operation between countries."

"After all, intelligence co-operation is provided for under the (2006 Australia-Indonesia) Lombok Treaty, for example, exchange of information, exchange of intelligence and the way we see (Mr Abbott's comments) is within the spirit of such framework."

Later he said Mr Abbott had given a commitment that Australia would not conduct such operations, in his letter to Dr Yudhoyono received last weekend.

The commitment was in the same terms as Ms Bishop made during their Jakarta meeting on Thursday. Dr Natalegawa described it as "a very very important commitment".

Despite initial fears in Canberra that some counter-terror work with Indonesia may be placed "in abeyance" as a result of the spy scandal, *The Weekend Australian* has learned that the INP has since told the AFP that there will be no change to the close co-operation between the two countries on terror issues.

A close relationship between the two police forces led to the successful capture of the Bali bombers and played a key role in dismantling terror groups such as Jemaah Islamiah since 2002. Dr Yudhoyono has been a staunch supporter of efforts to combat Islamic extremism in his country, with terror attacks during the past decade killing many Indonesians along with westerners.

The quarantining of counter-terror from the diplomatic fallout from the spy scandal will be welcomed by ASIO, which fears that the Islamic terror threat in Indonesia is likely to rise next year.

Several hundred convicted terrorists are due to be released from Indonesian prisons over the next 12 months, having served their sentences for crimes committed over the past decade. These include some linked to attacks against Australians.

National security agencies believe that a sizeable minority of these may once again become involved in extremist activity within Indonesia, potentially posing a threat to Australians in Bali and elsewhere within Indonesia.

"The impending release of terrorist detainees from Indonesian prisons, a spike of which is expected to occur in 2014, is likely to increase this (terror) threat," ASIO said in its recently released annual report.

"Their release is likely to inject significant capability into extremist networks (and has) the potential to refocus and reinvigorate currently diffuse and relatively unsophisticated extremist networks."

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## \$40k holiday rental has a Santa clause: no parties



JAMES CROUCHER

Jessica Kirkpatrick at La Corniche in Sydney's McMahon's Point. It could be yours for a fortnight if you have \$80,000 to spare

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THINKING of holding a party this Christmas?

After you have hired the caterers, the DJ, the decorations, and the Christmas tree, don't forget to hire the house. Luxury properties for very short-term rentals are a growing business, but you have to be careful about the neighbours.

Agents are toughening up when it comes to hell-raising tenants wanting to party too hard in other people's homes. But there

are ways around it and in Sydney at least there are still properties available for that last-minute Christmas or New Year's Eve holiday splurge.

At this time of year opulent, whole-floor apartments such as La Corniche in McMahon's Point cost \$40,000 a week for a minimum two-week stay through Jessica Kirkpatrick's Luxe House agency. "Some of the house owners won't allow parties but some owners will allow a function like a Christmas get-together," Kirkpatrick says. A former UBS financial adviser, Kirkpatrick says it's hard to get owners to agree to parties.

"The clean-up is insane, so is the removal of rubbish," she says.

"But with any sort of corporate lunch or private VIP lunch (owners) are open to it. There is no problem with having a sit-down lunch or a sit-down dinner over Christmas or the new year. But in terms of having 50 people there for a party, owners hate that."

Country house owners are a bit more relaxed about parties, events and weddings because they don't have the neighbours so close.

Holidaymakers can still score a house in Sydney's beachside enclave of Palm Beach or Bronte, possibly with an in-ground pool,

this Christmas for a minimum two-week rental.

Closer to the city, there are still apartments around Sydney Harbour available. "But it won't be a huge mansion by the beach," Kirkpatrick says.

On Queensland's Sunshine Coast, renting a luxury home for Christmas remains popular. Mansions in Noosa are usually rented out 12 months in advance.

Agents such as Richardson & Wrench Noosa have come up with a neat solution to the surging demand for events in houses.

All guests must book their parties through First Class Functions,

a specialist in controlled parties and weddings. Guests sign agreements outlining terms and conditions and agree to no amplified music after 11pm.

Renting is tougher in NSW, where some residents take their neighbours to court to stop them letting their holiday houses because of loud, drunken parties, particularly during summer. This explains why agency Ray White has such a tough anti-party stance. "One of the great skill sets in property management is to make sure a party cannot and does not happen," says Ray White chairman Brian White.

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### Dyslexia's 'brain roadblock'

A ROADBLOCK in the brain makes reading hard for people with dyslexia, a new study suggests, contradicting long-held opinion.

The findings in the US journal *Science* add to an ongoing debate over whether the inherited neurological disorder is caused by faulty brain wiring or the brain's inability to understand the interaction of sounds and symbols that form language.

Dyslexia affects about 10 per cent of the population and occurs among people of all economic and ethnic backgrounds.

The study of brain scans found that dyslexics understand sound units but lack the brain connections to process them.

"Phonetic representations are perfectly intact in adults with dyslexia," said Bart Boets of the University of Leuven in Belgium. AFP

## Bligh to women: don't let bruises stop you

**EXCLUSIVE**

TRENT DALTON

ANNA Bligh watched the rise and fall of Australia's first female prime minister "with a constant sense of déjà vu" and has called upon future female politicians to leap through "the wall" of leadership unshaken by "the cuts and bruises endured by Julia Gillard, myself and others".

"The first one through the wall always gets bloody," said Queensland's first female premier, referencing a line from the Brad Pitt film *Moneyball*. "That perfectly captured my experience."

"It speaks volumes about the experience of pioneers and trailblazers in any field and I was certainly bloodied up along the way. "But as we all debate the trials and tribulations of women in political leadership in Australia, I don't

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Bligh's battle



want other women interested in politics, or leadership in any field, to zoom in on the cuts and bruises endured by women like Julia Gillard, myself and others. I want them to see there's a hole in the wall and jump through it."

Ms Bligh said "after a year in which these issues were hotly contested", she wasn't surprised by the annual Mission Australia Youth

Survey released this week that showed, for the first time, that young women ranked equality and discrimination as the nation's most important issues.

The former premier welcomed "renewed debate about sexism and women in leadership", but cautioned against a debate that focused only on hardships and inequality.

"For both men and women, leading takes courage, strength and endurance," she said.

"It demands personal sacrifice. It's exhilarating and exhausting in equal parts and, for women, we are still judged by different standards."

"But having your hands on the levers is an adrenalin-charged, white-knuckled ride like no other and I unashamedly want to see more women leading in more places, more often."

"It's not going to become normal until more women do it. This means talking explicitly about all the upsides, the terrific opportu-

ities to make a difference and shape the world around you."

In an insight into an emotion-charged year in which she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Ms Bligh told *The Weekend Australian Magazine* her desire to encourage young women to realise their potential was one thing that attracted her to her new position as chief executive of YWCA NSW, supporting 30,000 people in need every year.

"These services include specific leadership programs for young people and some specifically for young women, from all cultural backgrounds and I'm looking forward to bringing my experience to this work," she said.

"If we want the public face of our country, our boardrooms, our workplaces and our communities to better reflect the actual face of 21st-century Australia, then encouraging young women from all backgrounds to put their hands up just has to be a priority."

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