



## Bali is the best holiday destination: "Barack Obama Approved"

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### ABSTRACT

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officers stand guard along the road as far as 40 km to secure the departure of Barack Obama's entourage to Yogyakarta. There was no airport closure when Obama's plane took off. However, he said there was indeed a priority given for the plane to take off, both on arrival and departure of the entourage.

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### INTRODUCTION

Governor of Bali, Made Mangku Pastika said Bali is getting famous. It is related to the plan of former President of the United States Barack Obama to visit Bali for vacation with his family. He scheduled to spend his vacation in Bali with his family for five days from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Mangku Pastika claimed that he did not know Obama's vacation agenda while on the Island of the Gods. He gives positives response in regards of Malaysia Prime Minister, Abdul Razak, and his family visit to the Island of Gods for the next few days. Meanwhile, Bali Regional Police said they did not prepare special security related to personal visit plan of former President of United States, Barack Obama, in Bali.

is homemade snacks; thus its taste is different with non-traditional snack. It is known that the 44<sup>th</sup> president of united state fond of Indonesian food because of his childhood in Indonesia. During this visit, he also enjoyed drink coconut water directly from its fruit.<sup>3</sup>

### LEAVING BALI

After spending time with his family for a holiday on the island, Former President of United States, Barack Obama, is scheduled to leave Bali on Sunday (28/06/2017), then the group are heading to Yogyakarta.

Related to the security, Hundreds of police and TNI officers stand guard along the road as far as 40km to secure the departure of Barack Obama's entourage to Yogyakarta. The patronage is focused along the path which will be used through by The Entourage. Starting from Ubud, Gianyar to Ngurah Rai Airport. A convoy of vehicles carrying the 44th president of the United States is scheduled to arrive at Ngurah Rai Air Base, on this day at around 11:45 pm. Police officers and TNI is also seen guarding around the airport. The guard looks even tighter at the eastern entrance of Ngurah Rai Airport or near the Ngurah Rai Airport Operation Base.

The path is indeed a special path for VVIP guests. During this time, the path commonly used as a pathway for in and out by world leaders who visit Bali such as King Salman, Barack Obama, and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. Obama and his entourage used a private Jet aircraft type Gulfstream N50JE. The plane took off from Ngurah Rai Airport at around 12.30 pm. Several important

### TRIP TO BALI

Bali Police Chief, Inspector General Petrus Golose, said the security will run as usual, however still based on standard application procedures.<sup>1</sup>

On his trip at Bali, Obama visited Agung Rai Museum Art (ARMA) last Saturday (24/6). He and His family were welcomed by performing art of Balinese dances. At same time, he got chance to enjoy local snacks such as Laklak and Sagon. Laklak is a typical Balinese snack made from a mixture of rice flour and salt in it. Laklak is served with additional brown sugar dressing and coconut grating. In Java Island, Laklak is known by the name 'Serabi'. While for Sagon, it is typically dried pancake made from coconut.

According to the owner of ARMA, Agung Rai, Obama seemed to enjoy the traditional snacks. It

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**Figure. 1** Obama with his family in Balinese Rice Field (Subak)<sup>2</sup>



**Figure. 2** Obama visit rafting in Bali.<sup>2</sup>



**Figure. 3.** From left to right Bali Police Chief Inspector General Petrus Golose, Commander Region IX / Udayana Major General Komaruddin Simanjuntak, Obama with Governor Bali Made Mangku Pastika, and Ngurah Rai Air Force Base Commander Colonel Aviator Wayan Superman.<sup>2</sup>

figures of Bali such as Governor Made Mangku Pastika, Commander Region IX / Udayana Major General Komaruddin Simanjuntak, Bali Police Chief Inspector General Petrus Golose and Ngurah Rai Air Force Base Commander Colonel Aviator Wayan Superman are present to accompany the departure of Barack Obama to Yogyakarta.

Ngurah Rai Air Force Base Commander Colonel Aviator, Wayan Superman, said there was no airport closure when Obama's plane took off. However, he said there was indeed a priority given for the plane to take off, both on arrival and departure of the entourage. The planes that were about to take off or land at the same time as Obama departed were asked to prioritize the plane carrying the entourage. Obama is scheduled to arrive in Yogyakarta at around 12:30 pm. In Yogyakarta, Obama and his family plan to continue the trip. Some of Obama's agenda in Yogyakarta that has been known is to visit Candi Borobudur.<sup>4,5</sup>

## CONCLUSION

The visit of Former US President Barrack Obama, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdul Razak and other prominent world figures to Bali, reinforcing Bali's image as one of the world's best tourist destinations. Security and comfort are things that should be prioritized to keep Bali's reputation. Obama's visit to Bali also acts as free promotion for Bali to international communities. Especially for a citizen of United States of America. Hopefully, the visit from prominent world figures will attract tourists around the world to visit Bali.

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