


Country Report:
Indonesia

Major Volcanoes of Indonesia

(with eruptions since 1900 A. D.)



Topinka, USGS/CVO, 2001; basemap modified from: CIA map, 1997; volcanoes from: Simkin & Siebert, 1994

Overview

- Fossil fuels, coal, tin, nickel, tin, gold and copper are the most significant mining products.
- Main players: the partnership of state-owned companies and foreign companies.
- 4,114 active mining permits.
- 64 companies listed in the stock exchange.
- 10 companies hold 2.2 million hectares.
- State revenue: 23-25% from fossil fuels, 6-9% from coal.
- The growing of Chinese mining operations, esp. in nickel production.
- The world's largest nickel producer: 1.6 million metric tons.
- Open-pit and the higher risk of underground mining.

Feature

- Political genocide and mass killings
- The ban on marxism, Leninism and communism
- An underdeveloped unionism and working class politics.
- Environmental destruction
- Cheap wages
- Fatal work accidents



Lapindo mud



Grasberg

Miners' struggle

- Main issues: job security, wages, occupational safety and health
- Most actives: Freeport workers and nickel miners (IMIP) in Morowali

Freeport

- Grasberg is one of the largest gold producer in the world
- Contributed 30-35% of Freeport McMoran's revenue
- Ongoing strike of 8,000 workers since 2017

Nickel miners in Morowali

- IMIP holds 50% of nickel production
- High work accident rates
- Active strikes and demonstration

IMIP workers' strike



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