

ASEAN Navigates Energy Crisis, Tech Boom, and Trade Tensions in Latest GI

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1. In response to the escalating energy crisis triggered by the Iran war, which ASEAN nation is significantly increasing its focus on renewable energy to secure its future supply?

A) Malaysia

B) Singapore

C) Vietnam

D) Philippines

2. Which Southeast Asian nation is experiencing a surge in data center investments, with approvals for projects totaling approximately US\$29 billion, driven by AI service demand?

A) Thailand

B) Indonesia

C) Malaysia

D) Vietnam

3. The United States has launched a third trade investigation into Vietnam concerning which specific area of its trade practices?

A) Intellectual property rights protection

B) Subsidies for state-owned enterprises

C) Currency manipulation

D) Environmental regulations

4. Singapore is investing S\$1 billion over five years to enhance its national artificial intelligence capabilities and foster a trustworthy AI ecosystem as part of its:

A) Singapore National AI Strategy 2.0 (NAIS 2.0)

B) Digital Economy Blueprint

C) Smart Nation Initiative

D) Technology and Innovation Framework

5. In Indonesia, four soldiers are currently on trial for an acid attack against which prominent figure?

A) An activist

B) A journalist

C) A government official

D) A human rights lawyer

6. Which ASEAN country is facing increased pressure from the US regarding trade, including investigations into intellectual property rights, leading to potential new tariffs?

A) Vietnam

B) Philippines

C) Thailand

D) Indonesia

7. Malaysia's power sector is seeing robust prospects, with a significant portion of its rated portfolio carrying high credit ratings (AA3 or higher) as of early May 2026, supported by national frameworks like the:

A) National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR)

B) ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint

C) Southeast Asia Green Deal

D) Malaysia Sustainable Development Plan

8. Recent news from Myanmar indicates that its military government has rebuffed offers for which significant diplomatic action?

A) Peace talks

B) Regional trade agreements

C) Humanitarian aid coordination

D) Border dispute resolution