

Dear %FIRSTNAME%,

Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Rogue Readers,

1. Rogue Poseidon and Rogue Queen wrap up.
2. Indonesian Navy
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1. Rogue Poseidon and Rogue Queen wrap up

The novels of the Rogue Submarine Series' second 2-book mission have joined their elder siblings as best sellers! Fifteen minutes of fame for them! Initial feedback is positive, as are most ratings/reviews. As always, that starts with you on this mail list, and I thank you for it!,

2. Indonesian Navy

With roughly 17,000 islands, Indonesia needs a big navy to police their waters for piracy, illegal fishing, smuggling, and terrorism. They rank around #10 globally in terms of ships and firepower. And you know they're serious because they build their own large (frigate-sized) combatants. They've got about 30 corvette-sized and larger ships with roughly 200 smaller combatants, which makes sense when you're fighting small criminals across three time zones. However, they have only four submarines with three more scheduled for construction.

Indonesia also has a real estate problem/opportunity: Location. Location. Location.

It forms the southern side of the Strait of Malacca, the busiest strait in the world. It's also the biggest naval force able to slow Chinese expansion in the South China Sea (remember Rogue Fortress/Spratly Islands).

3. Rogue Raiders!

If you hadn't guessed, Rogue Raiders will take place in Indonesia. I'm taking us back to a one-book mission with a paying client and a quick strike. The fleet will use their nonlethal power to help counter an insurgency in Papua, New Guinea. We'll also learn about Indonesia. What a fascinating country! Here are highlights relevant to the Rogue Raiders plot.

The president is a businessman-turned-politician who loves hard rock and is a big Metallica fan. A progressive Muslim, he employs his polar opposite, a career politician Christian, as his chief of staff. It's the largest Muslim-majority country, but it seems religiously tolerant. Unlike the Nigeria mission, I won't explore belief systems. There's enough angst based upon race and heritage in Papua, where a revolt happened in 2019. When I learned of that revolt, I noticed that a full third of the Indonesian navy is in Papua, and large chunks of their army and air branches are there, too. So...

What if a military faction rekindles that revolt? What if? What if? I thought a novel exploring that would be great. I hope you do, too.

I'm targeting midyear to get it to you.

That's it!

Thanks for reading! - John