

7. Research: Indonesian Calendars

Languages Online: Indonesian, Section 26

► Instructions

Choose an Indonesian calendar system from the list below.

Search the Internet to find the answers to the questions listed.

Present your answers in report or poster form. You may include pictures.

Apart from the Western calendar, Indonesians have several traditional ways of marking days, weeks and months. Some very old calendar systems in Java and Bali include:

- Pawukon
- Saka
- Pasaran
- Wetonan
- Mangsa
- The Islamic calendar: Hijriah

Useful websites

http://www.seasite.niu.edu/Indonesian/Marking%20Time%20%20Latitudes%20Magazine_files/vol36-6.html

<http://www.murnis.com/images/products/ethnic/balicalendar2.jpg>

<http://www.edvos.demon.nl/bali/calendar1.htm>

<http://www.xentana.com/java/calendar.htm>

<http://www.indo.com/culture/calendar.html>

<http://www.balix.com/calendar/>

<http://www.murnis.com/culture/articlebalinese calendars.htm>

<http://www.kendra.de/kalendere.html>

<http://semantic.org/time/calendars/balinese/overview.gif>

Use the information you find to answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of this system of recording time?
2. Where in Indonesia is this calendar system used?
3. Give some brief details about the way the year is divided up in this calendar.
4. Give an example of a special festival or ritual that is associated with this calendar.

