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## With Bangkok Visit, Indonesian FM Advances Efforts to Address Myanmar Crisis

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## PM chats with US defence chief

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