



Singing Stone

Cialing the start of the competition course for Male Down River Race. The location is around one hour drive from Citarik Pre WRC Headquarter.

According to Sofyan, a chronicler of Citarik rivers rapids, the first largest stone in the middle of the rivers is unique. The local named the stone Batu Binong or Batu Gong, literally Gong Stone. Gong is the Jawa percussion orchestra large bell.

The locals believe that when we hear the the stone ringing its bass sounds, it means a flash flood will come. That's a very supernatural early warning system for you. Beats the unpredictable modern weather prediction. Who knows?

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Opening Ceremony To Blast For

Two consecutive blast rocks the parade grounds of Caldera resort. For the ceremony head it was not suprising. Indonesia river runner federation president is also Commander in Chief of the Marine Corps, Mayor General Marine Faridz Washington is used TNT blast around him.

Pre World Rafting Championship 2014 was opened with two TNT blast. Followed by a display of Bedug Rampag an Indonesian Marine Tako Drum dance. The show was exciting to see as the Marines was in battle fatigue using martial arts move to dance to the spirited music.

17 rafting team from seven province compete In the event. One Malaysian team also joined. The main purpose for event is as a rehearsal for the coming World Rafting Championship (WRC) 2015. All the Indonesia team will compete to become the national representative in WRC 2015.

Faridz Washington reminded that Indonesia will host and compete against 40 other nation. He ask that all involved should maintain sportive attitude and fairness

TODAY WEATHER

BMKG Weather Prediction:

Raining Temp: 24 - 33 °C; Humidity: 52 - 93 %
Wind Speed : 25 (km/hour) Wind Direction: South West

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TOMMOROW PROGRAM

Monday

December 1st 2014.

0700 - 0900

- **Sprint Race.**

0930 - 1200

- **Head To Head Race**

1400 – 1430

- **Medal Ceremony for Sprint and Head To Head Race.**

1700 - 1800

- **Race Committee Meeting**

1700 - 1800

- **Captain Meeting for Slalom preview.**

Sprint and Head to Head race are truly spectators sport. Very exciting to watch two boat side by side trying to out maneuver each other. That's what you get watching Head to Head Race.

Sprint is a race against time. To the commoners, watching the choices of each team is a lesson in rapid running. The fastest boat are the quickest river stream reader.

The team to watch for is Banten Youth who just got back from Brazil R4 World Rafting Championship. Also interesting is the West Jawa Female Youth. They consist of junior high school girls from local Citarik rivers villages. All are daughters of former athletes as well as river guides. You Go Girls!



Rampag Bedug The Indonesia Marine version of Tako Drum performance

West Jawa Traditional Music.

After the opening parade, guest, athletes, volunteers was invited for some Indonesian snacks meat ball soup. During the meal a traditional music performance was exhibited. The haunting romantic bamboo flute was harmonized by traditional string instrument.



HAVE TO GO

Just a short drive from Pelabuhan Ratu the nearest town 12km from Citarik, is **Cisolok natural hot water spring**. In the middle of the river the spring burst high. Not only is geyser-ing hot spring unusual, near the coast not on a volcano and not sulphuric are uncommon in Indonesia Ring of Fire. Take time to visit.

Profile

IPING, CITARIK BOAT PORTER



His name is **Iping**. It is common for Indonesia to have one name. Indonesia first and second President had one name. Iping is average in height for Indonesian. He weight 60kg. Iping does not have problems carrying 50kg rubber raft.

Iping 37 years of age has been working nine years as boat porter in Citarik River. He is one of nine porter hired by one of four rafting companies operating in Citarik.

Iping earns 70,000 rupiah or around 6 US dollars per day to ferry boats from the river up the banks into the transportation truck. Involving a climb of 25 steps, he can carry more than a dozen boats each day.

Working as porter is a weekend job for Citarik villagers. Iping usually works as a farmer and also house builder. Iping has three children. In competition event lasting over the weekend means more income for him.

insight

Indonesia Own PFD

Annapurna is the goddess of harvest in Nepal. It's the name of the most popular trekking route skirting around a group of high mountains in central Nepal. Using the name Annapurna for life vest product is baffling.

But this is exactly what **Toni Eot** uses. Toni is an outdoor activist which in Bandung, his hometown involves trekking and climbing. But Toni made his name adventuring in kayak. His passion for the river sports build his interest to make life vest for a living. Toni now is a national athlete for river boarding competition.

A buoyance aid or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), according to latest IRF Race Rules published June 2014, should have a minimum buoyance rating of 60N. IRF also recommend the use of PFD equipped with reinforced shoulder strap and adjustable waist band.

These features are used by Annapurna PFD.

Also in the rules event staff can test the buoyance of competitors by weighting a 6.12kg counter weight. Annapurna PFD was used by Indonesian team in R4 WRC Brazil. It seems Toni's PFD had made it.



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TODAY RESULT

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HEAD TO HEAD STARTING LIST

MALE TEAM

1. Banten Youth
2. DKI (Jakarta) Youth
3. West Jawa Junior
4. DKI. (Jakarta) Junior
5. West Jawa Youth
6. Malaysia
7. DKI (Jakarta) Master
8. Banten Open
9. DKI (Jakarta) Open
10. Central Jawa Open
11. West Jawa Open
12. East Jawa Open
13. Aceh Province

FEMALE TEAM

1. North Sulawesi
2. Banten
3. West Jawa
4. DKI. (Jakarta).



INTRODUCING

MIXED MALAYSIAN RAFTER

Rapid Fire, the only foreign team participating in Pre WRC 2014. They came from Malaysia. Indonesia nearest neighbor brought a mixed team. The team consist of gender and nationality mix.

Caroline Bourry Team Manager (female, France)

Linda Rozali Member (female, Malaysia)

Amri Team Captain (male, Malaysia)

Amy Member (male, Malaysia)

Cherry Member (male, Malaysia)

Plus a local Indonesia national athlete spare to make six paddlers.

Up to the judges to decide if this is male/female or Malaysian/France or Indonesian team.

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