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The Company He Keeps: Unearthing Trump's business deals on our doorstep.

"Do they like me in Indonesia?" Donald Trump

It was one of the more bizarre moments of the Trump presidential campaign. At a press conference at Trump Tower in New York to declare his loyalty to the Republican Party, Donald Trump was flanked by guests from Indonesia, and made a big show of announcing one very special guest.

"Hey, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a very - an amazing man. He is, as you know, Speaker of the House of Indonesia. He's here to see me." Donald Trump

It was unclear why the Indonesians were there, or why Mr Trump was making such a fuss of them.

Now a *Four Corners* investigation will reveal how Donald Trump, as he was closing in on his political rivals, was negotiating luxury resort deals in Bali and Java, raising serious questions about Presidential conflicts of interest.

"The project is going to be a huge one, a mega project." Landowner

In Bali, plans are under way to Trumpify one of the most iconic and sacred sites in Bali – Tanah Lot. But curiously, for a tourist destination usually keen to talk up what the island paradise has to offer, government officials are not keen to talk about the proposed Trump Tower development.

"I can't talk about this. I <u>cannot</u> talk about this." Balinese government official

In a second development on Java, the deal to build a massive gaudy theme park and resort development has been inked, leaving local farmers frightened of what the future holds.

"When the financial power of Trump comes here, we the original people who live here are powerless. Their enormous wealth buys enormous influence."

Four Corners investigates how these deals were done through an unholy alliance formed between Donald Trump and controversial business and political figures in Indonesia.

Trump's business partners have a troubling history with ties to the corrupt Suharto regime.

While at home in the United States, President Trump rails against Islamic extremism. In Indonesia, he has formed political alliances with politicians aligned with Islamist forces.

"He is dealing with the worst of Indonesia's past, and he is going to deal with the worst of Indonesia's future, the Islamists. I think Donald Trump is going to get his businesses messier and also Indonesia messier." Human Rights Investigator. *The Company He Keeps*, reported by Mark Davis and presented by Sarah Ferguson, goes to air on Monday 3rd July at 8.30pm EDT. It is replayed on Tuesday 4th July at 10.00am and Wednesday 5th at 11pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.00pm AEST, <u>ABC iview</u> and at <u>abc.net.au/4corners</u>.