

Terrorism vulnerability assessment in Java Island: a spatial multi-criteria analysis approach

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Abstract Terrorism is one of the Indonesia's national security threat. The attack mostly happens in Java Island, attracted by the dense population, also because the island is a center for economic and governance. The spatial pattern of terrorism attack shows correlations with the spatial density of the targeted attack. Therefore, this study assesses the spatial vulnerability of Java Island using a spatial multi-criteria analysis (SMCA). The main attributes analyzed were the density of the past terrorist attack, arrested area, police/military facility, government facility, business center, densely populated area, and church, determine that in the case of a terrorist attack is strongly affected by the attraction of the area.

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1. Introduction

Over the past several decades, terrorism has been started to be appeared in Indonesia (GTD, 2017). The terrorist act was increased after the fallen of Soeharto regime in 1998, followed by the rise of Islamic extremist groups which enroots their ideology and value with the movement from the Middle East (Umar, 2010). Terrorism in Indonesia triggered by five factors: the religion factor which is caused by a misinterpretation of its teaching; social-economic factor; the charismatic leaders who are able to spread the doctrine; low educational level of the society; and geographical factor (Mubarak, 2012). Therefore, the geographical expanse of Indonesia benefited the terrorist group as their mobility become difficult to detect. At this point of view, the spatial aspect plays a vital role in the occurrence of terrorism in Indonesia.

Study on terrorism that based on spatial approach have expanded with recent research examining whether using the risk terrain modeling (Onat, 2016; Onat & Gul, 2018), distance and pattern analysis (Arva & Piazza, 2016; Griffiths, Johnson, & Chetty, 2017; LaFree, Dugan, Xie, & Singh, 2012; Li, Sun, Chen, & Huang, 2016), and hotspot analysis (Braithwaite & LI, 2007; Guo, Liu, Yu, & Li, 2016; Nemeth, Mauslein, & Stapley, 2014; Python, Illian, Jones-Todd, & Blangiardo, 2016). Many parameters influence the terrorism act. In order to combine, analyze, and handle the full range of settings, the use of spatial analysis such us Spatial Multi-Criteria Analysis (SMCA) used entirely to evaluate the terrorism act spatially. SMCD methods have applied in several vulnerability studies (Armaş & Gavris, 2013; Maanan et al., 2018; Machado, Valle Júnior, Sanches Fernandes, &

Pacheco, 2018; März, 2018; Saidi et al., 2017) used evaluate phenomena that related geographically. However, an SMCA approach has rarely, if at all, applied to terrorism study.

The primary purpose of this study is to determine, via the SMCA approach, the vulnerability on terrorism. Java Island is chosen as a study site since mostly the terrorist attack in Indonesia happen here (Alius, 2018). The vulnerable model build based on two parameters: present of terrorism act and targeted facility. Assume that terrorist likely to repeat the act in the same location or close, nearby their house, and create large chaotic. The summary of the selective facility in Java Island shown in Table 1 (GTD, 2017; National Counter Terrorisme Agency (Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Terorisme), 2018). As Military/Police, Private Citizens & Property, Place for Worship (mainly Church), Business, and Government are the most common targeted facility; then this study used the mentioned facility as an input of targeted facility for building the vulnerability model.

2. The Methods

Datasets

The sources of spatial data used in this study depicted in Table 2. Table columns include references to data type, data period, specific use in the SMCA, and data ownership. In total seven (7) factors/variable (Past attack, capture site, residentials, Military/Police facility, Church, Business, Government), were determined for this study of terrorism vulnerability. The past attack and terrorist capture site dataset were in the form of the tabular dataset with coordinate attribute and address, respectively. Both tabular

Table 1. Targets by the frequency of attacks in Java Island

Target	Number of attacks
Military/Police	174
Private Citizens & Property	169
Religious Institutions	113
Business	94
Government	74
Diplomatic	22
other	91
Total	737

Table 2. Data used in the construction of the terrorism vulnerability

Parameter	Variables	Data Periods	Operationalization	Data Source
Present of Terrorism act	Past attack	1990-2019	Density	GDT & BNPT
	Terrorist capture site	2016-2019	Density	BNPT
	Residential area	2019	Density	Indonesia Geospatial Agencies
Targeted Facility	The military/Police facility	2019	Density	Google Place API
	Church	2019	Density	Google Place API
	Business (shopping mall)	2019	Density	Google Place API
	Government	2019	Density	Google Place API

datasets then converted in to point vector shapefile format using geocode function. While the residential dataset as polygon vector shapefile format was converted in to point vector shapefile format for every 0,005 km². Last, the Google Place API already under a spatial dataset format. The spatial dataset has projected in the Geographic coordinate system, and datum of WGS-84.

Spatial multi-criteria analysis

One of the ways in producing and combining spatial data describing the causing factors of phenomena is using SMCA. Siqueira et al. defines five steps in the application of SMCA (Siqueira, Pissarra, do Valle Junior, Fernandes, & Pacheco, 2017), describe as follows:

First and the second steps are data acquisition from multiple sources (section 2.1) and the normalization. In this study a kernel density analysis was applied for each of the variable's layers, 1x1km cells within each density. Then each pixel density value is normalize as an index (0-1) shown in Figure 1 using the following formula:

$$X_i' = \frac{X_i - X_{\min}}{X_{\max} - X_{\min}}$$

As X_i' is normalize density value for pixel i, X_i is density value in pixel i, and X_{\min} , X_{\max} , is minimum and maximum density value in dataset.

Third, define the weighting to represent the level of importance between each variable. The analytic hierarchy process (AHP) was used to define the weight of each variable (Saaty, 1989). Moreover, the relative importance of the criteria is asses and then create a consensual judgement (März, 2018). AHP has implement for SMCA and shows a promising result (März, 2018; Ottomano Palmisano, Govindan, Loisi, Dal Sasso, & Roma, 2016). In this study, three experts from Indonesia National Counter Terrorism Agencies is asked about their perception on the influence of each observed variable to create the vulnerability of an area to terrorist action. The experts assessed the criteria on a linear scale based on Saaty (1989), which value from 1 (less importance) to 9 (most important). Then the result is analyzed in pairwise matrix method.

Four, sensitivity analysis applied to test how sensitive the parameter weight on the vulnerability model using consistency index (CI) (Saaty, 1989). If CR value shows less than 10% then the matrix is in acceptable level of consistency (Ghorbanzadeh, Feizizadeh, & Blaschke, 2018).

Five, aggregation step to combine the data to reach the general map of vulnerability (Machado et al., 2018). The terrorism vulnerability map is a result of overlaying of the seven parameters, using the following formula:

$$Terrorism\ Vulnerability\ Index = \frac{\sum(D_n \cdot w_n) - \sum(D_n \cdot w_n)_{\min}}{\sum(D_n \cdot w_n)_{\max} - \sum(D_n \cdot w_n)_{\min}}$$

as D is Normalize density index of variable n, w is weight of variable n, and n are the seven variable, namely Past attack, capture site, residentials, Military/Police facility, Church, Business, Government. Then the vulnerability index is classified into five class using the equal interval equation.

3. Result and Discussion

Analytic Hierarchy Process

Table 2 shows the result of AHP process matrix that based on 3 experts in terrorism studies. The weight is set to 0.04, 0.03, 0.10, 0.21, 0.24, 0.18, and 0.21 for past attack, terrorism capture site, residential area, military/police facility, church, business, and government respectively. The ‘church’ criterion had the highest weighting (0.24), indicate that church is still assumed to be high possibility or influence to the terrorism attract vulnerability. This indicate the number of threats of bombing the church that still happen year by year especially in Christmas and new year eve. The ‘residential’ criterion had the lowest weighting (0.1) in term of targeted facility aspect, indicate that the a dense populate area has low possibility or influence to the vulnerability of an area. The bomb explosion in the

residential area a most incidentally happen due to human failure in assembling bomb process or as suicide bomb due to policy ambush. Moreover, the past attack and terrorism capture site shows the lowest weight. This assumes that based on expert knowledge there is no relation between what happen in the past with the future terrorism action. The random and unpredicted attack are commonly appeared in Indonesia. The repeated location of terrorism action only appears once in Bali, known as “Bali Bomb 1” and “Bali Bomb 2”. While in Java Island the number of repeated locations is relatively small.

The sensitivity of APH result is evaluate using the CR value shown in Table 3. As Saaty (1989) explain that the performance of AHP process can be analyze based on CR value. Moreover, the CR calculated the reliability of the obtained weights from AHP (Banica, Rosu, Muntele, & Grozavu, 2017). This study CR value show a relative low value at 3.9% far lower than the maximum 10% threshold value. Indicate that the weight create from AHP process is reliable.

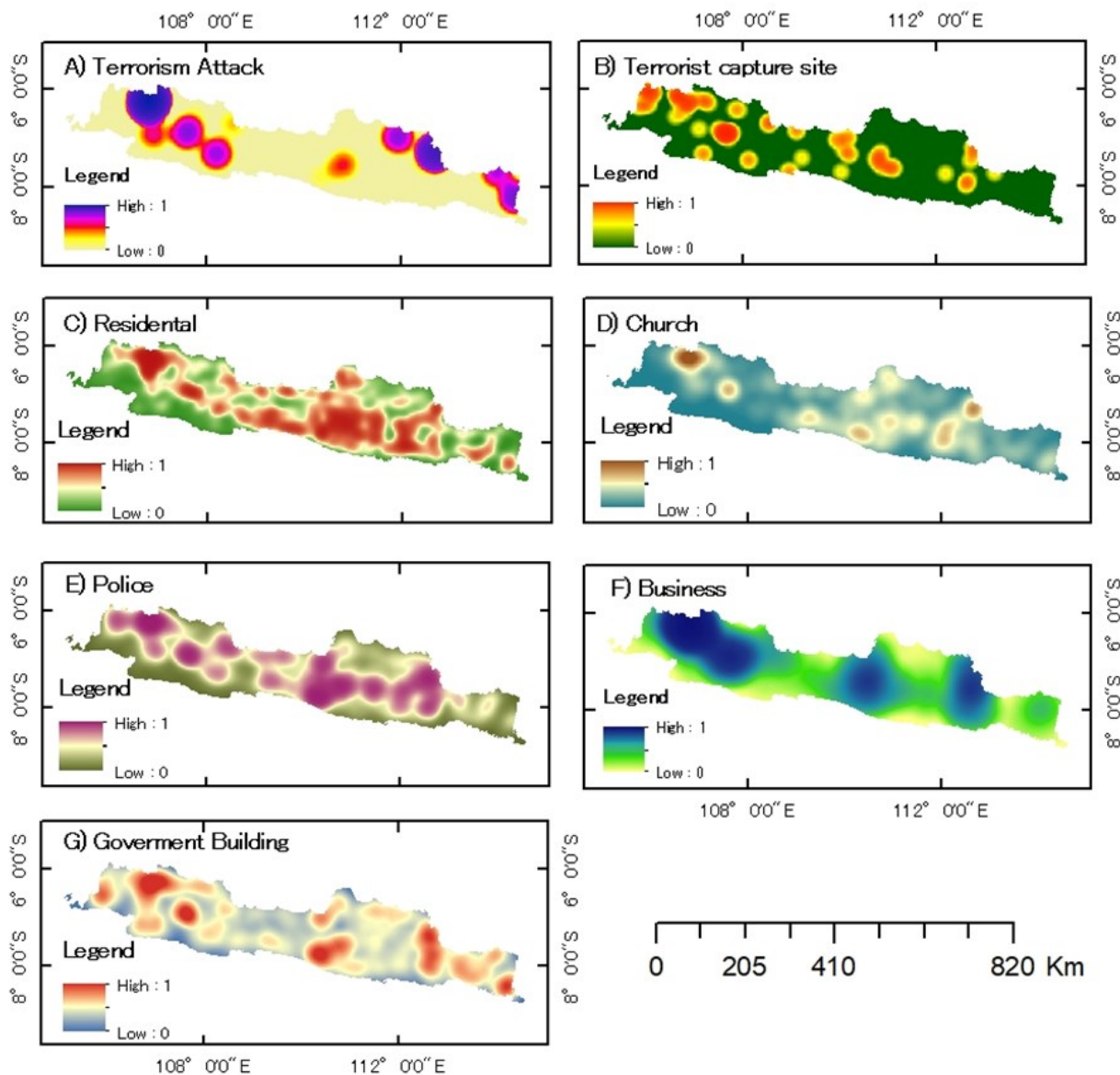


Figure 1. A-G is density (as an index) of variables used in this study

Table 2 AHP Matrix

Matrix		Past attach	Ter-rorism cap-ture site	Resi-dential area	Military/Police facility	Churc h	Busi-ness	Gov-ernme nt	normalized principal Eigenvector	Rank
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Past attack	1	1	2	1/3	1/5	1/7	1/5	1/5	4.04%	7
Terrorism capture site	2	1/2	1	1/5	1/6	1/6	1/5	1/6	2.93%	6
Residential area	3	2 3/4	4 5/7	1	1/4	2/3	4/5	2/7	10.25%	5
Military/Police facility	4	4 5/7	6 1/4	4 2/9	1	2/3	1 1/8	2/3	20.77%	3
Church	5	6 4/5	6	1 4/7	1 4/9	1	1 2/9	1 5/7	23.53%	1
Business	6	4 5/7	4 5/7	1 1/4	8/9	5/6	1	1 2/7	17.54%	4
Government	7	5 1/8	6	3 5/9	1 4/9	3/5	7/9	1	20.96%	2

Table 3. Sensitivity analysis of AHP

AHP Analytic Hierarchy Process (EVM multiple inputs)

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Only input data in the light green fields and worksheets!

n= Number of criteria (2 to 10) Scale: **AHP 1-9**

N= Number of Participants (1 to 20) α: Consensus: **74.3%**

p= selected Participant (0=consol.) 2 7 **Consolidated**

Objective

Author

Date Thresh: Iterations: 4 EVM check: 9.6E-09

Table	Criterion	Comment	Weights	+/-
1	Past attack		13.3%	2.1%
2	Terrorism capture s		13.5%	2.9%
3	Residential area		9.6%	1.6%
4	The military/Police		13.6%	1.8%
5	Church		21.3%	3.8%
6	Business		16.7%	2.8%
7	Government		11.9%	1.8%
8			0.0%	0.0%
9		for 9&10 unprotect the input sheets and expand the	0.0%	0.0%
10		question section ("+" in row 66)	0.0%	0.0%

Result	Eigenvalue	Lambda:	7.085	MRE: 16.8%
	Consistency Ratio	0.37	GCI: 0.04	Psi: 19.0% CR: 1.1%

Vulnerability Map

Figure 2 summarizes the results obtained for vulnerability map in Java Island. As indicate in Figure 2, 10.36 – 45.67% and 43.28 – 69.74% area in Java Island were found to be invulnerable to weakly vulnerable, respectively. In contrast, 4.48 – 9.93% of Java Island in the spectrum of vulnerable. The same with the strongly to extremely vulnerable category that falls around 0.72 – 2.3%. In total, the terrorism vulnerable area in Java Island range between 15.86 – 32.95%.

The percentage area statistical result denotes that most of Java Island categorize to be less vulnerable to terrorism activity. However, the vulnerability map (Figure 3) shows that classified area as vulnerable to extremely vulnerable (colored in red to yellow) are concentrated in the capital city of Jakarta and other big cities (i.e. Bekasi, Tangerang, Bogor, Bandung, Semarang, Yogyakarta, Surakarta, Malang, and Surabaya). On the other hand, small cities characterized by low vulnerability (colored in green shade).

This result validates the performance of proposed SMCA for terrorism vulnerability. As nowadays, terrorist act aims not only to create a mass murder but also a psychological

fear over the community (Alius, 2018). The vulnerable to extremely vulnerable area that located in high density population will create significantly negative effect to the whole nation, even if in a small scale of attack. As the effect of Bali Bombing give a significant impact to the Indonesia GDP that lost from 6 to 4 percent (Acharya, 2006). The pattern on attacking the big cities on each country has become a common sense (Braithwaite & LI, 2007), as the recorded in the Global Terrorism Databased (GTD, 2017), mostly happen in the middle east countries. However, the terrorism attack had start to distribute and target countries in Europe, South Asia and South East Asia (LaFree et al., 2012).

This study experiment extending the knowledge on the usage of SMCA approach for terrorism vulnerability model, that never tested before. Compared with the past tested spatial model (risk terrain modeling, distance and pattern analysis, and hotspot analysis), the SMCA approach has proven to be practically applicable in combine with the available open database resource. Moreover, the expected vulnerable area in Java Island based on the proposed SMCA model appeared to be well supported by the fact of terrorism

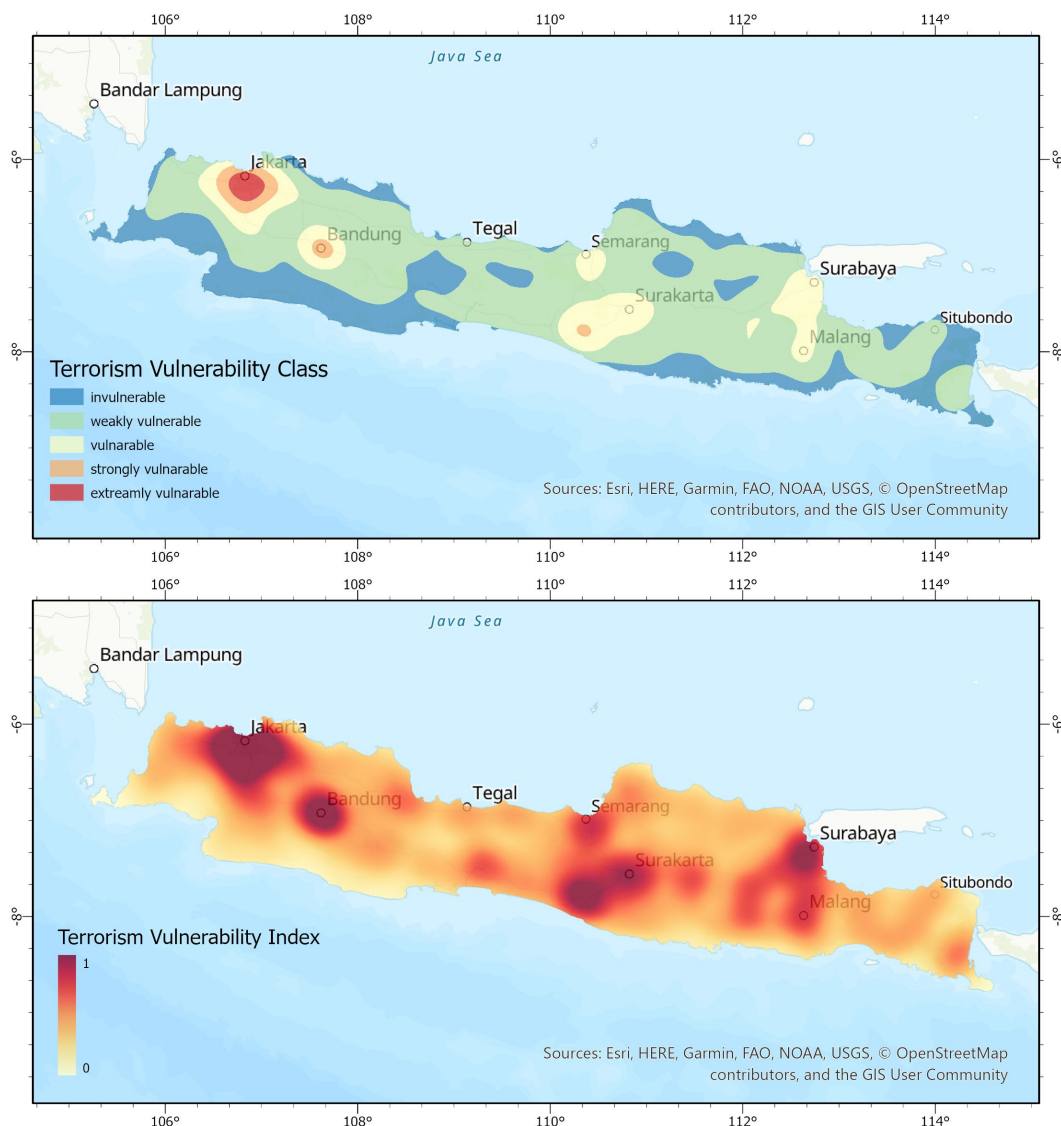


Figure 2. Terrorism Vulnerability map on Java Island: upper) Class; lower) Index

act over the region (Braithwaite & LI, 2007; LaFree et al., 2012). Then this method could be applicable to map the entire Indonesia.

Taking together, these results would seem to suggest that the design of counter terrorism program can be focus on the mapped area of vulnerable to extremely vulnerable area create from the proposed model, to prevent the act of terrorist, especially in Indonesia. However, the implementation of SMCA approach for terrorism vulnerability still widely open for improvisation, such defining the vulnerability aspect into physical, social, and economic.

4. Conclusion

The spatial vulnerability of terrorism act can give the government a valuable information. This study provides based on the past terrorism act and attractiveness of targeted facility. In case of Java Island, around 10 % of area categorized as vulnerable to terrorism activity. Even shows as a small number, the vulnerable area located in center of governance and business area (Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya, Solo, Yogyakarta), which even a small chaotic event will give significant effect. In the future research, the SMCA approach will be applied to evaluate the terrorism vulnerability over Indonesia.

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