Indonesia Opens First Gay, Transgender Health Clinic

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Members of Indonesia's gay and transgender community recently hailed the opening of the first health clinic devoted to them, according to an article by Agence France-Presse (AFP). The Bali Medika Clinic on the Indonesian island of Bali has received nearly 100 patients since it opened in early October. The privately owned clinic offers various services including safe-sex counseling, free condoms and antiretroviral drugs for HIV-positive clients. The number of known HIV/AIDS cases in Bali, a mostly Muslim hotspot for tourists, jumped to 3,778 in 2010, up 19 percent from the previous year, according to a report by the National AIDS Commission. A quarter of the island's prostitutes are reported to be HIV-positive, officials said.

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