



Nusantara: Indonesia has changed its capital; Do you know why?

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The Indonesian parliament has passed a law relocating the capital to Nusantara from the city of Jakarta, which has remained as capital till now.

Following suggestions by several leaders to relocate the country's capital, President Joko Widodo had announced that the Indonesian capital would be relocated in 2019. But the project had to be postponed due to rise in corona infections. President Joko Widodo has now announced legislation to change the current capital.

Widodo chose the name of the new capital, located in the Kalimantan forest on the island of Borneo, as 'Nusantara', which means 'archipelago'. He also mentioned that funds would be allocated and managed for the development of the newly selected capital.



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"In addition to being the hub of centralised functions, the new capital will be the symbol of Indonesia as well as the new-center for economic projects" said Minister Sukarso Monorba in parliament.

It has been announced that the initial construction work to shift the capital from Jakarta to Nusantara will begin in Indonesia between 2022-2024.

The new capital is said to have been chosen, as Jakarta is frequently



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**affected by floods,
congestion and air
pollution due to
climate change.**



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