

# Bali Daily



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## Minister to release endangered bird

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Klungkung: A pair of critically endangered Bali starlings from the West Bali National Park will be set free in Friends of the National Parks Foundation's (FNPF) bird sanctuary on Nusa Penida Island, Klungkung, on Dec. 30.

"Indonesia's Forestry Minister, Zulkifli Hasan, will release the birds in a special ceremony near our conservation center at 10 a.m. on Monday," said FNPF founder and CEO I Gede Nyoman Bayu Wirayudha.

"We're very excited — these birds will bring a new blood line to the more than 100 Bali starlings already living in the wild within the island sanctuary."

FNPF is an Indonesian nonprofit organization working to protect wildlife and its habitat, at the same time as supporting local communities.

"FNPF has been providing technical support and advice to West Bali National Park for its Bali starling conservation program for more than 10 years. It's fantastic to have the opportunity to introduce into our sanctuary a new bloodline from the leading government institution working to save this precious endemic bird," said Wirayudha.

The two Bali starlings that will be released Monday have been given in exchange for starlings from FNPF's breeding collection on Nusa Penida.

The sanctuary, the only one of its kind in Indonesia, provides an unofficial haven for endangered birds. Within the sanctuary, just off the coast of mainland Bali, FNPF rehabilitates and releases ex-captive birds, is involved in reforestation and community development.

The project has the backing of the islands' 46 villages. Indonesia has the world's second-highest number of endangered birds, and the Bali starling is one of world's most endangered.

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### DAILY HOT SPOTS

Ryoshi House of Jazz presents: Ryoshi Quintet Dec. 30 Starts 7:30 p.m.

Stylish & centrally located, offers Free Photo in Balinese costume Horison Seminyak Bali Hotel

Bali Zoo Comes To Beachwalk Dec. 15 – Jan. 15 From 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dec. 31 Starts 6:30 p.m.

### SIGHTSEEING



Kou Cuisine's variety of homemade jams

A lady in a blue outfit enthusiastically entered a building dominated by white paint with a minimalist interior design and beige-colored wood.

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