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**Summary:**

he UK government has been urged by human rights campaigners to make aid and increased trade with Indonesia

conditional on an end to degrading “virginity tests”. For decades, women applying to Indonesia’s military have been [subjected to the invasive practice](#) [5] in the belief that it will establish whether they are sexually active - and therefore if they are “moral” and “worthy of office”.

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But pressure has been mounting internationally to abandon virginity tests, with the World Health Organisation and the United Nations calling for a total ban to the practice last October. The agencies said that although the tests are prevalent in at least 20 countries around the globe, including Afghanistan, Egypt and Iraq, there is “no evidence” that “the female genitalia can indicate a girl’s or woman’s history of sexual activity.” Fears are growing about the influence of conservative Islam on the largely moderate society of Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation.

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