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Latto Latto

A traditional game is making a comeback in Indonesia - and potentially the world.

If you've been seeing kids and adults playing on a couple of weighted balls tied to a string and a finger tab, and swing them so they hit each other, then that's the one.

Locally known as *Latto-Latto*, it is a popular toy in the late 1960s and early 70s.

Said to have originated from the US, in 1968 *latto-latto* (or clackers/click-clacks/knockers/ker-bangers/clankers) was classed as mechanical hazard and pulled from the market. Canada, England and Egypt also banned the toy.

And as if that clacking noise wasn't annoying enough, the hard acrylic plastic balls would occasionally shatter upon striking each other and cause injuries - much like what happened to an 8-year-old in West Borneo who needed stitches in the eyes earlier this week.

Of course just like all trends, this *latto-latto* craze would pass. But in the meantime, would you try it?

Next Monday:

Blood Donation

16 January 2023 from 9 AM to 12 at Conference Hall, WTC 3

Yours truly,
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