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## In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we **interview** three investment analysts about the current state of the Indonesian economy and examine the likelihood of a future financial crisis. The *Report* offers an analysis of the dangers ahead and provides some recommendations.

In **From the Editor**, editor in chief James Van Zorge comments on a possible cabinet reshuffle, with our sources saying a deal between President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and deputy Jusuf Kalla is nearing. Heads look likely to roll, but will they be the right ones?

**Intelligence** details financial troubles at English language newspaper *The Point*, examines the appointment of Soeharto cronies to biofuel projects and tips a likely replacement to head the State Intelligence Agency.

Along with another horrific air crash, the past two weeks have seen a diplomatic row and a political scandal top newspaper headlines. The **In Brief** section seeks to explain the meaning behind the sand row between Indonesia and Singapore. It also examines the embarrassing revelations that government officials may have laundered the money of convicted murderer Tommy Soeharto. Finally, in our continuing series on the nation's legislative branch, the *Report* looks at the pros and cons of extending the powers of the House of Regional Representatives (DPD).

We hope that you find this issue useful and of interest to yourself and your colleagues. Please feel free to contact us here at the *Report* if you have any comments or suggestions; we are genuinely grateful for your feedback.

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