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The bombing of the J.W. Marriott Hotel came as a rude awakening for Indonesians. Having come to terms with the presence of terrorist elements on its own soil after last year's Bali blast, the country appeared to adopt a degree of complacency in response to the swift action taken by the security forces to round up both suspected perpetrators and leaders of the terrorist network. But the events of August 5, 2003 have confirmed new fears that the terrorist network is far more extensive, and better organized, than previously imagined.

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“Good Governance Cannot be Built by an Illegitimate Government”

Now that the final pieces of key legislation on the elections have been passed, Indonesia looks set to adopt a new electoral system and, for the first time ever, conduct a direct presidential election. The Van Zorge Report talks with electoral researcher Kevin Evans about these laws, and about the kind of election they are likely to produce.

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