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## In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we provide a unique roundtable discussion with three prominent Indonesian political thinkers. A series of issues are discussed in “**Opening the Fast**” including Islam, democratisation, and the role of the oligarchy in politics. In the **From the Editor** section, the tsunami reconstruction process is looked at, as journalists from around the world get set to return to Indonesia to judge the efforts to date.

A “**Letter to the Editor**” is printed that responds to Editor-in-Chief James Van Zorge’s editorial from the last issue (See Vol. VII No. 16-17 “Preparing for Cabinet II: time to dispel the need for coalitions”). In the letter, Dr. Rainer Adam puts forward a series of observations that are pertinent to the cabinet reshuffle debate, including options for SBY to consider in building coalitions.

Various countries’ views of international organisations are provided in this issue’s research report—“**The View of the UN: Locally and Globally**”.

We present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which includes a report on Omar al-Faruq’s alleged escape as well as some insight into the ongoing manhunt of Noordin M. Top. **In Brief** looks at, among other things, Papua and the US decision not to include it in a new House of Representatives bill. A look at the collapsing mutual funds industry in Indonesia is included too.

We hope that you and your colleagues find this issue useful and of interest. 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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