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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present a double issue that focuses on Indonesia's decentralisation process. The section comprises a brief introduction, an interview with US academic and Indonesian decentralisation expert Dr. Michael Malley, an overview of a recent survey from the Jakarta-based Regional Autonomy Watch, two brief on the ground looks at decentralisation in Kupang and Semarang, and finally a feature article from Erick Danzer that looks at the economic aspects of decentralisation.

In the **From the Editor** section, the recent tsunami in Pangandaran is examined alongside governmental efforts to provide assistance to the wracked region.

We also present a **Research Report** conducted by the *Van Zorge Report* in conjunction with TNS Indonesia that looks at the economic welfare of Indonesians.

In Brief covers the stalled effort to revise the country's labour law, ongoing attempts to recover money from the 1998 BLBI scandal, Indonesia's reaction to the Israel-Lebanon conflict, as well as what is causing the rise in production costs and the subsequent power shortages at PLN.

As well, we present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which includes a story on how the BRR is allegedly spending its money, SBY's consolidation over the military, and a short brief on the health of Widodo AS.

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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