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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present a feature article on the current jostling between political elites at the top of some of the country's political parties as they begin preparations for the 2009 elections. Snapshots of five political parties are introduced, looking at the practices which dictate a rise to the top and the characters involved.

In the **From the Editor** section, our Editor-in-Chief comments on the ongoing mud flow disaster in Sidoarjo and the continuing lack of responsibility from either the government or the company involved.

In our **Research Report** we provide an in depth analysis of the most recent TNS poll on the 2007 Jakarta Governor race.

In Brief covers the new legislative agenda of the DPR for the 2006-2007 session, the results of the investigation into the Koesmayadi affair and its subsequent impact on the military and an analysis of the delays in the death penalties of the Bali bombers and the Poso three.

We also present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which looks at a new pharmaceutical deal between Farallon Capital Management and PT Kalbe Farma as well as exposing the reasons behind the government's recent decision to put a halt to the creation of new regencies.

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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