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## In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we offer a feature article on the relationship between President Yudhoyono and Vice President Kalla. Looking at the details behind the generalisations, we find a much more complex picture of the relationship than is usually offered.

We also present an interview with the head of USAID in Indonesia, William Frej, on USAID's experience of working in Indonesia.

In the **From the Editor** section, the government's recent announcement of sending Indonesian troops to Lebanon is analysed and placed into a wider context.

**In Brief** presents an analysis of the government's decision to import rice from abroad, looks at the disturbing discovery of yet another stash of illegal arms linked to the TNI, details the issues behind the country's inability to deal with garbage disposal, and clarifies some proposed changes to the country's political system.

As well, we present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which disclaims rumours among some of Jakarta's expats regarding Avian Flu, details a little-known reason behind the deployment of Indonesian troops to Lebanon, looks at Lapindo's behind the scenes moves to mitigate its responsibility for the Sidoarjo mud flow, and reveals the power behind one of Indonesia's newest newspapers.

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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