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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present a feature article on Golkar's four-day leadership conference. As the party with the most seats in the House of Representatives and the highest concentration of New Order stalwarts, its internal politicking has a substantial impact on the present and future of Indonesian politics. This article will guide the reader through the latest behind-the-scenes developments.

An **interview** with noted political commentator Syamsuddin Haris on the Golkar conference complements the piece.

In the **From the Editor** section, Editor-in-Chief James Van Zorge comments on US President Bush's recent visit to Indonesia and the schism between international perceptions of Islamic politics in this country and the reality of them.

In Brief takes up President Bush's visit as well, analysing the reaction from the national media to his short stay. This month's national infrastructure summit is also covered in addition to a report on the progress of the implementation of the new citizenship bill.

This week in **Intelligence** we present inside information on the budget Lapindo has set aside to help clear up the mud flow disaster as well as how it could be used. A follow-up to another natural disaster, the Yogyakarta earthquake, is also included.

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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