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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present the first of two issues focused on Papua. In **Papua in 2006: still at the crossroads**, you will find a four-part article that looks into the Timika shootings, the partitioning of Papua, the MRP, and the forthcoming local elections in Papua. We hope this piece will provide some background to help you better formulate your views on Papua.

In the **From the Editor** section, Editor-in-Chief James Van Zorge fits the recent developments in Papua and East Timor into a geopolitical perspective. In his piece, he argues that events currently making headlines in Indonesian newspapers have their antecedents in a larger historical framework.

As well, we present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which includes a look into the ongoing violence in Nias and the controversy arising from the arrest of eight Papuans over their alleged roles in the Timika ambush. **In Brief** looks at Indonesian-Australian relations, a recent report on Timor Leste and its implications, a series of terrorist arrests, and Freeport's ongoing problems.

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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