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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we present a series of pieces looking at the increasing number of Islamic-driven regulations surfacing in Indonesia and their legality. In **Creeping sharia?**, the *Report* looks at Tangerang and the possible driving forces behind a series of regulations implemented there in November 2005 as well as some strategies that those in opposition to the regulations might use to challenge them. That is followed by **A provincial snapshot**, which looks in detail at regulations being implemented in West Java and South Sulawesi. Finally, an **Interview** with legal expert Adnan Buyung Nasution is provided, where he identifies national links that could be behind the regulations and how he might challenge them.

In **From the Editor**, the *Report* comments on the recent labour unrest and some of the steps the government is taking to improve the investment climate other than revising the country's labour laws.

Intelligence looks at the ongoing reform of the country's civil service sector and a forthcoming announcement about Singapore's involvement in one of Indonesia's new Special Economic Zones.

This week, **In Brief** looks at President Yudhoyono's trip to the Middle East, Bagir Manan's election to a second term as head of the Indonesian Supreme Court, and a recent study on the distribution of subsidies to the poor following last year's October fuel hike.

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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