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In this double issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia* we present three features on the hot topics of religious tolerance, energy and food security. The first feature presents the proceedings of a discussion **Panel on Religious Tolerance** in Indonesia held last week at the Jakarta Foreign Correspondents Club. The discussion comes in the wake of a violent attack on Muslim moderates and the ongoing persecution of a controversial Islamic sect.

In our second feature, **Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro**, presents an overview of his sector, which currently provides a third of all of Indonesia's government revenues. Our final presentation is a panel discussion on food security, held recently as part of Van Zorge Heffernan's The Executive Network.

In **From the Editor** our publisher **Dennis Heffernan** analyses the challenges that presidential candidates Barak Obama and John McCain will face in their battle for the United States presidency.

In **Intelligence** we reveal that tycoon and politician Aburizal Bakrie is throwing his weight behind gubernatorial candidates in East Java. We also detail a World Bank report about the increasing violence occurring in Aceh.

Our **Political Briefs** section begins with an analysis of Indonesia's laws on religion and how these decrees relate to the possible banning of the Ahmadiyah and the FPI. We also cover Vice President Jusuf Kalla's moves to increase his control of the Golkar Party, and discuss new Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's plan for an Asia-Pacific Community.

We hope that you find this issue useful and of interest to yourself and to 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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