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In this double issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia* we include two special features—one on Indonesia's defence capabilities and the other on new investment opportunities.

A state of unreadiness examines the country's dilapidated defence force and asks what needs to be done to transform the Indonesian Military into a more efficient and modern institution. We also feature a special interview with Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono.

The second feature, **Too much uncertainty!** and **The case for agricultural investment**, is composed of two articles from the recent edition of *The Gloom, Boom and Doom Report* by Hong Kong-based economist and investor Marc Weber. Both stories focus on the new investment opportunities in agriculture.

In **From the Editor**, our editor-in-chief James Van Zorge examines the controversial dealings of powerful petroleum broker Muhammad Reza Chalid. Our second editorial takes in the recently released accident report on doomed AdamAir flight 574, which crashed in 2007, killing all 102 people on board.

Intelligence reveals that an investor is circling above the remains of beleaguered AdamAir. Other stories detail the latest political jostling over who will be next central bank governor and the creation of a new English-language newspaper in Jakarta.

Our **Political Briefs** section looks at why Indonesia abstained on a vote to tighten sanctions against Iran and weighs in about the pros and cons for the country's foreign policy. We also dissect the crash report into AdamAir flight 574 and government moves to deal with high cooking oil and soybean prices.

Industry Briefs deals with the latest PricewaterhouseCooper's report on the Indonesian mining industry, which shows the sector is reaping record profits. Despite this, the industry is still said to be underperforming.

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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