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**In this issue...**

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia* we include two features. **The future for global oil and Indonesia's role** covers a recent Executive Network event held to discuss the "peak oil" question. In the second article, **Press Freedom: a line in the sand**, Tempo Inti Media vice president director Bambang Harymurti outlines the challenges ahead for a free press in Indonesia.

In **From the Editor**, we comment on information minister Muhammad Nuh's move to ban several popular websites because they carry the controversial *Fitna* video.

**Intelligence** reveals the latest on the power plays involving the soon-to-be vacant position of chief finance minister. It also predicts when the next floods are likely to hit Jakarta.

Our **Political Briefs** section looks at the reasons behind two downward revisions of Indonesia's projected growth for 2008, along with the violence and food problems facing West Timor and neighbour Timor Leste. A third story details the President's latest push for the reopening of historic human rights cases.

In **Industry Briefs**, we present the views of two experts who believe Indonesia's property market should be largely sheltered from the sub-prime mortgage crisis. A second story explains why soaring clove prices are creating problems for tobacco producers.

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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**Correction:**

In the last edition we incorrectly identified the author of the *Gloom, Boom and Doom Report*. His name is Mark Faber. We apologise for the error.



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