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- **NU postpones their Congress for rainy season, money reasons**
Indonesia's largest Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, has postponed its National Congress. It did not have adequate funds to hold it in January, as was previously planned. The Congress, or *Muktamar*, will take place in March.
 - **Cabinet split over Century case**
Controversy over the bailout of Bank Century has divided Yudhoyono's cabinet into two camps. The first, led by State Secretary Sudi Silalahi, would like there to be more focus on the flow of Century funds. The second camp, led by Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Hatta Radjasa, would prefer to limit the investigation to the bailout decision alone. Unverified documents have suggested that Hatta Radjasa and other members linked to Yudhoyono's success team received Century funds.
 - **Bank Century: Inside the House**
Golkar, PDI-P, and PKS are envisioning a vacancy in the vice president's office. Golkar and PKS would like to see it filled by Aburizal Bakrie and Hidayat Nurwahid, respectively. Other names being floated are Hatta Radjasa and even Jusuf Kalla. PPP, on the other hand, is using the special committee in the House to demonstrate their loyalty to the president. Meanwhile, the Democrat Party chairman knows his job: "to make sure that Democrat Party and President Yudhoyono are clear from this scandal."
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- **Bank Century: Constitutional powers of the House, the members of the special committee, and the impeachment process**
The House of Representatives has invoked its right to investigate, and has established a special committee (*Pansus*) to investigate the Bank Century bailout. This is one of the most powerful rights granted to them by the Constitution. Although there are rumours of an impending impeachment, the process is designed to prevent it from political hijacking.
 - **Nahdlatul Ulama and counter-terrorism: More than a proxy police force**
The United Nations has come to recognize the value of involving civil society organizations, like Indonesia's Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah, in counterterrorism efforts. Instead of solely promoting their own strategy, the UN could learn from the two organizations' time-tested approaches to promoting religious tolerance.
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- **The gecko, the healing rock, and what's in store for 2010**
News in 2009 was dominated by national elections, the terrorist attacks and subsequent manhunt, multiple scandals involving law enforcement and the judiciary, and the global financial crisis. At the dawn of 2010, there is a pernicious risk that the current scandals will cause Indonesians to lose faith in their government, tarnish Indonesia's reputation abroad, and precipitate a crisis in leadership. In other words, the government risks doing a better job at creating instability than even the terrorists who had the malevolent intention to do so
 - **What's in, what's out**
No, it's not McDonalds. It's ToniJacks, and it's "Better than that one!"
 - **indobook: Connecting you to the newsmakers of 2009**
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