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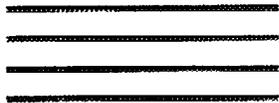
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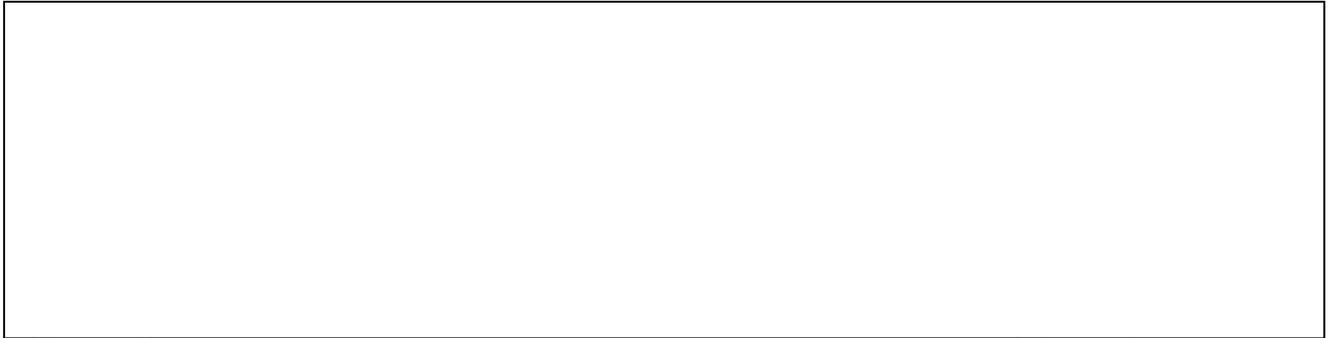
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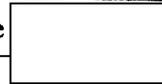
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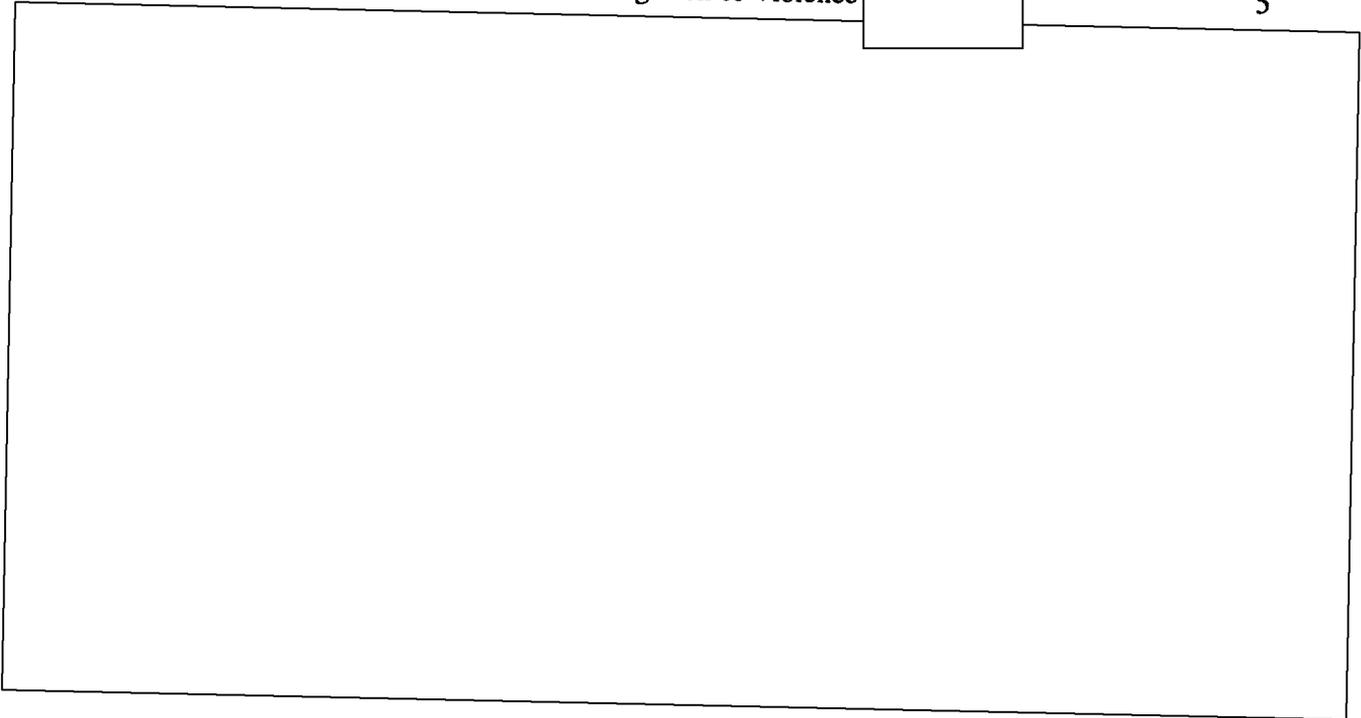
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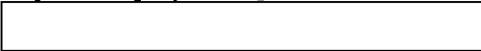


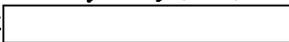
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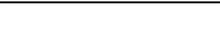
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Indonesia: Continuing Risk of Violence 

The government's public threats to use deadly force against protesters are meant to prevent a repetition of last weekend's riots, but the policy heightens the risk that even a peaceful rally will lead to violence.

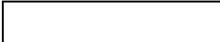
- The military has deployed large numbers of armed soldiers in Jakarta, 
- A senior military officer yesterday publicly refused to confirm or deny press reports that troops had been ordered to shoot protesters on sight. 

 Megawati Sukarnoputri plans to pursue her court challenge over her removal in June as chairman of the Indonesia Democracy Party (PDI). She is publicly urging calm among her supporters, but  the court challenge may prompt public rallies.

-  some of her supporters are distributing inflammatory literature that could be viewed as grounds for arrest.



Authorities are blaming much of the recent violence on the People's Democratic Party (PRD), which President Soeharto has publicly equated with the banned Indonesian Communist Party; little is known about the PRD.

-  there is a widening government dragnet aimed at political activists allegedly associated with the PRD or the PDI. A prominent independent labor leader was arrested on Tuesday, and leaders of several public interest organizations also may be detained. 