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1. [Mob Steals Criminal Files from 1999 Bloodshed](#), Mark Dodd, Australian, 2006-05-30
Attorney-General Longuinhos Monteiro confirmed at least 12 per cent of East Timor's entire criminal archive is missing after a mob looted the Attorney-General's office. The lost files include ones for General Wiranto, Indonesia's former armed forces chief, who was indicted by UN-backed prosecutors for rights abuses in East Timor. Wiranto has consistently denied any wrongdoing.
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3. [A Display of Power](#), Paul Kelly, Australian, 2006-05-31 Australia's intervention in East Timor is both military and political. Its primary purpose was to respond to East Timor's security crisis. But this is not just a military intervention. It transcends the domain of law and order and penetrates to East Timor's political crisis. In this sense Australia is operating as a regional power or a potential hegemony that shapes security and political outcomes.
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9. [Overseas Missions Get Their Own Police](#), Cynthia Banham, SMH, 2006-06-01 Dedicated service police investigators are being sent to all of Australia's major military deployments, including Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands and E. Timor. They will operate under an independent chain of command to the deployed troops, answerable to the Chief of Defence Force through a new chief investigator, Provost Marshal-Australian Defence Force, Colonel Tim Grutzner.
10. [Papuan Religious Leader Spooked by Indonesian Security Officers](#), RNZI, 2006-05-31 The head of the Papua's Baptist church says harassment by Indonesia won't stop him speaking out about human rights and justice in the province. Reverend Socrates Sofyan Yoman has released a list of

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