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1. [East Timor: Alkatiri Speaks](#), John Martinkus, New Matilda*, Issue 96, 2006-06-28 According to Marí Alkatiri, the Australian media played a large part in the campaign to get rid of him. 'It started in The Australian,' he said, 'and suddenly it spread to more or less all.' Alkatiri is adamant the violence was orchestrated as part of a program to topple his Government. 'It has to be institutions inside, assisted by others outside, ... can be from Australia maybe from Indonesia but not the Governments.'
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 - [Costello denies Timor plot](#), AAP, Age, 2006-06-29
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- [Ousting Alkatiri](#), John Martinkus, Asia News Network, 2006-06-28
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 3. [No Quick Fix in East Timor](#), George Quinn, AFR*, 2006-06-28 Although many in the public have made Alkatiri a scapegoat, East Timor's disarray has to be sheeted home to the government collectively. In fact the current crisis may mark the twilight before eclipse for the Portuguese-speaking political elite that dominates government. None of them has emerged from the current crisis with reputation intact.
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 4. ['Justice on the Cheap' Revisited: The Failure of the Serious Crimes Trials in East Timor](#), David Cohen, East-West Center, May 2006 From 2000 to 2005, a UN-sponsored tribunal in East Timor sought to achieve accountability for violence associated with the 1999 vote for independence from Indonesia. Despite criticism of the tribunal's performance, the UN has maintained that it was a success. In fact, the East Timor tribunal represents a virtual textbook case of how not to create, manage, and administer a "hybrid" justice process.
 - [Serious Crimes Unit \(SCU\), Prosecutor-General of the Democratic Republic of East Timor \(RDTL\)](#) [Web site]
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 6. [Why Indonesia Needs a New Way in Politics](#), Michael Vatikiotis - International Herald Tribune, 2006-06-19 Indonesia needs the kind of centrist politics that has stabilised so much of Europe in the postwar era. A Pancasila party could act as a powerful magnet for the moderate majority. So would a recasting of the modernist Muslim core as a Muslim Democrat party. Indonesia would benefit greatly if the energy expended on street protests for better wages were channelled into a sensible labor party.
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 8. [US Has Right to Missile Defence, says Howard](#), Phillip Coorey, SMH, 2006-06-29 Australia would not oppose a US plan to shoot down a North Korean missile should Pyongyang go ahead with what it says is a test launch, the PM, John Howard, indicated. The US has threatened to deploy a cruiser with interceptor missiles to waters near Japan. In the US yesterday, Minister for Defence, Brendan Nelson, agreed that shooting down the missile was an option if diplomacy failed.
 - [Good cop, bad cop](#), Laura Rozen, War and Piece, 2006-06-23
 - [North Korea's Non-Threat](#), William M. Arkin, Early Warning, Washington Post, 2006-06-20
 - [Hoax Watch, Day 10: No Nork Launch, After All](#), Noah Schactman, DefenseTech.org 2006-06-28
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 10. [Stubborn Kyoto Stand Will Cost Us Dearly](#), Frank Muller and Hugh Saddler, AFR*, 2006-06-28 Australia should ratify the Kyoto Protocol and implement a carbon tax or emissions trading, incorporating offsets that preserve the competitiveness of industries at risk. Ideally, the offsets would be designed so they might form the basis of a multilateral solution to carbon leakage.
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