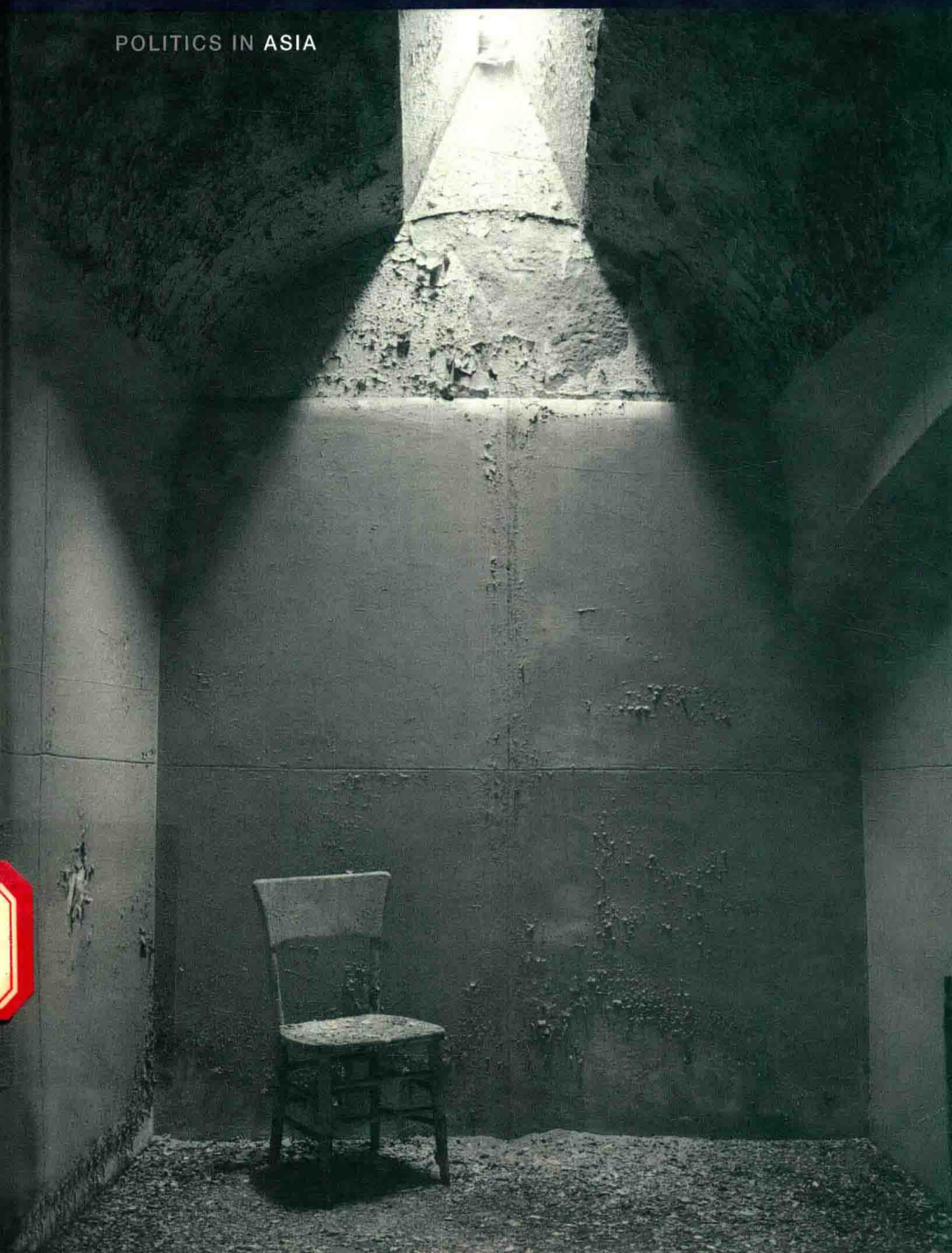


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# Torture, Truth and Justice

This book highlights how, and why, torture is such a compelling tool for states and other powerful actors. While torture has a short-term use value for perpetrators, it also creates a devastating legacy for victims, their families, and communities. In exposing such repercussions, this book addresses the questions 'What might torture victims need to move forward from their violation?' and 'How can official responses provide truth or justice for torture victims?'

Building on observations, documentary analysis, and over 70 interviews with both torture victims and transitional justice workers this book explores how torture was used, suffered, and resisted in Timor-Leste. The author investigates the extent to which transitional justice institutions have provided justice for torture victims. She illustrates how truth commissions and international courts operate together and reflects on their successes and weaknesses with reference to wider social, political, and economic conditions. Stanley also details victims' experiences of torture and highlights how they experience life in the newly built state of Timor-Leste.

Tracking the past, present and future of human rights, truth and justice for victims in Timor-Leste, *Torture, Truth and Justice* will be of interest to students, professionals, and scholars of Asian studies, international studies, human rights, criminology, and social policy.

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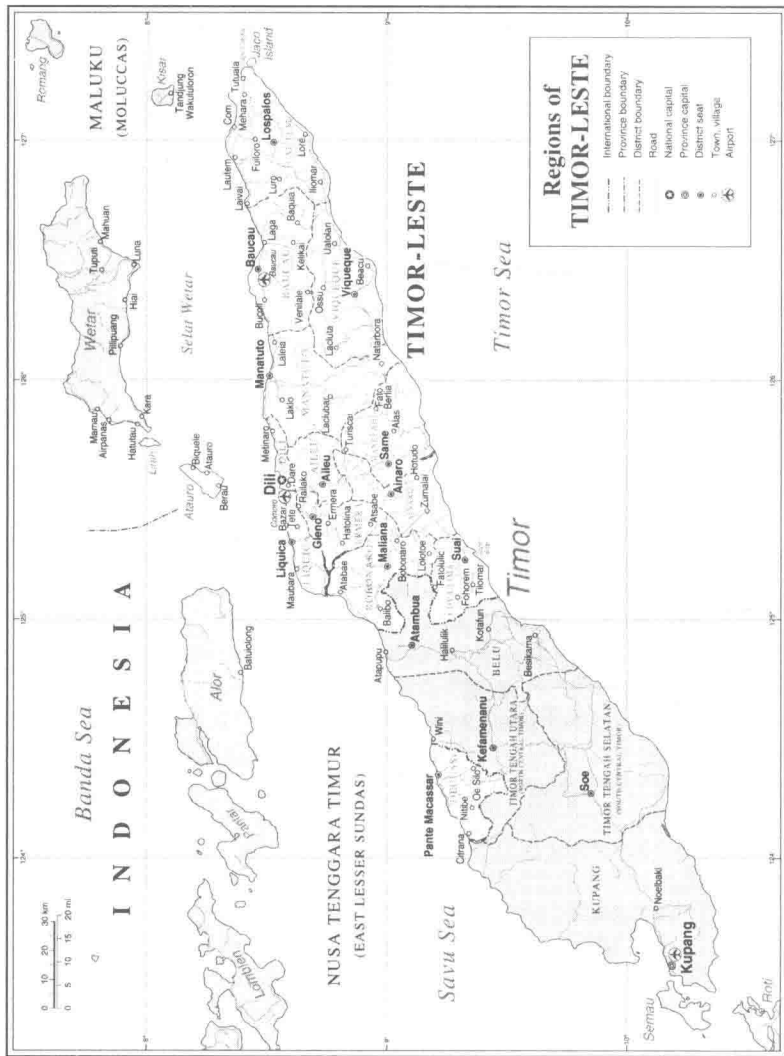
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# Abbreviations and Other Terms

ABRI	Indonesian Armed Forces
<i>Apodeti</i>	Timorese Popular Democratic Association
<i>babinsa</i>	village guidance officer
<i>Bahasa Indonesia</i>	Main language spoken in Indonesia
<i>biti</i>	traditional mat used in conflict resolution
Brimob	Indonesian paramilitary police (Mobile Brigade)
CAVR	Commission on Reception, Truth and Reconciliation
CEP	Community Empowerment and Social Governance Project
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CMATS	Certain Maritime Agreements in the Timor Sea
CNRT	National Congress for the Reconstruction of East Timor
CRA	Community Reconciliation Act
CRP	Community Reconciliation Process
CTF	Commission on Truth and Friendship
DLU	Defence Lawyers Unit
<i>Falintil</i>	Armed Forces for the National Liberation of East Timor
F-FDTL	<i>Falintil Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste</i> (new Timorese army)
<i>Fretilin</i>	East Timorese pro-independence group
GSS	General Security Services [Israel]
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IMF	International Monetary Fund
Intel	Intelligence Task Force (informants)
INTERFET	International Force in East Timor
JSMP	Judicial System Monitoring Programme
<i>Kodahankam Timor</i>	East Timor Regional Defence and Security Command
<i>Kodim</i>	district military commands
<i>Komnas Ham</i>	Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights

Kopassus	elite counter-insurgency forces
<i>Koramil</i>	sub-district military commands
KOTA	<i>Klibur oan Timor Asuwain</i>
NGO	non-governmental organization
PASC	Pilot Agricultural Service Centres
PKI	Communist Party of Indonesia
PNTL	National Police of Timor-Leste
POLRI	Republic of Indonesia Police
PRADET	Psychosocial Recovery and Development in East Timor
Renal	<i>Fretilin</i> Rehabilitation Centre
RPKAD	Special Unit Kopassanda
SCU	Serious Crimes Unit
SPSC	Special Panels for Serious Crimes
STP-CAVR	Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat
<i>suco</i>	village
<i>tais</i>	textiles
<i>Tetum</i>	language spoken in East Timor
TFET	Trust Fund for Timor-Leste
TNI	Indonesian National Military
UDT	Timorese Democratic Union
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNAMET	UN Assistance Mission in East Timor
UNMISSET	UN Mission in East Timor
UNMIT	UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
UNOTIL	UN Office in Timor-Leste
UNTAET	UN Transitional Administration in East Timor



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