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Schlage keinen Nagel in die Wand

Wirf den Rock auf den Stuhl.

Warum vorsorgen für vier Tage?

Du kehrst morgen zurück.

Lass den kleinen Baum ohne Wasser.

Wozu noch einen Baum pflanzen?

Bevor er so hoch wie eine Stufe ist

Gehst du fort von hier.

Zieh die Mütze ins Gesicht, wenn Leute vorbeigehn!

Wozu in fremden Grammatiken blättern?

— Bertolt Brecht

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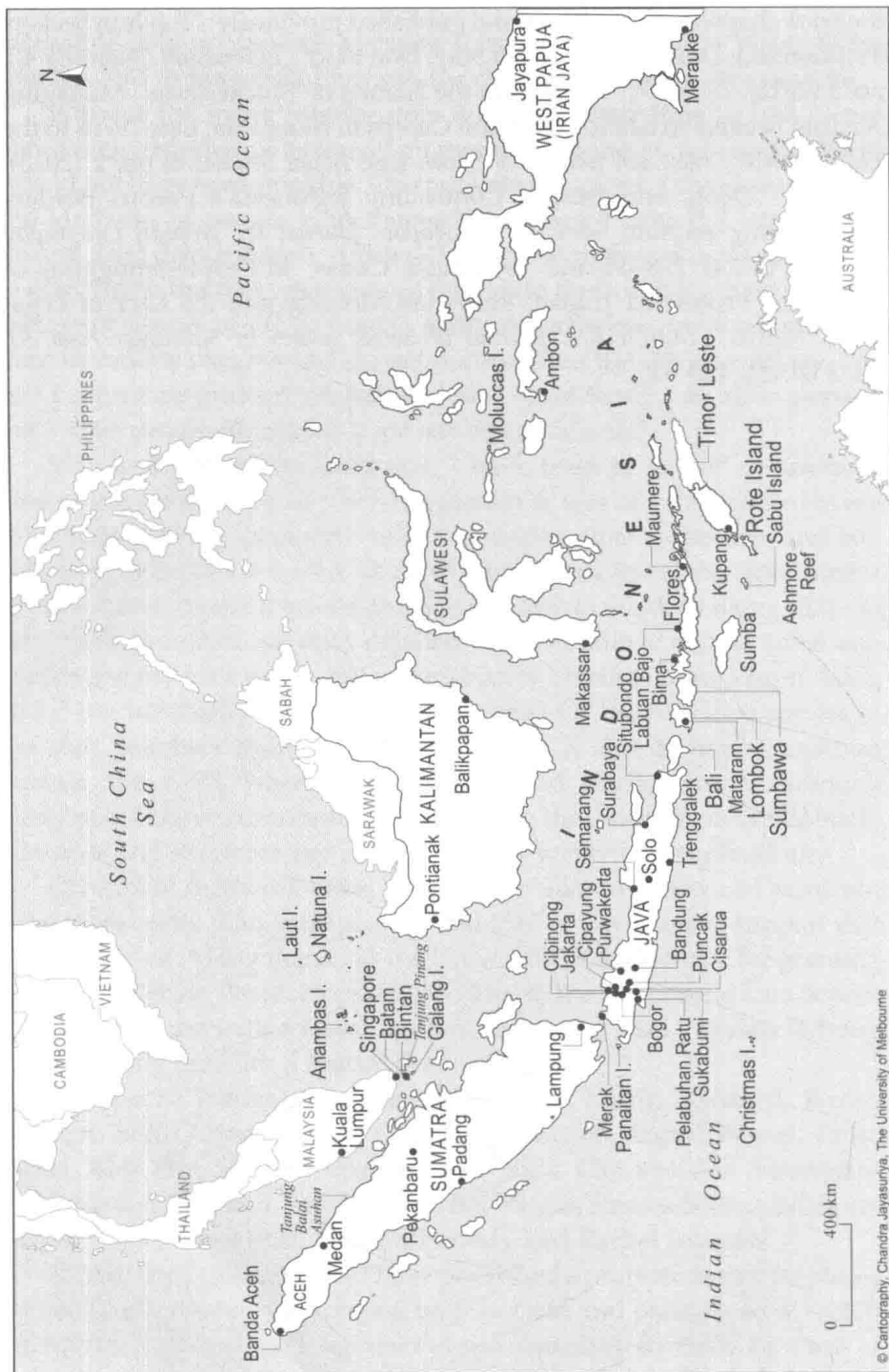
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ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

AFP	Australian Federal Police
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Baharkam	Badan Pemeliharaan Keamanan (Security Maintenance Agency of the National Police)
Bakorkamla	Badan Koordinasi Keamanan Laut (Maritime Security Coordination Board)
Basarnas	Badan SAR Nasional (National Search and Rescue Agency)
Bhabinkamtibmas	Bhayangkara Pembina Keamanan dan Ketertiban Masyarakat (Village Leadership for Social Security and Order [of the Police])
BNN	Badan Narkotika Nasional (National Narcotics Agency)
CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CPA	Comprehensive Plan of Action
CWS	Church World Service
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australian Federal Government)
FPI	Front Pembela Islam (Islamic Defenders Front)
Hizb-e Wahdat	Hizb-e Wahdat-e Islami Afghanistan (Islamic Unity Party of Afghanistan)
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICEM	Intergovernmental Committee for Migration (predecessor of IOM)

INTERFET	International Force for East Timor
IOM	International Organization for Migration
<i>jamkesmas</i>	<i>jaminan kesehatan masyarakat</i> (community health insurance)
JCLEC	Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation
JRS	Jesuit Refugee Service
Komnas HAM	Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia (National Human Rights Commission)
LBH	Lembaga Bantuan Hukum (Legal Aid Institute)
LSAKK	Lembaga Studi Advokasi Keimigrasian dan Kewarganegaraan (Immigration and Citizenship Advocacy Study Institute)
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Tamil Tigers)
MCIIIP	Management and Care of Irregular Immigrants Project
P3V	Panitia Pengelolaan Pengungsi Vietnam (Management Committee for Vietnamese Refugees) sometimes also translated as Penanggulangan dan Pengelolaan Pengungsi Vietnam (Prevention and Management of Vietnamese Refugees), Pusat Perlindungan Pengungsi Vietnam (Centre for the Protection of Vietnamese Refugees), or Pengamanan dan Perawatan Pengungsi Vietnam (Protection and Treatment for Vietnamese Refugees)
PMI	Palang Merah Indonesia, Indonesian Red Cross
Polres	Polisi Resor (district police)
Prolegnas	Program Legislasi Nasional (National Legislation Programme)
<i>puskesmas</i>	<i>pusat kesehatan masyarakat</i> (community health clinics)
RANHAM	Rencana Aksi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia (National Action Plan for Human Rights)
RCA	Regional Cooperation Agreement Model (tripartite collaboration between IOM, the Government of Australia and the Government of Indonesia)

RELA	Ikatan Relawan Rakyat Malaysia (Volunteers of Malaysian People)
RMIM	Reinforcing Management of Irregular Migration (programme under IOM)
<i>rudenim</i>	<i>rumah detensi imigrasi</i> (immigration detention centre)
SATGAS	<i>satuan tugas</i> (taskforce)
SIEV	suspected irregular/illegal entry vessel
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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