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## **ABSTRACT**

### **The Hoodlums of Jakarta**

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This work surveys the operations and organisation of hoodlum groups in the Blok M district of Jakarta, showing how networks of hoodlums compete with each other and intersect with the mainstream commercial sector and with forces of law and order. The study is undertaken within a context of the substantial and continuing migration of Indonesians from rural areas to Jakarta, causing increasing population density and pressure upon facilities and resources.

The work is constructed around four main chapters, supplemented by a methodological introduction and a reflective conclusion. Chapter two lays the groundwork with relevant theoretical considerations, after which the authors provides a portrait of Blok M, the hoodlum groups in Blok M divided along ethnic lines, and a detailed study of the hoodlum group originating from Surabaya. Throughout the work the authors provide illustrations, photos and tables to assist the reader to interact with the wealth of information presented.

This is a unique study. The Foreword by a senior police officer points to the relevance of the study to law and order agencies. It is also of great interest to sociologists, both Indonesia-focused and those undertaking research into comparative societies.

This book represents the published version of a Master of Science in Police Studies thesis, taken by the authors at the University of Indonesia in 2002. The style is scholarly and detailed. It is a valuable study, and is user friendly and well written.

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