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ADEK
Algemeen Delisch Emigratie Kantoor, a recruitment agency to recruit the Javanese labourers for the Outer Islands.

Aksi Sepihak
Unilateral actions, launched by the PKI to motivate the rural masses to demand the implementation of the government programme of land reform.

Anak Jawi
A partner for a homosexual relationship during the colonial period.

APRI
Angkatan Perang Republik Indonesia, Indonesian Republic Military Force

Barisan Maut
The radical youth battle group in Sawahlunto during revolution.

Beka
Badan Ekonomi Kota Arang or Economic Board for Coal Town.

Bina Karya
Unemployed people who were recruited to be worked in various industries in Outer Island during the Old Order regime.

Belincong
A pick, used to hack coal from surface.

BPBA
Badan Persatuan Buruh Arangan or Coal Miners' Union, established in 1951. But it was given greater recognition by the managers Ombilin coal-mines.

BPPI
Balai Penerangan Pemuda Indonesia or Indonesian Youth Information Office.

BTI
Barisan Tani Indonesia, Union of Indonesian Farmers.

Bunga kayu
A village tax applied to the amount of forest products collected.

Bunga tanah
A tax that had to be given to the village for exploiting minerals in the ground.

Dewan Perusahaan
Enterprise Council, formed in the early 1960s to give labour a voice in the running of state-owned companies.

DISBA
Daerah Istimewa Sumatra Barat or West Sumatra Special Region, a Minangkabau state which is established by the older generation of the West Sumatran leaders in 1948.

DPRD
Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah or local parliament at the provincial and regency level.

DPR-GR
Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Gotong Royong, Indonesian Parliament under the Guided Democracy.

Gerwani
Gerakan Wanita Indonesia, Indonesian Women’s Movement. Gerwani the new name given to Gerwis (Gerakan Wanita Indonesian Sedar, Movement of Enlightened Indonesian Women) in March 1954.

Giyugun
Voluntary Army for Sumatra during the Japanese occupation.

Golkar
Golongan Karya, Functional Group, the state-backed electoral vehicle established in the early 1960s by the military as a front to counter communist influence.

GSBI
Gabungan Serikat Buruh Indonesia or the Brotherhood of United Indonesian Workers.

Hak ulayat
Communal Land.

GLOSSARY
Hansip
Pertahanan Sipil, Civil Defence
HIS
Hollandsch Inlandse School or Dutch Indigenous School under the Dutch colonial government.
Hizbullah
A Muslim para-military organization during the Indonesian Revolution. This was a body closely linked to the Muhammadiyah.
IBNU
Ikatan Buruh Nahdhatul Ulama (the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions).
Ilmu kebal
A person who possesses powers to perform black magic.
IPKI
Ikatan Pencak Silat Indonesia or the Indonesian Martial Arts Association.
ITASETT
Ikatan Tamatan Sekolah Teknik Tambang (the Association for Graduates of the Technical School for Mining, established in 1960 at the Ombilin coal-mines).
Jongos
Indonesian male servant in colonial period.
Kacung Belanda
Dutch lackeys.
KAMI
Kesatuan Aksi Mahasiswa Indonesia or the Indonesian Student’s Action Front.
KAPPI
Kesatuan Aksi Pemuda Pelajar Indonesia or the Indonesian Students’ and Youth Action Front.
KBKI
Kesatuan Buruh Kerakyatan Indonesia, the Union of Workers of the People of Indonesia.
KBM
Kesatuan Buruh Marhaenist, Marhaenist Workers’ Union, linked to PNI.
KBSI
Kongres Buruh Sosialis Indonesia, the All-Indonesian Congress of Workers.
Kecapi Sunda
Traditional art accompanied by the kecapi or lute.
Of which the best known is that from the Cianjur region of Sunda.
Ketoprak
Traditional Theatrical Performance from Central Java.
KNI-lokal
Komite Nasional Indonesia, the Indonesian National Committee was the Indonesian parliament at provincial level, during Indonesian Revolution.
KNIP
Central Indonesian National Committee at central level, established in 1945.
Kuda Kepang
Traditional Trance Dance Performance from Central Java.
KO.P3-TK
Komando Penampungan, Penyaluran, Penempatan Tuna Karya or the Command for Receiving, Channelling, and the Allocating Unemployed People.
KORPRI
Korps Pegawai Republik Indonesia; Civil Servants’ Corps of the Republic of Indonesia.
Lapek-lapek
Much sought after snack among labourers, made from sticky rice or banana.
Lasmi
Laskar Muslimin Indonesia, a Muslim para-military organization, a body close to the Perti.
Lembaga Kebudayaan Rakyat, Institute of Popular Culture, formed on August 17, 1950.

Lembaga Pelatihan Pendidikan Tambang or the Institute of Mining Training and Education. A school at which apprentice mine overseers were trained.

Majelis Syuro Muslimin Indonesia; Consultative Council of Indonesian Muslims. Major Muslim party of the 1950s, banned in 1960.

Meer Uitgebreide Lagere Onderwijs, Senior High School during the colonial period.

A village in Minangkabau, which is linked by kinship, ties.

Nas=agama/nationalist, A=agama or religion, and Kom= komunis or communist, an integrative ideology created by President Soekarno.

concubine during the Dutch colonial period.

Partai Nahdatul Ulama, Part of the Association of Islamic Scholars, which was founded in 1926 as association of Muslim scholars adhering to the orthodox schools of Islamic law. In the September 1955 parliamentary elections, the NU emerged as one of the four largest parties, alongside the PNI, Masyumi, and the PKI.

Organisasi Keamanan Rakyat or Organization for the Protection of the People formed by the APRI to help it to protect people from attacks by the PRRI army.

Organisasi Pertahanan Rakyat or Organization to Defend the People, which developed from the OKR. Its task was also to protect people from attacks of the PRRI army.

local term for a convict labourer.

The Five Principles; state ideology of Indonesia: profession belief in One God, Humanism, Indonesian Unity, Social Justice, and Consultative Democracy.

Partai Buruh Indonesia, the Indonesian Labour Party, set up in.

Pemerintah Darurat Republik Indonesia, Indonesian Republic of Emergency Government, of the Republic of Indonesia, established in 1948 in Kotatinggi, West Sumatra.

Resolution committees established on the early 1950s to settle Labour Disputes Centre and Region.

Popular Youth. Shortly after the declaration of Indonesian independence on August 17, 1945, a socialist youth organization was established, Pemuda Sosialis Indonesia (Indonesian Socialist Youth, or Pesindo). The name of Pesindo was changed to Pemuda Rakyat in November 1950.

The head of nagari/village in Minangkabau.
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<td>Partai Islam Indonesia or Indonesian Islamic Party.</td>
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<td>Persatuan Kaum Buruh Tambang or the Miners’ trade union, formed in April 1925.</td>
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<td>Persatuan Karyawan Tambang Batubara, the Coal-mine <em>Karyawan</em> Union.</td>
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<td>Pemerintah Revolusioner Republik Indonesia, Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Indonesia, established in Bukittinggi in 1958.</td>
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<td>Indigenous Convict labourer during the Japanese occupation.</td>
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<td>A Muslim para-military organization, a body close to the Majelis Islam Tinggi.</td>
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<td>The Demon League an illegal communist organization in West Sumatra.</td>
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<td>The Black League, an illegal communist organization in West Sumatra.</td>
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<td>Satuan Pengaman, defence group for civilians.</td>
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Serikat Buruh Tambang Indonesia or then Indonesian Miners’ Trade Union which was affiliated with the communist trade union.

Sociëteit van het Inheemse Personeel van het Mijnwezen, the Indigenous Mining Personnel Club.

Sentral Organisasi Buruh Seluruh Indonesia, All-Indonesia Workers’ Central Organization, established on November 29, 1946.

Sentral Organisasi Karyawan Indonesia, Central Organization of Socialist White Collar Karyawan.

The Sumatran Mining Association under the Japanese Occupation.

Labour Union, established in Sawahlunto in 1945

Circumcision.

Sekolah Teknik Tambang Menengah, Senior Mining Technical School.

Traditional dance from East Java.

Barrack for coolies.

A child’s first bath.

A person who has task to assist an European overseer in supervising in the mine.

Tentera Keamanan Rakyat or People’s Security Army.

Tentera Nasional Indonesia or the Indonesian National Army.

Customary dues which should be paid to the head of village in Minangkabau.

The Vereeniging Boemipoetra Staatspoor, Tramwegen, Ombilinmijnen, en Landsautomobieldiensten op Sumatra (the Association of Indigenous People on Government Railways, Tramways, Ombilin Mines, and Automobile Services).