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Leiden : KITLV Press, 2011

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Unfortunately the sources for this story are scattered, since Aceh's own records have not well survived the ravages of climate, civil war and eventual foreign conquest. To recover its cosmopolitan history an unparalleled range of sources and skills had to be brought

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Topics dealt with are: the tension between civil and military authorities; the growing irritation among urban dwellers about residential permit requirements, public building programmes, and corrupt, self-serving civil servants; the cat-and-mouse games between the kampong population and the urban administration; and the shifting balance of power between landlords and tenants.

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