Indonesian mud morass continues to flow SUMATRA Indonesian authorities are battling to stem a sea of hot, toxic mud which continues to ooze from a natural gas well on the island of Java Indian 125 miles Ocean Java Sea 200km Jakarta **Banjar** Surabaya Panji-1 well JAVA Sidoarjo: Mud began spurting from ground on May 29 during exploratory drilling operations 1 Reservoir of liquid sediment up to 2,750m deep formed about five million years ago 2 Build-up of tectonic forces or hydrocarbon gas squeezes sediment through cracks in overlying rock 1 3 "Mud volcano" forms where sediment bubbles Not to surface, emitting cloud to scale of water and choking gas 4 Mud up to seven metres deep covers at least 250 hectares and continues to grow 5 Land slowly sinks as reservoir empties 6 More than 10,000 people are homeless as mud swamps villages and businesses Picture: Associated Press © GRAPHIC NEWS