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Impunity

Dutch history under scrutiny

On the occasion of the publication of the historical study by Remy Limpach (“De brandende kampongs van Generaal Spoor”) in many magazines there is special attention for the Dutch history. Articles and interviews are as yet mainly in Dutch.

Presentatie, lezing Peter Romijn, 2016 <http://www.niod.nl/nl/nieuws/lezing-peter-romijn-bij-presentatie-de-brandende-kampongs-van-generaal-spoor-online>

Nieuwsuur 2016: http://www.npo.nl/nieuwsuur/29-09-2016/VPWON_1248598

Buitenhof 2016:

http://www.vpro.nl/buitenhof/speel~POMS_AVRO_5245479~oorlogsmisdaden-in-indi%C3%AB~.html

Interview Joop Hueting, 1969:

http://www.vpro.nl/speel~WO_VPRO_2344733~achter-het-nieuws-vara-1969-interview-joop-hueting~.html

Special “Onderzoek Uitgelicht”, 4 en 5 mei comité, december 2016:

<http://www.4en5mei.nl/nieuws/nieuwsbericht/238/nieuwe-editie-%E2%80%98onderzoek-uitgelicht%E2%80%99>

Themanummer Checkpoint (Veteranenblad), 2016

<http://content.yudu.com/web/1r3p1/0A1zrki/CP1609/html/index.html?page=16>

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Internationale Spectator, dec. 2016 (Joop de Jong) :

<https://www.internationalespectator.nl/article/boekbespreking-het-buitensporig-geweld-indonesi%C3%AB>

Freedom of Religion

Ahok 'Victim of Criminalization' Says Community Watchdog

The Jakarta Globe, 24-12-2016

The Alliance of Civilian Community for the Constitution, or AMSIK, watchdog group has hit out at the legal proceedings against Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama, saying the governor is a victim of criminalization.

An official statement released on Thursday (22/12) said the two trial sessions have violated Basuki's human rights as well as demonstrated a lack of due process with the legal proceedings based on satisfying public pressure rather than strong evidence.

AMSIK added prosecution is based on an edict issued by the Indonesia Ulema Council (MUI), despite such edicts not being legally binding.

“Since MUI never clarified with Basuki Tjahaja Purnama before stating their opinion and assessments, there has been a ‘trial in absentia’ and ‘trial by mob,’” AMSIK said in the statement.

The organization said state prosecutors have presented an illogical and unprofessional legal argument which has damaged the legal system.

“It is a bad precedent over the law enforcement for future cases that have political elements.”

“Eksepsi” rejected in blasphemy trial

The Jakarta Globe, 27-12-2016

During the third session of a blasphemy trial against Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama on Tuesday (27/12), a panel of judges rejected a call by lawyers defending the governor to strike down the case, which they claim had breached procedures.

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Judge Dwiarso Budi Santiarso, who leads the panel, said the trial will continue and the court will summon witnesses.

"The judges consider the dossiers submitted by prosecutors as complete," he said, adding that Ahok and his legal advisers can appeal to a higher court should they disagree.

Prosecutor Ali Mukartono said he appreciated the court's decision.

The next session of the trial is scheduled for Jan. 3, at the Ministry of Agriculture building in Ragunan, South Jakarta.

Freedom of Expression

TWO POLITICAL ACTIVISTS CHARGED WITH REBELLION

Amnesty International Urgent Action, 21-12-2016

Two Papuan political activists have been detained as a result of their peaceful political activities and charged with "rebellion" under the Indonesian Criminal Code. They are prisoners of conscience and could face up to life imprisonment.

At least 528 people, including children, were arrested on 19 December for coordinated peaceful political activities in cities across Indonesia. This included Jayapura, Merauke, Wamena, Nabire in West Papua Province, Manado in North Sulawesi Province, Gorontalo and Yogyakarta. After one day, most of the people arrested were released without charge. However, two activists from a pro-independence student organization, KNPB (the West Papuan National Committee), Hosea Yeimo and Ismael Alua, have been charged with "rebellion" (makar) under Articles 106 and 110 of the Indonesian Criminal Code (KUHP) and are currently detained by the Jayapura Resort Police, West Papua Province. They could face up to life imprisonment. Amnesty International considers Hosea Yeimo and Ismael Alua to be prisoners of conscience who are detained solely for the exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

These simultaneous activities were in support of a peaceful Papuan pro-independence umbrella group, the United Liberation Movement for West Papua (ULMWP). The

gatherings were for this group to be accepted as a full member of Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG), a sub-Pacific intergovernmental organization.

To take action: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa21/5409/2016/en/>

