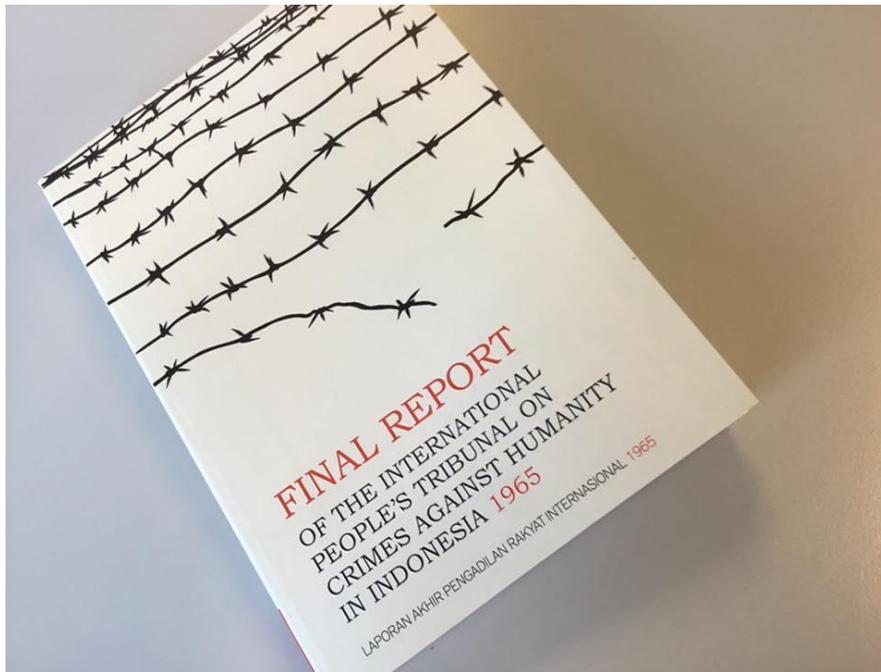


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## Impunity

### **IPT 65 Final Report to become available**

On 25 April a delegation of the International People's Tribunal has presented to Amnesty International a pre-copy of the Final Report and Verdict of the tribunal of November 2015. Amnesty International Netherlands director Eduard Nazarski expressed his appreciation for the IPT's efforts and results.



The report has been available already on the internet (<http://www.tribunal1965.org/final-report-of-the-ipt-1965/>) for some time and has now been printed with an Indonesian translation. A formal launch will be realised later this year. A video has been made in

Bahasa Indonesia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYHvLp1eiJ0&t=287s>) under the title "Setelah 1 Oktober 1965".

## Freedom of Religion

### **THE RE-EMERGENCE OF JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH**

IPAC, 27 April 2017

A rebuilt, restructured Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) remains a threat, not because it is likely to resume a campaign of violence but because it could give rise to a more militant splinter.

The Re-emergence of Jemaah Islamiyah, the latest report from the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC), examines the hybrid nature of the "new" JI, the organisation forever associated with the 2002 Bali bombings. More than a dozen arrests since 2014 have revealed a highly structured operation concentrated on Java but with branches extending into other parts of Indonesia. Much of its energies are focused on above-ground religious outreach efforts (dakwah) aimed at creating a mass base. Its leaders give greater priority to dakwah and education than to jihad and are more interested than in the past in using political influence to press for Islamic law. Since 2010, however, JI has also been trying to rebuild a clandestine military wing while arguing that violence on Indonesian soil is counterproductive.

"The problem is that JI is recruiting lots of new members on the basis of a salafi jihadi ideology and then telling them they can't engage in violence," says Sidney Jones, IPAC director. "This is exactly the kind of situation that produces dissent and splintering."

The report looks at the decline of JI after 2007 and the quiet rebuilding that has taken place since 2010 under the leadership of Para Wijayanto, a long-time JI member from Kudus who placed more emphasis on dakwah than jihad. The military wing was headed until late 2015 by Khairul Anam, better known as Ustadz Batar, a veteran of the Ambon conflict, who called up long inactive members, including those trained in Mindanao, to head various subunits. He also supervised a program to both amass and produce weapons. His capture and other arrests have halted the military program, at least temporarily.

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Jl maintains that all members must be prepared for an eventual military showdown with the enemy as they strive to build an Islamic state, even if at the moment, there is no rationale for the use of violence. In the Syrian conflict, Jl positioned itself against ISIS and in support of what used to be known as the al-Nusra Front and sent some of its members to Syria for short-term training – again in the interests of preparation (i'dad) for some future confrontation.

“Jl’s strengths are its historical legacy, its family networks and loyalist core, and its long-term vision that give it a resilience that no other extremist organization has,” says Jones. “That said, it’s hard to be a jihadist organisation without an active jihad.”

See for the report: [http://file.understandingconflict.org/file/2017/04/IPAC\\_Report\\_36.pdf](http://file.understandingconflict.org/file/2017/04/IPAC_Report_36.pdf)

## Freedom of Expression

### **Indonesia climbs six spots in 2017 press freedom ranking**

The Jakarta Post, 27-04-2017

Indonesia has climbed six notches from its previous place in the 2017 World Press Freedom Index released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) on Wednesday. The rise, however, is by no means a sign Indonesia’s press freedom is improving. The country may have risen from rank 130th last year to 124th this year, but its score has slightly fallen from 41.72 last year to 39.93.

Indonesia is also still at the lower half of the index, which assesses the level of press freedom in 180 countries. Even Afghanistan (ranked 120th) and Nigeria (ranked 122nd) fared better than Indonesia, which was once seen as a model for Muslim democracy.

In the report, the RSF argued that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo “has not kept his campaign promises.” “His presidency continues to be marked by serious media freedom violations, including a lack of media access to West Papua (part of the Indonesian half of the island of New Guinea), where violence against local journalists continues to grow,” it said.

"Radical religious groups also pose a threat to the right to inform. Many journalists say they censor themselves because of the threat from an anti-blasphemy law and the Electronic and Information Transactions [ITE] Law," it added.

The RSF's latest index reflects a challenging time for journalists around the world, including in leading democratic countries. “Democracies have begun falling in the Index and now, more than ever, nothing seems to be checking that fall,” the group said.

## Social and Economic Rights

### **Human Cost of Progress**

The Jakarta Globe, 26-04-2017

State-owned railway operator Kereta Api Indonesia (KAI) plans to evict residents occupying land it owns in Manggarai, South Jakarta, to make way for the Soekarno-Hatta airport train project. Eleven buildings on 1,150 square meters will be demolished. The third eviction notice was issued on Tuesday (25/04) and mediation took place on Wednesday, amid a strong police presence. No agreement was reached and residents are continuing with their usual daily activities for the time being.

See for the images: <http://jakartaglobe.id/eyewitness/human-cost-of-progress/>

### **Prabowo visits evicted residents in Pasar Ikan**

The Jakarta Post, 27-04-2017

Prabowo Subianto, the leader of the Gerindra Party, visited evicted residents from Pasar Ikan, or Kampung Akuarium, in North Jakarta on Saturday. When he approached the makeshift tents on the rubble on which some evictees remained, several women approached him and started to cry. “We have been treated unfairly, Sir, as if we were animals. We have been living here nine months,” one of the women said.

About 400 families in Pasar Ikan were evicted in April last year.

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"We want a new President and a new governor who sides with the little people," another resident said as quoted by Antara news agency. Prabowo promised that Gerindra's Jakarta gubernatorial candidates, Anies Baswedan and Sandiaga Uno, would defend the people if they were victorious in the election in February.

"I'm here with candidate No. 3, Anies Baswedan. He's a governor for the people and will defend the people with all his heart. He is not a thief," Prabowo said. "All the people will enjoy independence and I want to give you the message to keep doing good," he said.

### **Squatters resettle Pasar Ikan area in defiance of eviction**

The Jakarta Post, 27-04-2017

Residents have erected semi-permanent dwellings on cleared land in the Pasar Ikan area of North Jakarta after the quick count in Jakarta's recent election indicated that Anies Baswedan and Sandiaga Uno will replace incumbents Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama and Djarot Saiful Hidayat as governor and vice governor.



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As reported by kompas.com on Wednesday, the residents, who were evicted in April last year but refused to move to specially provided low-cost apartments, said they had voted for Anies and Sandiaga in the runoff.

They believed Anies and Sandiaga would fulfil their campaign promise to improve their welfare as well as let them build houses and stay in that area. "We believe Pak Anies and Pak Sandi [unlike Ahok] won't destroy the buildings that we built with our hard work," said a 40-year-old resident named Adi.

A fisherman named Ujang, 39, who stayed in a tent provided by the Gerindra Party, said he hoped Anies and Sandiaga would revive the Pasar Ikan and Kampung Akuarium area. Since the eviction, he said, residents had lost their jobs. Ujang added that the residents were confident about building homes because they believed Anies and Sandiaga would favor poor people.

During the campaign period for the first round of the election on Feb. 15, Anies, together with Gerindra patron Prabowo Soebianto, greeted residents in that area. Prabowo said at the time that Anies and Sandiaga would defend the evicted residents, if elected.

### **Indonesia, UN Pushing for Rights-Based Development**

The Jakarta Globe, 27-04-2017

Indonesia is working with the United Nations to make a much greater effort than before in implementing development agendas based on human rights, officials said on Wednesday (26/04). Indonesia seeks to integrate the principles of human rights with several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted as its national development targets. A set of human rights indicators will be added to the already established development indicators to achieve the goals that range from health to education. "That's what sustainable development really means — emphasizing the rights when we're talking about development," Unesco program specialist Irakli Khodeli told the Jakarta Globe. "What

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we're saying here is that if you look at the SDGs from a rights perspective, it will help you achieve them, because human rights help you understand what these goals are about."

The SDGs cover 17 objectives, ranging from eradicating poverty to combating climate change, which UN member states are expected to achieve by 2030. The UN adopted the SDGs in 2015 as a replacement to the Millennium Development Goals, which covered eight similar objectives.

The MDGs of 2000 were eventually terminated due to a number of issues, including uneven progress among member states.

"We're pushing for the integration of human rights and the SDGs now," said Roichatul Aswidah of the National Commission on Human Rights (Komnas HAM). "The SDGs are basically an instrument to uphold human rights. If they aren't approached with human rights as well, they may not be achieved. It's an effort to push the government harder to ensure that the principles of human rights are really integrated with its development agendas," she said.

The commission, along with the National Development Planning Board (Bappenas) and the UN, is working on human rights indicators for nine of the 17 SDGs deemed as having the most significant impact on rights.

They are related to poverty, hunger, health, education, gender, sanitation, economic growth, inequality, justice and peace.

"We're shifting the focus from a technocratic discussion about the importance of education and health, to the right to health, the right to education," Khodeli said.

### Security Forces' accountability

#### **TNI Chief Asks KPK, Police to Help Expunge Graft From Military**

The Jakarta Globe, 27-04-2017

The chief of the Indonesian Military, or TNI, has called on police and antigraft officials to step up efforts to eradicate corruption in the country's armed forces. Gen. Gatot

Nurmantyo Gatot said he suspects several high-ranking TNI officers of engaging in corruption, which he believes has delayed the procurement of new weapons systems.

"The TNI will continue to cooperate with other institutions to eradicate graft, especially from within our own ranks," Gatot said in East Jakarta on Wednesday (26/04). "Currently, the military is cooperating with the KPK [Corruption Eradication Commission], the Supreme Audit Agency [BPK] and the Transaction Reports and Analysis Center [PPATK]."

The TNI does not operate based on common civilian law as it has its own legal code to administer justice within the military.

As a result of economic difficulties, Gatot believes many members of the TNI engage in corruption to stay afloat financially and provide for their families.

Gatot said the TNI has assigned more than 50 members of the Military Police this year to join training sessions conducted by the KPK to better identify individuals engaged in corrupt practices.

Several high-ranking TNI officials were charged with corruption last year. This includes Brig. Gen. Teddy Hernayadi, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for embezzling \$12 million while serving as section head of funding execution at the Ministry of Defense between 2010 and 2014<sup>1</sup>.

### Political developments

#### **Wreaths for Ahok reach thousand**

The Jakarta Post, 26-04-2017

Hundreds of people and some 1,000 wreaths packed the front porch of City Hall and its surrounding area on Wednesday to thank Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama and his deputy Djarot Saiful Hidayat for their leadership. The visitors, which

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<sup>1</sup> According to Detik the 12 million USD were embezzled in the procurement of F16 fighters and Apache helicopters. (<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-3362591/pemvonis-seumur-hidup-brigjen-teddy-ini-korupsi-yang-paling-gila>)

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come from Jakarta and its neighboring areas, had been gradually coming to City Hall since early morning.

"I have been queueing here since 6.30 a.m. just to take pictures. I didn't expect that there would be this many [the visitors]," Fatimah, 39, a resident of Cipinang, East Jakarta, told tribunnnews on Wednesday. The visitors crowded Ahok when he arrived at the City Hall.

Ahok was defeated by his contender Anies Baswedan in the April 19 election runoff.

City Hall was also packed with hundreds of wreaths sent by residents as expressions of their gratitude. "We are still counting the number of the wreaths we have received. There are about 1,000 so far," Jakarta Gubernatorial and Foreign Affairs bureau head Muhammad Mawardi said. Wreaths started to fill up City Hall on Tuesday. They can be seen lining the building's front porch, garden area and its sidewalks.

### **Anies' victory raises Muslim dignity in politics: PKS**

The Jakarta Post, 26-04-2017

Islamic-based Prosperous Justice Party (PKS) chairman Sohibul Iman said the victory of presumptive Jakarta governor-elect Anies Baswedan and his running mate, Sandiaga Uno, gives momentum to Muslims to raise their dignity in the political sphere.

"I take lessons from Jakarta gubernatorial election. Following the victory of Anies-Sandiaga, I visited several regions [and I see] that Muslims perceive the victory as an event, which has raised their dignity," Sohibul said as quoted by kompas.com on Wednesday.

Sohibul, whose PKS allied with the Gerindra Party to back Anies-Sandiaga in the Jakarta gubernatorial election, said the pair's victory was inseparable from the Indonesian Muslims who united to give their support to the candidates.

According to the politician, Muslims in civil-society organizations and political parties have united ever since claims emerged alleging that Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama may have committed blasphemy against Islam. With the rise of Islamic pride in

politics, Sohibul asked the nation's political party elites to understand and prioritize accommodating the aspirations of Muslims.

Separately, Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) consultative board chairman Din Syamsuddin said Muslims should be independent in politics, considering Indonesia is a Muslim-majority nation. "Defending the interests of Muslims means defending the interests of Indonesian citizens [...]. We hope there is a solution for political parties to defend Muslims" Din said.

Judges presiding over Ahok's trial are set to announce their verdict on May 9. Prosecutors have scrapped the blasphemy charges, and are now only pursuing an accusation of defamation against Islamic ulemas.

### **Sandiaga to provide entrepreneurship program for thugs**

The Jakarta Post, 26-04-2017

Jakarta deputy governor-elect Sandiaga Uno said he plans to reach out to thugs in Kalijodo park, North Jakarta, who reportedly illegally ask for parking fees from visitors, to participate in his signature entrepreneurship "OK OCE" program, in hopes of giving them a chance to engage in positive activities.

"I want them to participate in the OK OCE program. By joining this program, they can be recruited by credit card companies as debt collectors or security officers," Sandiaga said in Bumi Serpong Damai, South Tangerang, on Wednesday. Sandiaga added that by giving the thugs entrepreneurship training, they could start doing positive things. OK OCE stands for One Kecamatan (district) One Center of Entrepreneurship.

Anies Baswedan, the governor elect, and Sandiaga introduced this program in their campaign as a promise to create 200,000 entrepreneurs in Jakarta. He added how he hoped security officers could act firmly toward thugs in Kalijodo, who illegally asked visitors to pay parking fees. "Pak Ahok and Pak Djarot are in office for six more months. We have to support them. We don't want to see Kalijodo, which has been managed well, becomes disorganized again," he said, referring to Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama and Djarot Saiful Hidayat's work in improving the area. The Jakarta administration changed the notorious red-light district Kalijodo into an attractive park.

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### House approves right of inquiry request against KPK

The Jakarta Post, 28-04-2017

The House of Representatives gave a green light for the implementation of inquiry rights against the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) during a plenary session on Friday.

Although several political party factions voiced their rejection, the plenary session approved the move, which was initially proposed by 25 members from eight out of 10 factions. “Can this inquiry right proposal be agreed to?” asked House deputy speaker Fahri Hamzah, who led the session. “Agree,” they said<sup>2</sup>.

The three factions that rejected the proposal were the Democratic Party, the National Awakening Party (PKB) and the Gerindra Party. Lawmaker Erma Suryani Rani of the Dems said the implementation of the inquiry right had the potential to weaken the KPK both in its law enforcement and corruption eradication efforts. “The Democratic Party doesn’t believe it’s the right time to exercise the inquiry right. Hence, our faction declared ‘disagree’,” she said as quoted by kompas.com. Erma acknowledged it was important for the House to clarify the commission’s work performance; however, it did not need to use its inquiry right.

Meanwhile, Gerindra Party faction member Martin Hutabarat suggested the House delay its decision on the proposal until the upcoming recess period ended. Martin said he was worried that if the inquiry right was approved now, it would represent the interests of House members only. “It will trigger a problem. Luckily, today [Friday], we will end our sitting session and enter the recess period. It will be better if we consult with our constituents first,” he said.

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<sup>2</sup> This proposal is very sensitive as the KPK is carrying out an investigation into the involvement of members of DPR themselves with regard to the procurement of the electronic IDcard e-ID. see also: <http://nasional.kompas.com/read/2017/04/26/16023831/hak.angket.mengawasi.atau.mengancam.kpk>

### Police arrest Hanura politician at center of e-ID case

The Jakarta Post, 01-05-2017

The National Police have arrested Miryam S Haryani, a former Hanura Party lawmaker, at a hotel in South Jakarta.

Miryam has been named a suspect by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) for alleged perjury after she withdrew her affidavit during a hearing in a corruption trial related to the e-ID case.

The KPK confronted Miryam during the trial since her earlier testimony, made in front of antigraft body investigators, was a crucial component of the case. Her testimony contained the names of lawmakers who allegedly received bribes in the project.

Miryam stands accused for giving false statements when she denied her affidavit during the trial hearing on March 23. She claims she was threatened by KPK investigators during the investigation process.

Before the arrest, Miryam had failed to meet KPK summons, arguing that she was in poor health.

KPK later sent a letter to the police, informing them that Miryam had been included in the antigraft body's most-wanted list.