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Freedom of Religion

Bali doctors vow to protect pluralism

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Hundreds of doctors from across Bali gathered in Denpasar on Saturday to pledge allegiance to the national ideology of Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution. "The threat the nation is facing has become more real. Our diversity is in danger. We can no longer stay silent. We have to make movement before it is too late," said Wimpie Pangkahila, the chairman of the Stovia Bali Forum, which organized the event. The gathering was held at Sanglah Hospital and attended by doctors from all hospitals and professors from all medical schools in Bali.



Doctors gather at Sanglah Hospital in Denpasar, Bali, on Saturday to pledge allegiance to the national ideology of Pancasila and to fight intolerance. (JP/Ni Komang Erviani)

The Stovia Bali Forum, Wimpie said, was initiated following a national meeting of doctors on June 1 at the National Awakening Museum in Jakarta. Stovia is the name of a medical school during the Dutch colonial period. "Besides doctors, Stovia also produced many figures that led the independence movement and helped lay down the foundation of

Indonesia. We have to use their spirit to defend Pancasila and fight those who want to destroy it," Wimpie said.

The head of the Badung chapter of the Indonesian Doctor Association (IDI), Gede Putra Suteja, said many doctors were expected to disseminate Pancasila values to their patients. He added that doctors had been sworn in to uphold Pancasila values, the 1945 Constitution, the national motto of Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity and Diversity) and the unity of the republic of Indonesia. "So, this is actually not a new thing," he said.

Powerplay around the KPK

DPR investigates KPK

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Amid a public outcry, the House of Representatives is insisting on continuing with its agenda to investigate the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), with the House inquiry committee holding another closed-door meeting on Wednesday to arrange a schedule to summon representatives of relevant institutions. "There are pros and cons; even our validity is still questioned. We'll invite parties that support and oppose this inquiry and let the public see the facts," inquiry committee chairman Agun Gunandjar Sudarsa of the Golkar Party said.



Om Pasikom's little nephew is angry: "Whom do you represent; me or him?" (Kompas, 17-06-2017)

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Critics say the inquiry is another attempt by lawmakers to weaken the KPK, one of the country's most credible institutions according to many surveys. The move was launched late April amid a KPK investigation into a high-profile e-ID graft case.

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Many of the inquiry members, including Agun, were mentioned in trial hearings of the case, suggesting that they had received some of the illicit money from the budget of the multi-trillion rupiah project.

Former home minister Gamawan Fauzi (right) and Golkar Party politician Chairuman Harahap prepare to testify during the e-ID graft trial at the Jakarta Corruption Court on Thursday. (Antara/Wahyu Putro A)

Agun said the committee aimed to "redefine and return" the KPK to its role as a trigger mechanism to push police and prosecutors to eradicate corruption. The committee has set out framework in this regard, he claimed.

Committee deputy chairman Taufiqulhadi said they would summon former lawmaker Miryam Haryani -- now a perjury suspect related to the e-ID case -- on Monday to confirm testimony she gave in court saying she had been intimidated by several lawmakers not to reveal her knowledge about the e-ID case.

"We will send a letter to the KPK to summon Miryam. We'll see if the KPK would approve it," the NasDem Party lawmaker said. Miryam is currently detained by the KPK.

Suspected: Former Hanura Party lawmaker Miryam S.Haryani arrives at the Corruption Eradication Commission to attend an interrogation session in connection with the e-ID graft case on May 19. (Antara/Wahyu Putro A.)

Later on Wednesday, Agus said it would be not necessary for Miryam to come to the House if the inquiry team only wanted to hear her clarification.

Agus also said the tape of Miryam's testimony during the KPK interrogation would not be given to the inquiry. "The tape would be played in [Miryam's] trial anyway," he said,

adding that the KPK would soon hand over Miryam's dossier to the Jakarta Corruption Court.

Another committee deputy chairman, Risa Mariska of the ruling Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), said the team would soon establish a public complaints desk to accommodate input from the public about the inquiry. Meanwhile, opposition to the inquiry has grown stronger.

Read also: [KPK should ignore "legally flawed" House inquiry: Constitutional experts](#)

Members of the Constitutional Law and State Administrative Law Lecturers Association (APHTN-HAN) and experts from Andalas University's Constitution Study Center (PUSaKO) have called on the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) to ignore the controversial inquiry by the House into the antigraft body.

"The KPK shall obey the Constitution and law, not the inquiry committee, the establishment of which contradicted the laws," said APHTN-HAN chairman and former Constitutional Court chief justice Mahfud MD said at the KPK's headquarters in South Jakarta on Wednesday as reported by kompas.com.

Meanwhile, KPK chairman Agus Rahardjo said the leaders of the antigraft body would announce their official stance concerning the inquiry in a meeting on Thursday.

"We have gathered input from constitutional law experts in the last two days," Agus said at the House.

Read also: [House, KPK on collision course](#)

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo has yet to declare a clear stance regarding the controversy. On Tuesday he said he agreed that the KPK needed to be improved. However, he refused to give an opinion on whether the inquiry would weaken the KPK. "That is the House's area," he said.

Golkar secretary-general Idrus Marham denied his party, as a supporter of the government and the inquiry, had approved the move to weaken the KPK. "This also has nothing to do

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with the 2019 elections," he told kompas.com. Support for the KPK has also continued to grow on social media.

The attack against KPK investigator Novel Baswedan

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Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) and National Police leaders will hold a meeting next week to discuss the latter's investigation into the acid attack on ace KPK investigator Novel Baswedan.

"The meeting will be held on Monday or Tuesday either at the KPK or the National Police headquarters," KPK deputy chairman Laode Muhammad Syarif told reporters on Thursday.

The planned meeting came following an explosive allegation by Novel that a high-ranking police officer was involved in plotting the attack against him.

It has been more than two months after unidentified men threw acid in Novel's face, injuring his face and eyes, but the police have yet to name a single suspect in the case.

In an interview with TIME magazine, Novel claimed that he had received information that "a police general – a high-level police official – was involved" in the attack on him.

Novel is currently undergoing treatment on his left eye in Singapore.

The KPK and the police were involved in a series of conflicts in the past, mostly triggered by the former's moves to charge high-ranking police officers with graft.

Laode, however, asserted that Novel's damning allegation would not affect relations between the two institutions as top officials from the two institutions had been intensively communicating, especially with regard to the police's investigation into Novel's case.

Former Indonesian health minister sentenced to four years for accepting bribes

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The Jakarta Corruption Court has sentenced former health minister Siti Fadilah Supari to four years in prison after finding her guilty of accepting bribes in the state-funded procurement of medical equipment. "We also ordered the defendant to pay Rp 200 million (US\$15,042) in fines or serve an additional two months in prison," presiding judge Ibnu Basuki read out the verdict on Friday.

Siti was proven guilty of abusing her authority in the procurement of medical equipment for the Center for Health Problems (PPMK) in 2005, causing more than Rp 6 billion in state losses.

Siti is also said to have accepted bribes amounting to Rp 1.9 billion and Rp 1.3 billion, respectively, from PT Graha Ismaya finance director Sri Wahyuningsih and the same company's president director, Masrizal Achmad Syarif, in the form of traveler's checks.

Apart from the fines, Siti must return an outstanding Rp 550 million to the state after previously returning Rp 1.35 billion, as required in the sentencing of her subordinate, Rustam Pakaya.

Rustam, a former health ministry crisis center chief, was found guilty of abusing his authority in the medical equipment procurement for the crisis center in 2007, causing Rp 21.3 billion in state losses. Rustam was also sentenced to four years in prison.

When reporters asked whether she would appeal the verdict, Siti answered: "I don't know. I don't think so."

Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

Lawmakers Slammed for Closed-Door Deliberation of Antiterrorism Law Revision

Jakarta Globe, 15-06-2017

Activists have blasted lawmakers for deliberating behind closed doors plans to implement longer detention of terrorism suspects, saying there are no grounds to do so amid heightened rights concerns involving law enforcement.

The hearing on Wednesday (14/06) involving government officials was the latest of several on the revisions to the Antiterrorism Law that were closed to the public since earlier this year.

Longer detention of terrorism suspects is a cause for concern and lawmakers should have not hampered public scrutiny with the closed-door hearing, said Erasmus Napitupulu of the Jakarta-based Institute for Criminal Justice Reform.

"We understand detention is one of the most crucial tools for investigators, but it doesn't mean the deliberation can be considered too sensitive that it should be closed to the public," Erasmus said in a statement on Wednesday.

Government officials have earlier proposed detention periods for terrorism suspects of up to 450 days, compared with the 180 days currently allowed under the 2003 law.

"Thus, the deliberation should have been open to the public so that a conclusion can later be made on why longer detention is needed," Erasmus said. He said the planned longer detention periods were "excessive."

Lawless Waters Test Southeast Asian Nations in Fight Against Islamic State

Jakarta Globe, 16-06-2017, by Reuters

Singapore. Militants, pirates, drug traffickers, gun runners – the waters between Borneo and the southern Philippines have them all, but as an Islamic State faction burst on the scene in recent weeks, this corner of Southeast Asia plumbed new levels of insecurity.

The mostly Muslim countries of Indonesia and Malaysia, and those with sizeable Muslim minorities, like the Philippines, have been on high alert for fighters returning home from Islamic State frontlines in Syria and Iraq.

So when dozens of Malaysians, Indonesians, Arabs and Chechens showed up in Marawi City on Mindanao island, fighting alongside a Philippine franchise of Islamic State, a nightmare scenario suddenly took shape.

The danger of global jihadis establishing a base in the Philippines, running satellite cells to launch attacks across Southeast Asia, made governments in the region realize just how vulnerable they could be.

"It's easy to jump from Marawi to Indonesia and we must all beware of sleeper cells being activated in Indonesia," Indonesian Military chief Gen. Gatot Nurmantyo said on Monday (12/06).

According to the general, there are Islamic State sleeper cells in almost all of Indonesia's 34 provinces.

Indonesia has called for a conference with the Philippines and Malaysia to discuss events in Marawi – where the Philippine military, backed by United States special forces are still battling after more than three weeks to retake the town from fighters led by the IS-inspired Maute brothers.

So far, Islamic State-inspired attacks have been relatively small-scale in Indonesia, the country with the world's largest Muslim population. But they have become more frequent. Last month, suicide bombers killed three police officers at a Jakarta bus station.

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Malaysia, meanwhile, has used draconian security laws to detain scores of suspected militants and Islamic State sympathizers.

Next week, the three countries, with Singapore's assistance, will begin joint air surveillance over the Sulu Sea, using reconnaissance planes and drones, and enhance joint naval patrols.

Their navies planned joint patrols last year after a spate of kidnappings by Abu Sayyaf, a well established militant group that has declared support for Islamic State. But there are plenty of gaps to fill.

"We don't have communications via radio at this point. We conduct patrols in our own territory. We have not discussed exchanging personnel," said First Admiral Ferial Fachroni, commander of Indonesia's Tarakan naval base in North Kalimantan.

He told Reuters joint operations would begin this month. Situated on Borneo's northeast coast, Tarakan is the nearest Indonesian naval base to kidnappers' hunting grounds in the Celebes and Sulu Seas.

Keeping tabs on hundreds of merchant ships, fishing boats and ferries plying routes between the islands, deciding when and who to stop and search will be a tall order even for three navies working together.

The archipelagos' heavily forested coves and inlets provide excellent cover for any fast vessel looking to escape closer scrutiny.

"The Sulu Sea area has always had sporadic incidents like kidnappings of tourists before, but starting last year and this year, it has really gone up," Noel Chung, the Kuala Lumpur-based Asia head of the International Maritime Bureau, said.

"They started off with tugboats and went on to merchant ships, so they're targeting big ships out at sea. It's different from years ago when the attacks were more localized."

Chung saw comparisons with the Gulf of Aden, where Somali pirates operate, but the difference is that the Sulu Sea is not a major trading route so the international community is disinclined to invest in providing security.

Experts say the number of vessels needed to police the seas and costs incurred would be prohibitive.

Despite the long history of militancy and banditry in the area, it has taken the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia a long time to pool resources.

Largely dormant territorial disputes, mutual mistrust, and limited capabilities have all played a part retarding closer cooperation.

But seeing the black flags of Islamic State raised in Mindanao could have shocked the region's governments into moving from cooperation to actual collaboration.

"There are still some lingering trust issues but now there is also an understanding of the consequences if they don't develop this collaboration," said Singapore-based security analyst Rohan Gunaratna.

Beyond enhancing air and sea patrols, the countries' security agencies need to coordinate better and act faster on shared intelligence.

A Malaysian government official said that while information was shared on militant suspects, there was some frustration over a perceived lack of follow up in the Philippines.

"One of the challenges is tracking militants once they're in the southern Philippines. Only the Philippine army can confront them on land," the Malaysian official said, declining to be identified because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Philippine officials said security agencies are "doing everything" to address the surge in militancy in Muslim-majority areas of the mostly Catholic country.

"This is a holistic effort, not only in the military but in the government," armed forces chief General Eduardo Ano told reporters last week.

Describing the Philippines as a "weak link," regional terrorism expert Sidney Jones criticized a lack of cooperation between its police, military and intelligence agency.

"More so than other Southeast Asian countries, the security agencies are completely siloized," Jones said.

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"The fact that the Philippines has been dealing with insurgencies for so long meant that it's somewhat blinded to this new phenomenon of pro-IS groups," she added.

Defense Minister to Meet Regional Counterparts to Discuss Islamic State Threat

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Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu said on Thursday (15/06) that he will meet with his counterparts from four other Southeast Asian nations on June 19 to discuss the threat of Islamic State in the region.

"I will meet with the defense ministers of Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Brunei in Tarakan [North Kalimantan] to discuss recent developments regarding ISIS. We're conducting this meeting as a precaution, if anything should happen we should be ready," Ryamizard said. He added that the meeting is a step to prevent ISIS from moving into Indonesia from the Philippines.

Islamic militants have held parts of Marawi City on Mindanao Island for more than three weeks. The area can be reached by boat in five hours from Indonesia's Morotai Island in North Sulawesi province.

North Sulawesi has been on full alert because of its proximity to the conflict area, but Ryamizard said the alert does not apply to Riau province. "I understand the extent of this ISIS issue. I have acquired information from all over, so there is no need to go on full alert [in Riau]. We can certainly be cautious," he said. The minister called for greater caution against the spread of ISIS in Indonesia.

Political Developments

Prosecutor-general sued

Kompas, 19-06-2017

Prosecutor-General Prasetyo has been reported to the police for slander. He had named the tycoon and CEO MNC Group Hary Tanoesoedibjo¹ as suspect in a case of threatening the head of the Investigation Department of the Office of the Prosecutor-General for Special Crimes (an euphemism for corruption), Mr Yulianto. However, the case is still under investigation and there has not yet a suspect been named.

"Whether Prasetyo has gone beyond his powers is for the police to investigated. But it does damage our client", said the chair of his team of lawyers, Adi Dharma Wicaksono. Prasetyo is suspected to have violated art. 27 of the Law on Information and Technology, and art. 45 and art. 310 and 311 of the Criminal Code referring to slander and libel.

¹ Hary Tanoesoedibjo is apart from CEO of the MNC Investama Group, also a politician: since 2011 when he started his political career, he was successively leading member of the NasDem Party, the Hanura party (and as such candidate as deputy with general Wiranto for the 2014 presidential elections), and his own newly established Perindo Party which stands for Persatuan Indonesia Party (Indonesian Unity Party). As a business partner of US President Donald Trump, Hary said he felt inspired by him and may try to run for president in Indonesia. More from. Wikipedia: Over the decades, Hary's business empire has expanded to many sectors such as television, radio, newspapers, advertising, a talent agency, music production, online sites, telecommunications, investment, property (MNC Land) and mining with more than 50 companies. In 2011, Hary launched JKT48, an all-girl idol singing group, with Yasushi Akimoto in MNC Tower Headquarters. He was listed by Forbes as the 29th richest Indonesian in 2016 with wealth of \$1.15 billion.