

# Indonesian National Defense and Security in Facing Non-Military Threat of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Imran Hasyim<sup>1\*</sup>, Anang Puji Utama<sup>2</sup>, Bayu Setiawan<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Student, Defense University, National Security Faculty, Peace and Conflict Resolution Study Program, Jakarta, Indonesia

<sup>2</sup>Lecturer, Defense University, National Security Faculty, Peace and Conflict Resolution Study Program, Jakarta, Indonesia

<sup>3</sup>Lecturer, Defense University, National Security Faculty, Peace and Conflict Resolution Study Program, Jakarta, Indonesia

**Abstract:** Defense and security are a straight line that cannot be separated. Method view, behave and make efforts in order to maintain resilience national security must harmonize defense and security movements. Don't look anymore problems partially. The root of the problem of this Covid-19 is health, so the response must be addressed from the health sector. reat authority for DKN and DPN must also be observant put people in that position so they work right away serve the people in situations that threaten national security. Whole field related stakeholders are under the coordination of DKN and DPN in dealing with pandemic and realizing national.

**Keywords:** National Defense, Security in Facing Non-Military, Covid-19.

## 1. Introduction

The complexity of the problems that are being faced by the nation today where the threat Covid-19 (non-military) has not been resolved and even if it is not completed it will poses a new, more complex threat. The National Defense Council (DPN) has not yet been formed. The Minister of Defense (Menhan) is not in the authority to regulate other Ministers, and its nature is limited to coordination, not in the control of National Security (KAMNAS) or non-military Defense implementation. Umbrella of the National Security Act (KAMNAS) and the National Security Council (DKN) does not yet exist, while the security function in the Ministry of Law number 39/2008 there is also no firmness on who is in charge of the security function, Is it the Minister of Defense?, the Minister of Home Affairs?, or all Ministers?. While out there are still pros and cons about division of functions defense and security, where the function of the TNI as defense and the task of the police as Security function. And referring to TAP MPR Number VI/2000 regarding the separation of the TNI and Polri that it should be noted that the TNI and Polri are not political policy makers,

both are tools the state is subject to political decisions. Also Menkopolhukam is a coordinator. The Polhukam sector is not authorized to make political decisions and the Ministers responsible to the President, not to the Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs. Structural and operational conditions of Indonesian National Defense and Security such as the picture above certainly makes the overlapping of authority to focus solving problems or threats that are being faced.

## 2. National Defense

One of the linguistic meanings of the word Defense in the KBBI is reaction as an effort penetration of the threat, the disruption that occurs can mean the activities, functions or processes of a system. In Maslow's theory, humans are born with attributes needs, needs based on their potential there are five, namely: physiological, sense of security, belonging and love, respect and self-actualization. Then it can be seen from the description above, it can be understood that the essence of "defense" is efforts, work and human activities to fulfill their needs, namely "feeling" safe". A sense of security is not automatically taken for granted, a sense of security is an output of a series of theoretical inputs, processes processes and outputs. According to O'Brien (2010: 26), a system is defined as a set of interrelated components, with clear boundaries, which work together to achieve a set of objectives which is the same as accepting input and producing output in a process structured transformation.

The perspective of defense and security in terms of systems is as follows, input-process-output as well as the outcome or impact, input is a resource managed into military and non-military forces, through management defense. Process is a defense effort by mobilizing force as an action penetration to

\*Corresponding author: imron7787@gmail.com

reject the threat, interference to restore a sense of security. This is where the importance of making a political decision when it is time to deploy action strength is implemented (measured, fast and precise).

Security is the output of the input and process, while the outcome is the impact of the realization of peace and prosperity because of a sense of security. In determining the general policy of national defense, Indonesia has a Law number 3 of 2002 concerning National Defense. Where the President is assisted by the Council National Defense. The National Defense Council serves as an adviser to the President in determining the general policy of defense and the deployment of all components National Defense. The National Defense Council is chaired by the President with membership, consists of permanent members and non-permanent members with the same rights and obligations. Permanent members consist of the Vice President, Minister of Defense, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Finance Home Affairs, and Commander. Non-permanent members consist of government officials and non-governmental organizations that are deemed necessary according to the problems at hand.

### 3. National Security

According to Paleri (2008), national security is a measurable state or the ability of a nation to overcome multi-dimensional threats to welfare its people and its survival as a nation state wherever given time, by balancing all state policy instruments through government. Meanwhile, in the encyclopedia, national security is a concept of government, together with parliament, is obliged to protect the state and its citizens against various crises national" through various power projections, such as political power, diplomacy, power economy, military capability, etc.

In Indonesia, the discourse on the formation of the National Security Council (DKN) continues to warm up discussed in every regime in power. Besides still looking for the shape and mode appropriate from other countries, DKN is still looking for the right formula for its function so as not to overlap with other institutions. The presence of DPN and DKN as one line relations cannot be separated in the context of realizing National Resilience.

### 4. Indonesia's Existing Condition

The Covid-19 pandemic is a problem for countries all over the world, including Indonesia the current situation can be seen from the image data above which was taken from the official Satgas website Covid-19, clearly shows an increase in cases day by day which from March 2020 until October 2020 positive confirmed cases of Covid-19 reached three hundred thousand person. From this situation, it also affects the national situation, especially the economic sector and of course health. With coming out WHO recommendations regarding the Covid-19 prevention protocol, including reducing activities outside the home in physical contact with other people, and maintain social distance. Give direct impact on the economic activities of a country, including Indonesia.

The Covid-19 pandemic since March 2020 with all the effects it has had can be seen as a threatening situation for defense and even national security a country. Specifically for the Indonesian government, there must be an attitude and selection of actions that right in the face of this Covid-19 Pandemic. So that society is not wider and more have been affected by this Pandemic both in terms of health and the economy, which directly constitute an inseparable unit in national defense and security.

Before discussing institutional efforts in handling this Pandemic, we need to look at the institutional structure of the Indonesian government first in an effort to maintain national defense and security as the embodiment of national security. Indonesia has Law No. 39 of 2008 concerning State Ministries, consisting of including the Minister of Home Affairs (Mendagri), Minister of Defense (Menhan), Minister of Health (Menkes), Minister of Finance (Menkeu), then Coordinating Minister for Politics Law and Security (Menkopolkukam), and many more as regulated in the Act the. Article 3 states that the Ministry is under and responsible for answer to the President. And in Article 4 paragraph (1) each Minister is in charge of certain in government. So that with this position the position of duties and functions is clear These Ministers are in accordance with their respective fields.

During this Pandemic period the President as Head of State has issued at least some strategic decisions in the context of handling Covid-19, including: starting from the formation of the Task Force for the Acceleration of the Handling of Covid-19 through the Decree President of the Republic of Indonesia Number 7 of 2020 concerning the Acceleration Task Force Handling COVID-19. Then the appointment of Airlangga Hartanto as Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Erick Tohir, Minister of SOEs as Chair and Executor of the Covid-19 Handling Committee and National Economic Recovery. Then the President also appointed the Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Luhut Binsar Panjaitan's investment as the person in charge of reducing the number of Covid-19 in 9

Province with the highest number of confirmed positives. It doesn't stop there, in the midst of this pandemic, President Jokowi has also assigned Ministers Defense Prabowo Subianto is in charge of the national granary program in Indonesia food security framework as a result of WHO and FAO recommendations on scarcity food during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 5. Conclusions and Suggestions

If you look at the conditions above, then Indonesia doesn't really need to drag on in the Covid-19 Pandemic. Answer some of the questions in the formulation of the problem above. Is the way of thinking still relevant as in the background of the problem? On theories about defense and security above, the way of thinking is that it must be a single unit that Defense and security are a straight line that cannot be separated. Method view, behave and make efforts in order to maintain resilience national security must harmonize defense and security movements. Don't look anymore problems partially - partially, many observers criticized the President's policy on the number

of teams in handling the Covid-19 pandemic, but not directly proportional by reducing the positive number of Covid-19 or it can be said that there is no success over this team's performance. Some observers also regretted the wrong place in choosing people or Minister in those team positions.

Eight hundred trillion state money that has been spent on countermeasures This Covid-19, in fact, the confirmed graph of Covid-19 continues to rise. Even though the size is clear the success of these teams according to their name is expected to be able to reduce or level the graph. And in fact to this day it failed. Then it is necessary the firm attitude of a leader in determining the direction of his policy in conditions such as this. In a state of weakness, we know this pandemic is a new thing, and this is a challenge for the leadership of our country. The accuracy of taking the Pandemic handling strategy must be precise and fast. Starting from seeing this as a danger to defense and security nationally, the formulation must also be complex, involving many parties and sectors.

1. The root of the problem of this pandemic is health, so the response must be addressed from the health sector, elect the Minister of Health as the main person in charge this situation should be more precise especially the Minister of Health is a background military who understand the concept of defense and security for the sake of national security. Involving epidemiology experts in policy selection is appropriate, young human resources as a demographic bonus can be used to be explored as much as possible as a driving force for prevention campaigns and carrying out Covid 19 protocol practices.
2. After the next health problem is the allusion to the problemeconomy, here the government should be more firm in calculating and relocating budget. In the Covid-19 conditions, official travel budgets, budgets for in-office meetings and other activities other than

personnel expenditures in the form of salaries, can of course be transferred optimally to providing direct stimulus for the lower middle class, SMEs and SMEs. If only had the power of data valid on their database, then ordered to lock down with previously given a daily replacement, only 50 thousand per day for four For twelve days, the PP Satpol does not need to work extra to scold PSBB violators.

3. Then the relationship with the structural coordination line and handling instructions this pandemic. If only the DKN and DPN infrastructure were realized this would be easier in order to take steps to handle the pandemic situation that threatens National defense. So that DKN and DPN can focus on preparing everything possible in efforts to deal with the pandemic. Although the President remains as the conductor and the holder of the baton, then DKN and DPN are two hands and the President's two legs to save the people, maintain the stability of the country over threatening pandemic. Great authority for DKN and DPN must also be observant put people in that position so they work right away serve the people in situations that threaten national security. Whole field related stakeholders are under the coordination of DKN and DPN in dealing with pandemic and realizing national resilience.

### References

- [1] Nasution, Dito Adi Darma. (2020). "The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Economy". *Indonesian Journal of Benefita*, vol. 5(2), pp. 212-224.
- [2] M Yani, Yayan and Ian Motratama. (2016). "Getting to know the National Security Council in Four Countries as References for Establishing a Coordination Structure for Handling Terrorism in Indonesia". *Defense Journal*, vol. 6(1), pp. 21-29.
- [3] RI Law Number 39 of 2008 concerning State Ministries.
- [4] RI Law Number 3 of 2002 concerning National Defense.
- [5] FAO (2020) Key Messages, Novel Coronavirus-(Covid19)