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Australian army soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment conducts a foot patrol during exercise Talisman Sabre 2007 in Shoalwater Bay, Australia, June 22, 2007. The biennial exercise is designed to train Australian and U.S. forces in planning and conducting combined task force operations, which will help improve combat readiness and interoperability.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Lock



Dear Reader,

Welcome to our Fifth Edition of Indonesia Defense Magazine. In this issue we feature interviews and news of relevance to the military, governmental and defense industries. We highlight the anniversary of TNI-AU, the Indonesian Air Force, and three fighter pilots who were chosen to serve as test pilots for the all-Indonesian N219 twin-turboprope aircraft. As Jakarta DKI, the capital city, is once again locked down ("PSBB" – Social Distancing) in response to a surge in cases of Covid-19, the editors look at the effect on the Indonesian defense industry and the action of our military to impede and suppress the infection.

Defense-related technology and other timely articles fill out the issue, whose core thrust is the robust relationship between the Republic of Indonesia and Australia, which is described thoroughly with historical documentation.

It is worthwhile to cite a courtesy call made by Minister of Defense of the People's Republic of China General Wei Fenghe on the Minister of Defense of Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto. This follows the receipt by Minister Prabowo of an air shipment of medical supplies and PPE from the PRC to Indonesia several months ago.

As next-door neighbors, Indonesia and Australia have reliable bonds of culture, communication and cooperation; many Indonesians work, study and emigrate to Australia, and our country is a prime tourist destination for Australian visitors.

This has all been stunted by Covid-19; in view of the absence of a vaccine, closer cooperation between nations becomes an urgent necessity, as no people has overcome the danger imposed by this plague.

When looking down through history, certain thematic repetitions in international relationships inevitably reoccur, in mutually-beneficial ways and otherwise. In dealings across borders, just as in relations with next-door neighbors, there will always be conflicts of interest as well as shared interests.

That said, the history of interlocking contacts and exchanges between the young Republic of Indonesia and its continental neighbor to the south, some two-and-a-half centuries old, has by and large been a positive, trusting and productive one. Each has made major resource, industrial and infrastructure investments in the other. Most notably, Australians continued to champion the independence of Indonesia long before any other nation bothered to do so.

Prominent in supporting Indonesian independence was Melbourne-born Tom Critchley, an Australian civil servant, diplomat, author and journalist. He became personally involved with the Indonesian issue, assisting Australia's representation of Indonesia against the Dutch, during our Revolution for independence. Between 1947 and 1950, as fighting continued, Critchley served on the United Nations Commission for Indonesia. He was a key player in helping secure the nation's independence from the Dutch, and went on to serve in various ambassadorial roles, mostly notably as Ambassador to Indonesia during the Suharto era (1978–1981). He passed away on 14 July 2009 at the age of 93.

In recent years the cross-border relationship between our two nations has expanded and strengthened, growing to a mutual trade figure of A$17.8 billion in 2018-19, an increase of 6.9% over the previous year. This is paralleled by close links in government, education, and defense, codified under the Lombok Treaty. Now that the tragic conflict of East Timor / Timor Leste has been resolved there are no notable impediments to even closer cooperation; in fact, both nations belong to the G20, the ASEAN Regional Forum, the Australia-New Zealand-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. Most recently, the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement which has entered into force on 5 July 2020.

Over the past several years alone Australia has contributed A$331.3 million in development aid; for the past eight months of growing Covid-19, culminating in its being officially declared a pandemic by the WHO, there has been a growing exchange of medical data, infectious dynamics and strategic information on therapy, health protocol, patients and spreaders, as all countries in East Asia, once highly-dependent on tourism and trade, were forced to lock down and shut off valuable exchanges.

Indonesia turns 75 years of age in 2020; on this occasion Australian Defense Attaché Brigadier Justin Roocke has delivered, in fluent Bahasa Indonesia, a greeting and congratulations, on behalf of all Australian Embassy Defense Staff in Jakarta and the "extended family" of IKAHAN, the Indonesian - Australian Defense Alumni Association, launched by Deputy Chief of the Australian Defense Force, Lieutenant General David Hurley, AC, DSC, together with former colleague Marshal (ret) Edy Harjoko. General Roocke's presentation can be viewed on the IKAHAN website.

In recent days Minister of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto has taken receipt of a valuable shipment of medical supplies and PPE from Australia, in a documented ceremony at Halim Perdanakusuma Airport. This A$2 million package provided under the Australian Defense Cooperation Program to support in the struggle to contain and overcome Covid-19 is most appreciated, and further evidence of the close and meaningful relationship between our neighboring nations.

Indonesia thanks Australia and sincerely hopes to sustain our positive and mutually-beneficial relationship down through the ages.

Happy reading. We welcome your comments and your feedback, positive or otherwise.

Irawan Ronodipuro

Editor-in-Chief

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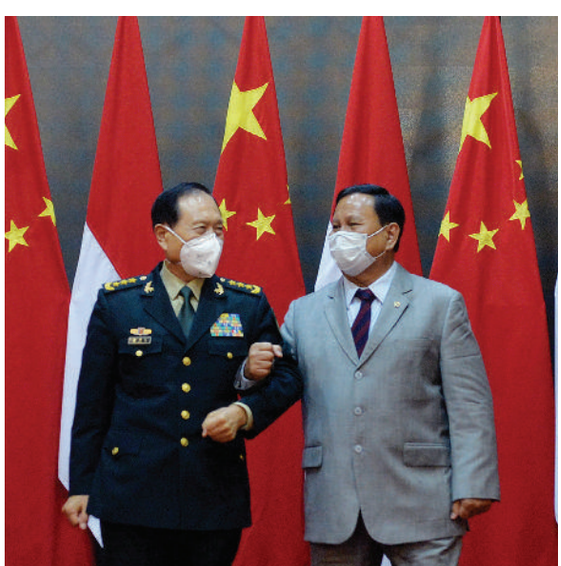
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"Pembangunan suatu bangsa tidak mungkin dilaksanakan tanpa penguasaan ilmu pengetahuan dan teknologi. Mahasiswa UNHAN wajib menguasai IPTEK dan membuat inovasi," Menteri Pertahanan RI Prabowo Subianto





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Berada di perbukitan Hambalang, di kawasan Indonesia Peace and Security Center (IPSC), Sentul, Bogor, UNHAN berdiri kokoh di antara fasilitas pelatihan dan perkantoran berbagai institusi keamanan dan kementerian/lembaga baik sipil maupun militer seperti Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Terorisme (BNPT), Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana (BNPB), Standby Force, dan Pusat Misi Pemeliharaan Perdamaian (PMPP) TNI.

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Dengan demikian, upaya tersebut terus dikembangkan salah satunya dengan membuka program Strata Satu (S1) yang berfokus pada ilmu pertahanan, selain S2 dan S3 yang sebelumnya telah lebih dahulu dibuka di UNHAN. Pembentukan program S1 UNHAN merupakan instruksi langsung yang diberikan oleh Menteri Pertahanan (Menhan) RI Prabowo Subianto.

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