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Dear readers,

We are pleased to greet you again in this 26th edition. We hope you are always healthy and full of happiness.

As we all know, voting has finished in Indonesia's 2024 elections. By and large, it went safely and smoothly, without any significant disruption. In October this year, the president and vice president-elect will be inaugurated by the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR).

The success cannot be separated from the contribution of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) from start to finish, at every stage. They played a key role in securing and distributing election logistics across the archipelago. In this edition, the Special Report section features articles about how the servicemen braved the elements to distribute election logistics so they can arrive at the polling stations on time.

In the Photostory section, you will also read about the daily lives of Palestinian students who are preparing to commence their study at the Republic of Indonesia Defense University (Unhan RI). They are young people selected by the Palestinian government to receive scholarships from the Indonesian government. This is proof of Indonesia's commitment to continuously support the Palestinian cause and people.

As a magazine that specializes in defense issues, it wouldn't have been complete if we didn't feature the activities of Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto in the



performance of his duties, which you can find out more in the Insight and Diplomacy section.

Also not to be missed is the story behind the Malabar Radio Station in the History page. The Dutch-built infrastructure at the foothill of Mount Puntang in Bandung, West Java, has been reduced to rubble, but the editorial team has traced its fascinating history when it was still in operation in a bygone era.

So, without further ado, happy reading!

Irawan Ronodipuro
Editor-in-Chief

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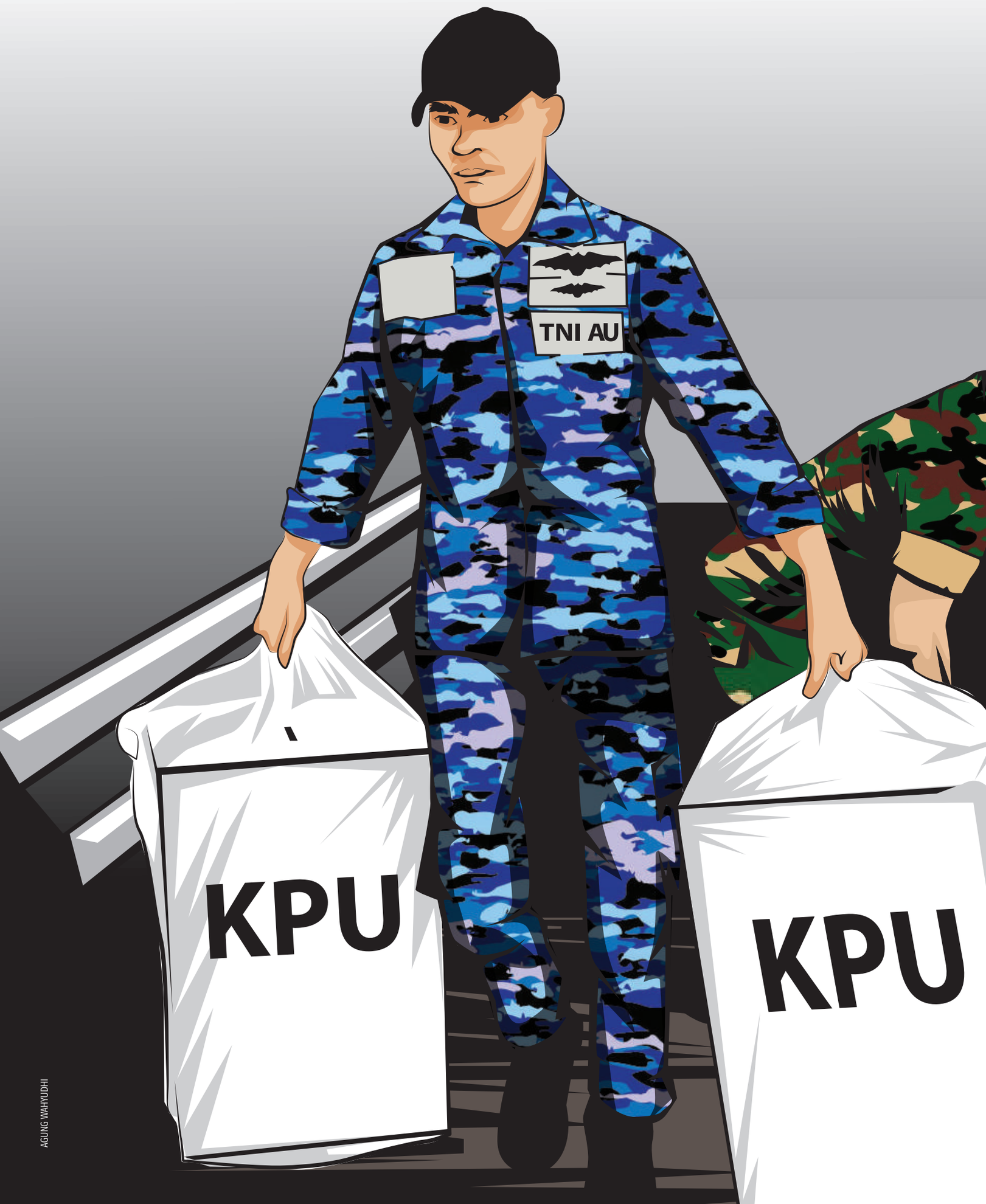
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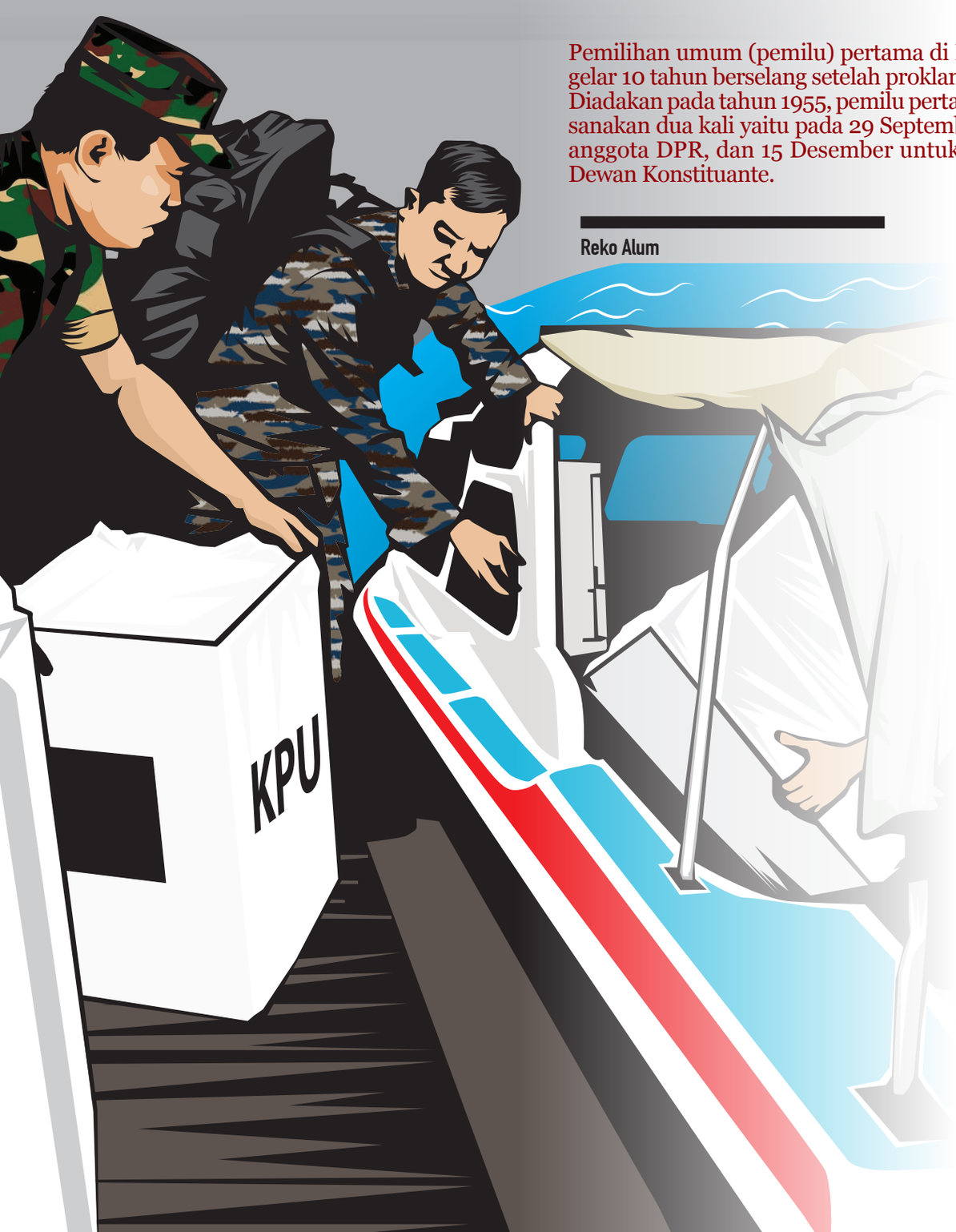
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PERJUANGAN TNI KAWAL PEMILU 2024

JAGA KEAMANAN HINGGA DISTRIBUSI LOGISTIK KE PELOSOK

Pemilihan umum (pemilu) pertama di Indonesia baru digelar 10 tahun berselang setelah proklamasi kemerdekaan. Diadakan pada tahun 1955, pemilu pertama tersebut dilaksanakan dua kali yaitu pada 29 September untuk memilih anggota DPR, dan 15 Desember untuk memilih anggota Dewan Konstituante.

Reko Alum



Pascaproklamasi kemerdekaan situasi keamanan dalam negeri belum bisa dibilang kondusif. Berbagai pergolakan masih terjadi di beberapa wilayah seperti Jawa Barat dan Sulawesi Selatan. Kedua daerah itu rawan karena kekacauan yang dipicu oleh gerakan Darul Islam/Tentara Islam Indonesia (DI/TII) pimpinan Sekarmadji Maridjan Kartosuwiryo.

Maka agar pemilu yang baru pertama kali diadakan ini dapat terlaksana dengan baik, para tentara berbekal senjata diturunkan untuk menjaga tempat pemungutan suara (TPS). "Di setiap TPS akan dijaga beberapa tentara bersenjata lengkap, ditambah aparat keamanan dari kalangan sipil yang telah ditetapkan dengan *besluit* (keputusan) dari residen," kata Soemarsono, residen yang

