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Dear kind readers,

It is a pleasure to welcome you again to the 22nd Edition of Indonesia Defense Magazine (IDM). The Russia-Ukraine war, which has reached the 519-day mark as of this writing, continues to dominate the international news cycle. The prolonged conflict has resulted in thousands of fatalities on both sides, destroyed critical civilian infrastructure and caused immeasurable suffering.

Basically, the world is tired of this war and wants it to end soon. This popular sentiment is also widely shared in Indonesia. During his visit to Russia in mid-July of last year, Indonesian President Joko Widodo conveyed directly to President Vladimir Putin that Indonesia was ready to serve as a "bridge" (neutral arbiter of peace) between the two warring countries. This peace mission has been further emphasized by Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto.

During the 2023 IISS Shangri-La Dialogue security forum, held in Singapore in June, Defense Minister Prabowo, in the name of humanity, proposed a *four-point peace roadmap* to end hostilities and begin to resolve the conflict. We have compiled a comprehensive and balanced coverage of Minister Prabowo's peace plan in the "Special Report" section of this edition.

Furthermore, we thought it necessary to hear the stance of both sides involved in this horrible ordeal, to better understand the origins of and rationale for this conflict. We are thus grateful and honored that His Excellency the Ambassador of Ukraine was able to spare us time at his office to share relevant history and background details that may have led to this conflict.

Her Excellency the Ambassador of the Russian Federation also graciously allowed us the honor to visit her at the ambassadorial residence, to listen to her grasp of history and events that took place until today.

After a two-year hiatus resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Indonesian Navy (TNI AL) resumed its Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo (MNEK) joint drills in Makassar, South Sulawesi. What was special about this year's edition was the participation of three countries that are locked in tense and often heated great power rivalry – the US, China and Russia. They joined hands in an exercise to drill responses to humanitarian disasters and strengthen solidarity among the world's navies. We share with you more background information on this rare event in the National Defense section.



Other interesting articles include retracing the legacy of colonial rule in the Dutch and Japanese defensive caves in Bandung. In addition, we discuss the AUKUS trilateral alliance, and its collaborative efforts to harness the power of artificial intelligence (AI) to bolster defense capabilities. Interesting photos of Minister Prabowo's flurry of defense diplomacy activities are also showcased in this edition.

We hope you'll enjoy this edition of IDM,



Irawan Ronodipuro
Editor-in-Chief

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Nurhidayat Nasution dan Yuli Ari



Invasi Rusia ke Ukraina pada awal 2022, seakan menyentak dunia internasional. Bahwa peperangan masih mungkin terus terjadi di abad modern ini, ternyata sebuah fakta yang tidak bisa dipungkiri. Indonesia sendiri tidak dapat menutup mata begitu saja melihat situasi tersebut. Sebagai penganut politik bebas aktif, selain harus berada di dalam posisi netral, negara ini juga wajib berpartisipasi dalam menyelesaikan konflik demi terwujudnya ketertiban dunia yang berdasarkan kemerdekaan, perdamaian abadi, dan keadilan sosial.



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