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The Surabaya Battle is a trial for Indonesian Nation in defending its independence. In the battle,three national figures whose names are remembered to the present were born: Bung Tomo, KH. Hasyim Asy'ari and Governor Suryo.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



To our valued readership,

I am delighted to introduce our Sixth edition of the Indonesia Defense Magazine (IDM). On behalf of the staff and Management at IDM we would like to extend a warm welcome to all readers, domestic and foreign defense counterparts and interested parties globally.

Now approaching its First year of publication, we endeavor to extend our coverage to encompass a wider range of topics relevant to the defense scene across this vast archipelago, and its linkage to counterparts around the world.

In this Edition we present a conversation with His Excellency the French Ambassador, accompanied by the Military Attaché of the Embassy of the French Republic to Indonesia.

There is an insightful interview with Lieutenant General (Ret.) Agus Wijoyo, Governor of Lemhannas RI ("Lembaga Ketahanan Nasional RI", or the National Resilience Institute of the Republic of Indonesia).

Minister of Defense Prabowo Subianto paid an official visit to his counterparts including meetings with Secretary of Defense Mark Esper and senior military personnel in the Pentagon, US, before embarking on a visit to Europe; Austria, France and Turkey with the agenda to intensify bilateral cooperation in the field of defense.

We also feature in-depth reviews of contemporary Research & Development into defense hardware, as well as visits to ancient events to enthusiast of military history, with a summary of the Battle of Surabaya (October~November 1945), and the role played by national heroes such as Bung Tomo and Surabaya Governor Suryo. It was a defining moment in the long Indonesian struggle for independence. We salute them and pray for their souls.

If you have any comments about the content, or suggestions for future inclusion, do not hesitate to contact Indonesia Defense Magazine.

Please stay well,

Irawan Ronodipuro



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Setiap negara sudah selayaknya memiliki pasukan khusus yang dibentuk dan dilatih untuk siap melaksanakan sejumlah misi, seperti perang non-konvensional, anti-terorisme, pengintaian, dan pertahanan. Dengan kemampuan serta fleksibilitas personel yang tinggi, pasukan khusus hadir sebagai instrumen pertahanan negara yang ditugaskan untuk menjawab beragam dinamika dan kompleksitas ancaman global dewasa ini.

Diantara puluhan nama besar pasukan elit yang ada di dunia, siapa yang tidak kenal dengan tiga unit pasukan elit yang dimiliki oleh masing-masing matra Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) seperti Komando Pasukan Khusus (Kopassus), Detasemen Jala Mangkara (Denjaka) dan Komando Korps Paskhas (Korpaskhas). Ketiga unit pasukan elit TNI tersebut patut menjadi kebanggaan Indonesia dengan segudang prestasi gemilang yang berhasil ditorehkan dalam sejumlah misi beresiko tinggi, yang tentunya tidak dapat dilakukan oleh sembarang prajurit. Dengan komposisi para prajurit terbaik, terlatih dan tangguh, Kopassus-Denjaka-Korpaskhas, hadir sebagai pasukan elit Indonesia yang tidak hanya disegani di kawasan Asia, bahkan dunia pun mengakui ketangguhan mereka.

Untuk mendapatkan informasi yang komprehensif mengenai tiga pasukan elit yang dimiliki TNI, Tim Redaksi Indonesia Defense Magazine (IDM) berkesempatan turut serta dalam acara Webinar Seri Kelima bertajuk "Pasukan Elite Tiga Matra dan Empat Pilar MPR RI", yang diselenggarakan oleh Indonesia Peace & Conflict Resolution Association (IPCRA) dan Ikatan Alumni UNHAN (IKA UNHAN), Rabu (21/10).

Hadir sebagai narasumber pada webinar tersebut yaitu Ketua MPR RI H. Bambang Soesatyo, S.E., MBA sebagai *Keynote Speaker*; Rektor Unhan Laksdya TNI Dr. Amarulla Octavian, S.T., M.Sc., DESD., CIQnR., CIQaR, Danjen Kopassus Mayjen TNI M. Hasan; Dankormar Mayjen TNI (Mar) Suhartono, M.Tr (Han); dan Dankorpaskhas Marsda TNI Eris Widodo, M.Tr (Han).

Optimalisasi Pasukan Khusus di Abad XXI

Perkembangan revolusi industri 4.0 dan kompleksitas ancaman dewasa kini menuntut TNI, tidak terkecuali pasukan khusus TNI, mengoptimalisasi kemampuan dan peran mereka di abad ke-21. Selanjutnya, mereka juga dituntut untuk mampu mendeteksi dan menghadapi kompleksitas ancaman tersebut. Rektor Universitas Pertahanan (UNHAN) Laksamana Madya (Laksdya) TNI Dr. Amarulla Octavian



Pasukan Denjaka melakukan simulasi pendaratan di Pantai Singkep, Provinsi Kep. Riau, dalam Geladi Tugas Tempur (Glagaspur) Tingkat III (23/7)