

Not To Let Indonesia Become Heaven of Drugs – Legislator



The vice-Speaker of the House of Representatives or DPR, Fadli Zon, has stated that the government should be very concerned with the recent frequent drug smuggling taking place in the country.

Mentioning that drug smuggling had shown an unbelievable increasing trend, he appreciated BNN or the National Narcotics Agency and other governmental institutions for having managed to confiscate the smuggling tons of methamphetamine or shabu-shabu.

According to him, such a good performance, however, also suggests that not only is Indonesia the biggest market of drugs in the world, but it is also heaven of drugs.

Worrying that the drug situation has put the country in a national emergency, he said Saturday (on 24 February) that the government's focus should be dealing with both eradicating those drug dealers and disbanding the invisible giant Indonesia drug supermarket.

He admitted that the very long Indonesian coastal line [it reaches 99,000 kilometres] might serve as the point of easy entry for the narcotics.

He criticized, therefore, the government's idea of privatizing 30 airports and 20 seaports since they were the important gates and borders with outside worlds. The government should, instead, guard and control all those vital infrastructures.

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