

Indonesia 2019: Governor Annies and President Jokowi



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The Executive Director of Sabang Merauke Circle, Syahganda Nainggolan, has said that the recent issues on Annies' social justice versus Jokowi's identity have constructed the coming political topics of the 2019 presidential elections.

[Without pointing out that his analysis needs to be more impartial, it is worth appreciating.]

One of the political wars between President Jokowi and Governor Anies Baswedan can be seen from Anies' discourse on the need of a leader to recognize his most miserable people and to defend them. To him, they are the Pedi cab drivers. Annies is attracted to deal with the so-called structural discourse.

According to Jokowi, however, it is very important that a leader is true pious follower of the faith. [This way, he will be prevented from being tempted to have a vested interest in doing his job.] Without clarifying the meaning of photographs of Jokowi's becoming imam [the person who leads the Islamic prayers], Jokowi's assistants have exposed the photographs in the media. Jokowi seems to be attracted to deal with political identities.

The think tank of Jokowi, Professor Hendropriyono, said that Jokowi would be categorized as the national-Islamic presidential hopeful in 2019 presidential elections.

Worrying about Jokowi's political identity, Syahganda Nainggolan said that the grand theme of 2019 presidential elections would be the same as those of the 2014. It would be dealing with two equally strong issues, namely, those of vertical and horizontal.

Mentioning that the present Indonesian administration has got no "Haluan Negara" or the Indonesian organizational framework, the same old situation would create the kind of democracy where the politicians would make an attempt to pit people against each other during the elections and after that, they would be left behind.

The people do hope that the presidential hopefuls such as Jokowi, Prabowo, Anies, General Gatot Nurmantyo, AHY, General Budi Gunawan, Muhaimin, and many more would strongly consider the 1945 Indonesia proclamation saying to establish democracy for the people's prosperity.

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