Indonesian National Cyber Agency Expected Successfully Eradicate Hoaxes

The Vice-speaker of the House of Representatives or DPR, Agus Hermanto, has expected that the purpose of establishing the National Cyber and Encryption Agency or BSSN can be properly achieved. He said that not only could the agency prevent hoaxes and hate speeches from taking place, but it could also function as an intelligence body with defensive cyber security.

According to him, BSSN may certainly carry out its mission in a full speed right away, finding and revealing the inappropriate information and reports considered as hoaxes, hate speeches, and the like carried on social media.

Mentioning that BSSN may also function as an intelligence body with its defensive cyber security role, he said Wednesday (on 3 January) that the House of Representatives or DPR would, indeed, participate in monitoring the Agency’s performance.

Agus Hermanto, who is a politician from the Democrat Party, further said that all parties would also need to look into BSSN’s work.

In the meantime BSSN chief, Major General (ret.) Djoko Setiadi, after having taken his oath as he was instated on Wednesday at a State Palace ceremony officiated by President Joko Widodo, said that his institution would, indeed, play its role to eradicate many different deceiving hoaxes carried on social media.

According to him, however, there are two different kinds of hoaxes, the negative and the positive ones. If they are beneficial in the sense of having positive and developing effects, BSSN would not certainly even touch them.

Source: YGN/MAS, hidayatullah/berita/nasional/read/2018/01/03/132130/dpr-berharap-tujuan-bssn-hindari-hoax-tercapai.html, “DPR Berharap Tujuan BSSN Hindari Hoax Tercapai (DPR hopes BSSN will accomplish its mission to eradicate hoaxes)”, in Indonesian, 03 Jan 18.

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