

# Indonesian Record Breaking of Removing 80 Generals



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The newly chief of Indonesian Armed Forces or TNI, Marshal Hadi Tjahjanto, has moved most of TNI high officers to the less strategic posts. They are known as the supporters the previous chief, General Gatot Nurmantyo who would likely challenge Jokowi in 2019 Presidential election.

It was reported that his decision Friday (on 23 March) was his third decision to help President Jokowi reducing the high military officers (39) supporting General Gatot Nurmantyo. His two similar previous decrees were made on 2 March (35 officers) and on 19 March (9 officers), respectively.

Countering against the issue that the Chief's decision is a political move to support president Jokowi, however, the spokesperson of TNI, Colonel Bedali Harefa, stated that the decisions were meant to meet the needs of TNI organization in present Indonesian situation. Not only would it maintain the officers' careers, but it would also optimize the present highly complicated and dynamical tasks of TNI.

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