

Some Suicide Bombers Attended De-radicalization Programmes



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The Indonesian National Anti-Terrorism Agency or BNPT Chief, Suhardi Alius, has said that his Agency has rehabilitated as many as 600 terrorist convicts.

He surprisingly admitted (on Thursday, 17 May in Jakarta) during a close meeting with the Coordinating Human Development and Culture Minister Minister, however, that some of them had decided to become suicide bombers (again).

Mentioning that there were more than 600 former terrorist convicts who had attended the rehabilitation programmes, he said that they had, all, been released from the prison to run their normal life within the Indonesian society.

He also said that there were as many as 128 former terrorist convicts who had actively participated in BNPT's de-radicalization programmes. They are, at the moment, becoming the active members of BNPT's main sources on terrorism.

According to him, there are three different groups who have attended BNPT's de-radicalization programmes, but decided to become suicide bombers (again).

Without mentioning the numbers and their names, Suhardi said that the first group belonged to those involved in Thamrin (Jakarta) bombings, the second one used to be participated in Cicendo (Bandung, West Java province) bombings, and the last group belonged to those involved in Samarinda (East Kalimantan province) bombings.

As for the perpetrators of Surabaya bombings, he said that they had never become the rehabilitees and let alone questioning whether or not they have participated in BNPT's de-radicalization programmes. He also said they were the members of JAD or the Jamaah Ansharud Daulah.

According to Suhardi, BNPT's focus is to deal with the prisoners of terrorism convicts who are still in their prison and those who have been freed from their prison. BNPT is to treat them as rehabilitees and to de-radicalize them.

Source: [MJ/IS, kiblats/2018/05/18/mengejutkan-bnpt-akui-pelaku-sejumlah-aksi-bom-sudah-dideradikalisasi/](https://www.bbc.com/news/indonesia-45118518).
 “Mengejutkan, BNPT Akui Pelaku Sejumlah Aksi Bom Sudah Dideradikalisasi (BNPT admits some bombing perpetrators, except those of Surabaya bombings, have attended BNPT's de-radicalization programmes)”, in Indonesian, 18 May 18.

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