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Ratified Law To Appropriate Intelligence Performance, Protect Human Rights



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In response to the newly ratified law on terrorism, both Haris Azhar (an Indonesian human rights advocate and former Coordinator of KontraS or Commission for the Disappeared and Victim of Violence) and Heru Susetyo (the founder of PAHAM Legal Aid Institute and a faculty member of the Indonesian University Jakarta), have criticized the legislators and the government for their viewing on the law.

Mentioning Human Rights philosophy concepts, Haris Azhar talked about the appropriate ways of handling terrorism actions.

According to him, it is the obligation of the government to protect the people's human rights. The government's institutions such as BNPT [the National Anti-Terrorism Agency], and the State Intelligence Agency or BIN should, thus, be responsible to those terrorism actions taking place in the country.

In the meantime, the House of Representatives or DPT through its Commission I should have appropriately watched and monitored the performance of both BNPT and BIN.

It is due to inappropriate performance of both the government and **DPR** that all those violations against human rights have taken place. They should not have blamed on the weaknesses of the existing law.

In the meantime, Heru Susetyo, has admitted that the old law deals with post terrorism, while the new one deals with both pre and post terrorism. It deals with planning, recruitment, training and many more. Unless being very careful, the new one might create inappropriate authoritarian acts.

To him there is no one single definition on terrorism since it is entirely depending on the goodwill of both the government and the legislators or the House of Representatives (DPR).

Both Haris Azhar and Heru Susetyo agree that it is a must to eradicate terrorism, but it is also important to make sure that the ways in doing so are not against the law and not to violate human rights.

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