

Indonesian Legislator: Not To Misuse Ratified Law on Terrorism



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Vice speaker of the House of Representations or DPR, who is in charge of the affairs of politics, law, and security, Fadli Zon, has urged not to misuse the newly revised and ratified law on terrorism as a political and business tool.

Mentioning that the main aim of the very law is to provide the people with security, he agrees with the new definition of terrorism.

[In the newly ratified law, “terrorism” is defined as an act using violence or the threat of violence that creates an atmosphere of terror or fear in a way that can cause mass casualties and/or cause damage or destruction of strategic vital objects, environment, public facilities or international facilities with ideological and political motives or intention to threaten state security.]

In his written explanation on Friday (25 May), he says that there are five important elements within the definition, namely, violence; victim(s); damage(s) or destruction of strategic vital objects; ideological and political motives; and threatening security.

According to him, not only does the ratified law distinguish between terrorism and ordinary crime, but it also enables the security forces to prevent them from arresting the wrong person.

He also hopes that the government, through Polri [the Indonesian National Police], TNI or the Indonesian National Army, BNPT [the National Anti-Terrorism Agency], and the State Intelligence Agency or BIN, would be more effective in dealing with terrorism threats.

Mentioning that the authority of the BNPT in the new law is central, he says that a presidential decree would technically provide them with the guidelines on dealing with the so-called "intention to disrupt security" as constituted in Article 43J of the new law.

He also says that the principles of respecting human rights are very important.

DPR expects that terrorism cases would end up in the court, preventing the people from having no trust to security forces in eradicating terrorism in the country.

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