

Indonesian Military Not To Handle Terrorism Cases in the Country



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The co-ordinator of the Komnasham or the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights, M. Choirul Anam, has insisted that the less TNI or the Indonesian Armed Forces getting involved in handling terrorism cases in the country, the better would it be.

According to him, it is in line with the country's law system with its logical thought framework.

He said Wednesday (on 5 September) that his Commission insisted that the government clarify the contextual needs for involving TNI in handling terrorism cases in the country.

Mentioning that inviting TNI to participate in handling the cases is not the first priority, he said that it would only be the last step to take when Polri [the Indonesian National Police], the main institution to handle the cases, demanded TNI to support them in handling the very terrorism cases.

He also pointed out that even though TNI has got their competence in preventing, countering, and dealing with terrorism cases, but they are not expected at all to get involved in handling all aspects of operation in handling the cases. In other words, TNI might only handle a small scale context of the operation if and only if they are demanded by Polri. Otherwise, the management system of the state would be inappropriately handled, ending up with a chaotic situation.

Reminding of the exact words within the latest ratification of the Indonesian Law No.15/2018 on Terrorism, he explained that one of its Article points out that eradicating terrorism is part of military operation if there is a demand made by Polri and should be justified by a Presidential decree.

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