

Indonesian Military Denies Supporting to Group Setting Khilafah Flag Ablaze



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A huge poster depicting an action of TNI [the Indonesian Armed Forces] together with Banser [the youth wing of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU)] hauling down Khilafah flag has been widely spread up in Indonesian social media. Not only are there phrases in the poster saying that Kodam V/ Brawijaya [the Fifth Eastern Java 'Brawijaya' Military Regional Command] supports Banser [the youth wing and paramilitary troop of NU] in hauling down the flag, but there are also words pointing out that both NU and TNI are the ones responsible with the action.

According to the chief of Kodam V/ Brawijaya, Colonel Singgih Pambudi Arinto, it is a hoax. The poster's content is nothing else, but untrue. He said Monday (on 29 October) that TNI would only defend the state and not only one particular organization.

He admittedly said, however, that Eastern Java Banser had happened (on 21 April 2016) to have a hearing with his office, discussing about national and regional security affairs; not about those mentioned in the poster. He also said that Kodam V/ Brawijaya and Banser Chapter East Java province would always maintain their good relation especially in dealing with having social activities together and in maintaining the conducive situation in the province.

[The viral poster issue seems to have got to do with the recent incidence on the burning HTI flag (with Arabic text professing belief in one God) conducted by members of Banser in Garut, West Java. The incidence has been strongly reacted by many Muslims in the country.]

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Ameera, arrahmah/2018/11/01/poster-tni-banser-turunkan-bendera-khilafah-kapendam-brawijaya-itu-hoax/, "Poster TNI-Banser Turunkan Bendera Khilafah, Kapendam Brawijaya: Itu Hoax! Survei: Dukungan ke Pancasila Turun, Dukungan NKRI Bersyariah Naik (Clarification of East Java Military Regional Command on poster hoax)", in Indonesian, 01 Nov 18.

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