

Prabowo's National Campaign Agency To Boycott Metro TV



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The National Campaign Agency of Prabowo-Sandiaga Uno has called on their members to boycott *Metro TV* station. They are demanded, for example, to refuse the media's invitation to participate in their talk show programmes including those of television interviews. To them, not only does the station belong to the General Chairman of NasDem (the National Democrat) Party, but it also supports Indonesian presidential candidates Joko Widodo and his running mate cleric Ma'ruf Amin.

The official letter to ban the station was signed Thursday (o 22 November) by the Communication and Media Director of the National Campaign Agency of the Prabowo-Sandiaga Agency, Hashim D Hadikusumo, who is also Prabowo's brother.

[It has been reported that there are only three major TV stations in Indonesia, such as KOMPAS TV, CNN Indonesia, and RCTI tend to be political neutral and impartial in the coming presidential and General elections. In the meantime, ten of other major private TV stations including the State TV station (TVRI) tend to support the Jokowi-Ma'ruf camp.]

Lamenting the announcement of the National Campaign Agency of the Prabowo-Sandiaga Agency to ban Metro TV, however, its editorial director Don Bosco said Monday (on 5 November) that the Agency had the right to boycott his company.

According to him, *Metro TV* would remain covering including criticizing and reporting facts and events related to the Prabowo-Sandiaga camp. It is the rights of the public to know such information.

It was also reported earlier that two spokesmen of the Prabowo-Sandiaga camp, Ferdinand Hutahaean and Ferry Juliantono, had announced the boycott of *Metro TV*.

According to Ferry, the station has frequently attacked the Prabowo camp in its reports and interviews.

Not only did he complain that *Metro TV* teams had ignored the recommendations made by the National Campaign Agency of Prabowo-Sandiaga on the Agency's important figures invited to speak in its programmes, but he also criticised that many news reports and interviews aired by *Metro TV* were attacking his camp.

Denying such allegations, however, Don Bosco said that *Metro TV* always presented speakers from both camps on its programmes.

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