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# TNI Guarding the Prosecutor's Office Considered in Line with Prabowo's Asta Cita

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**Abstract:** The deployment of TNI soldiers has sparked controversy due to concerns over the strengthening of militarism in civilian institutions. This action has raised alarm among various human rights groups and political analysts who argue that it undermines the democratic principles of civilian control over military forces. The Attorney General's Office (AGO), the TNI, and the Chief of Police have publicly addressed the issue, especially the deployment of TNI soldiers to guard the AGO Complex, as well as the High Prosecutors' Offices (Kejati) and District Prosecutors' Offices (Kejari) across Indonesia. The order for this deployment was issued in the TNI Commander's Telegram Number TR/442/2025 on May 6, 2025. This order is part of a broader effort to increase security at critical state institutions, especially in light of recent security threats. The deployment of soldiers is part of a follow-up to the cooperation agreement between the TNI and the AGO, which was formalized in the Memorandum of Understanding NK/6/IV/2023/TNI dated April 6, 2023. The agreement outlines eight points of cooperation, which include: (1) Education and training for TNI personnel in law enforcement procedures; (2) Exchange of information for law enforcement purposes, ensuring better collaboration between the military and civilian law enforcement agencies; (3) The assignment of TNI soldiers to assist in guarding AGO facilities and other law enforcement offices; and (4) Other security-related assistance, such as providing military expertise to ensure the integrity and safety of AGO operations. While the cooperation between the TNI and AGO is framed as an effort to enhance security and operational efficiency, critics argue that this deployment could lead to the militarization of civilian functions, potentially causing conflicts of interest and compromising the impartiality of the judicial system.

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## 1. Introduction

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In the telegram, the TNI Commander deployed personnel and equipment in order to support the security of the High Prosecutor's Office and District Attorney's Office throughout Indonesia.

The Head of the Legal Information Center of the Attorney General's Office, Harli Siregar (11/5/2025), confirmed the information that there was security from the TNI for the High Prosecutor's Office and District Attorney's Office throughout Indonesia. Yes, that's right, there is security carried out by the TNI for the Prosecutor's Office to the regions (in the regions it is still in process), the security is a form of cooperation.

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Head of the TNI Information Center, Major General Kristomei Sianturi, stated that this cooperation was carried out based on official requests and measurable needs, and still refers to applicable legal provisions.

The TNI always upholds the principles of professionalism, neutrality, and synergy between institutions. "This is also an embodiment of the TNI's main duties as mandated by law to protect the entire nation and all of Indonesia's territory from threats and disturbances to the integrity of the nation and state,".

The TNI's assistance to the Attorney General's Office is part of the official cooperation between the Indonesian National Army and the Indonesian Attorney General's Office as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding Number NK/6/IV/2023/TNI dated April 6, 2023". The memorandum of understanding lists eight areas of cooperation between the TNI and the Attorney General's Office. The following are the eight points, including: (1). Education and training; (2). Exchange of information for the benefit of law enforcement; (3). Assignment of TNI soldiers within the Indonesian Attorney General's Office; (4). Assignment of prosecutors as supervisors at the TNI Auditorate General; (5). Support and assistance from TNI personnel in carrying out the duties and functions of the Attorney General's Office

The deployment of TNI soldiers to civilian institutions, particularly to secure the Attorney General's Office and its branches across Indonesia, has sparked controversy as it is seen as reinforcing militarism within civilian domains. Critics argue that the presence of soldiers in civilian affairs undermines democratic governance and risks blurring the line between military and civil authority (Mietzner, 2020). This concern is reinforced by studies emphasizing that the military's involvement in non-defense roles may gradually erode civilian supremacy, a cornerstone of democratic consolidation in post-authoritarian Indonesia (Aspinall & Warburton, 2020). The Indonesian government, however, through the Attorney General's Office and the TNI leadership, maintains that such deployments are merely routine cooperation rather than an exceptional security measure (CNN Indonesia, 2022).

In addition to guarding civilian offices, the TNI has taken on new tasks beyond its traditional defense role, ranging from education and health to agriculture and narcotics eradication. This broadening of function has raised questions regarding institutional overreach and the effectiveness of civil institutions in fulfilling their own mandates (Robison, 2021). Some scholars highlight that while such involvement is often justified under the framework of "total people's defense" (sistem pertahanan rakyat semesta), it risks normalizing military presence in everyday governance (Honna, 2019; Laksmana, 2021). Moreover, research points out that military deployments in civilian spaces may reduce public trust in civilian bureaucracies, as it suggests that civil institutions are incapable of operating independently (Prasetyo, 2023). Nonetheless, proponents argue that the TNI's engagement in areas such as education and agriculture demonstrates adaptability and relevance in addressing contemporary national challenges (Sukma, 2022). Thus, while some view these developments as a pragmatic response to governance gaps, others regard them as a threat to democratic institutional balance (Sherlock, 2021; Mietzner & Aspinall, 2023).

## 2. Proposed Method

Based on the background above, the formulation of the problem in this paper is: "Is the TNI Guarding the Prosecutor's Office Considered in Line with Prabowo's Asta Cita"?

The Data Collection Technique uses Online Data Search/Internet searching, browsing, surfing or downloading data, Books, magazines, Journals, Theses, Dissertations, online news, media, websites and sources from experts related to matters related to "The TNI Guarding the Prosecutor's Office is Considered in Line with Prabowo's Asta Cita".

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1. Deployment of Soldiers Guarding the Prosecutor's Office

Head of the TNI Information Center (Kapuspen) Brigadier General Kristomei Sianturi (11/05/2025). Said that the deployment of TNI soldiers in the security was an order from the TNI Commander as a form of cooperation with the AGO. "The order is stated in the TNI Commander's Telegram Number TR/442/2025 dated May 6, 2025". The order is a follow-up to the cooperation between the TNI and the AGO as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding NK/6/IV/2023/TNI dated April 6, 2023.

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- 1) Education and training
- 2) Exchange of information for law enforcement purposes
- 3) Assignment of TNI soldiers within the AGO
- 4) Assignment of prosecutors as supervisors at the TNI Oditurat General
- 5) Support and assistance from TNI personnel in carrying out the duties and functions of the AGO
- 6) Support to the TNI in the fields of Civil and State Administration, including legal assistance, litigation and non-litigation legal assistance, law enforcement, and legal action others
- 7) Utilization of facilities and infrastructure in order to support the implementation of tasks and functions according to needs
- 8) Technical coordination of investigations and prosecutions and handling of connectivity cases.
- 9) All forms of TNI support are carried out based on official requests, measurable needs, and still refer to applicable legal provisions.

Previously, the Civil Society Coalition for Security Sector Reform opposed the deployment of TNI troops to guard the prosecutor's office throughout Indonesia. They urged the TNI commander to revoke the troop deployment order.

- 1) The coalition assessed that the TNI commander's order was contrary to many laws and regulations, especially the Judicial Power Law, the Prosecutor's Office Law, the State Defense Law, and the TNI Law which clearly regulate the TNI's main duties and functions. "Deployment like this further strengthens the military's intervention in the civilian realm, especially in the area of law enforcement," reads a joint press release from the Civil Society Coalition for Security Sector Reform.
- 2) The TNI's duties and functions should focus on the defense aspect and should not enter the realm of law enforcement carried out by the prosecutor's office as a civilian agency. "We assess that the bilateral cooperation framework between the TNI and the prosecutor's office does not have a strong legal basis to be the basis for deploying assistance troops to the prosecutor's office. The MoU clearly contradicts the TNI Law itself, "
- 3) The TNI's steps to guard the prosecutor's office have the potential to affect the independence of law enforcement in Indonesia." DPR Will Supervise the Deployment of TNI Soldiers in the Prosecutor's Office Environment'.

Deputy Chairman of Commission I of the Indonesian House of Representatives, DAVE Laksono said Monday (12/5/2025), his party will supervise the policy of deploying TNI soldiers in all High Prosecutors' Offices (Kejati) and District Prosecutors' Offices (Kejari) in Indonesia.

- 1) This step follows the issuance of the TNI Commander General Agus Subiyanto's Telegram Letter Number ST/1192/2025 dated May 6, 2025.
- 2) The letter contains the assignment of TNI soldiers in the prosecutor's office as part of the implementation of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the TNI and the Attorney General's Office.

Dave considers this policy as a form of synergy between institutions in maintaining stability and supporting the law enforcement process, the security policy by the TNI in the High Prosecutor's Office and the District Attorney's Office as part of the implementation of the MoU between the TNI and the Attorney General's Office, which aims to strengthen synergy between institutions in maintaining stability and smooth legal processes. (Tribunnews.com, 12/5/2025).

This Golkar Party politician hopes that the deployment of the TNI can increase the effectiveness of law enforcement. "This step is expected to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement, while still prioritizing the principles of professionalism, transparency, and civil supremacy".

Therefore, the DPR will closely monitor the implementation of the policy to ensure that it complies with applicable legal regulations. "Commission I of the DPR RI will carry out its supervisory function to ensure that this policy is implemented in accordance with applicable regulations and in line with national interests,".

### **3.2. Reasons Why the TNI Guards the Prosecutor's Office, Not the Police**

The Attorney General's Office (Kejagung) of the Republic of Indonesia revealed the reasons for involving TNI personnel to guard the High Prosecutor's Office (Kejati) and District Prosecutor's Office (Kejari).

Head of the Legal Information Center (Kapuspenkum) of the Attorney General's Office (Kejagung) of the Republic of Indonesia, Harli Siregar (15/5/2025), explained that this was a form of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the TNI and the AGO. "Regarding security, it is a form of elaboration of the existing MoU. The MoU is numbered NK/6/IV/2023/TNI dated April 6, 2023 and was signed by both institutions".

The Deputy Attorney General for Military Crimes (Jampidmil) also coordinated with the TNI regarding the elaboration of the MoU.

On the other hand, Harli said, the ranks of the National Police are also still involved in the Indonesian Attorney General's Office, especially in terms of security during the trial process. This cooperation between the National Police and the Attorney General's Office has also been going on for a long time. "With friends from the National Police, it has indeed been going on for a long time, for example: securing trials,".

Previously, the Head of the TNI Information Center (Kapuspen) Brigadier General Kristomei Sianturi also emphasized that:

- 1) The deployment of soldiers in the Attorney General's Office is part of the official cooperation between the TNI and the Attorney General's Office.
- 2) The Memorandum of Understanding signed in April 2023 covers eight areas of cooperation, namely joint education and training.
- 3) Exchange of information for the benefit of law enforcement, assignment of TNI soldiers in the Indonesian Attorney General's Office, assignment of prosecutors as supervisors at the TNI Auditorate General.
- 4) Support and assistance from TNI personnel in carrying out the duties and functions of the prosecutor's office, TNI assistance in the field of Civil and State Administration including legal assistance and litigation.
- 5) Other cooperation related to the use of shared facilities and infrastructure as needed, as well as technical coordination of investigations, prosecutions, and handling of connectivity cases.
- 6) This cooperation is a manifestation of the implementation of the TNI's main duties as mandated by law, namely protecting the nation from various forms of threats. "This is also an embodiment of the TNI's main duties as mandated by law to protect the entire nation and all of Indonesia's territory from threats and disturbances to the integrity of the nation and state,".

### 3.3. Attorney General's Office Denies Intervention in Law Enforcement

The assignment has drawn criticism and controversy. Civil society groups believe that the deployment of TNI personnel strengthens military intervention in the civil sphere, especially in the area of law enforcement. In addition, there are no regulations regarding TNI assistance in military operations other than war (OMSP) regarding security activities in the prosecutor's office by TNI personnel.

- 1) The Attorney General's Office claims that the deployment of TNI personnel in high and state prosecutors' offices throughout Indonesia is limited to security. In addition to being based on a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions, the Attorney General's Office said that this is regulated in the Law on the TNI.
- 2) Telegram Letter Number: ST/1192/2025 dated May 6, 2025 assigned the ranks of the Indonesian Army to prepare and deploy personnel and their equipment to secure the high prosecutor's office (kejati) and the state prosecutor's office (kejar).
- 3) TNI Commander's Telegram Number TR/422/2025 dated May 5, ordering the deployment of personnel to support the security of the AGO and District Attorney's Office throughout Indonesia.
- 4) In detail, one platoon-level unit (SST) consisting of 30 personnel to secure the AGO, while for the security of the District Attorney's Office, 1 squad or equivalent to 10 personnel is deployed.

Head of the Attorney General's Office's Legal Information Center Harli Siregar, Wednesday (5/14/2025), said that:

- 1) The AGO and the TNI have a memorandum of understanding containing 8 points of agreement. One of the points agreed upon is regarding the provision of support by the TNI for the duties and functions of the AGO. One of them is in terms of security. That is what was realized in yesterday's telegram.
- 2) Security at the AGO by TNI personnel, related to the formation of the Deputy Attorney General for Military Crimes (Jampidmil). In carrying out its duties and functions, Jampidmil coordinates a lot with the TNI. To facilitate this, a memorandum of understanding was made between the two institutions.
- 3) The deployment of TNI personnel to secure the prosecutor's office is also based on the TNI Law. Article 7 Paragraph 2 of Law Number 34 of 2004 regulates OMSP, one of which mentions securing national vital objects of a strategic nature.

In this regard, the prosecutor's office is said to be a vital state object of strategic value. With this security, prosecutors are expected to be able to work well and comfortably, the prosecutor's office can still be accessed by the public, including the press. 4) Support from the TNI in the prosecutor's office has nothing to do with the law enforcement function carried out by the prosecutor's office. He ensured that the security carried out by the TNI is more in the form of physical security for assets, such as buildings. "Not (securing) the process because our law enforcement process is independent here. So, there is no need to worry that with the presence of the TNI, there will be intervention (in the prosecutor's office)". Head of the TNI Information Center, Major General Kristomei Sianturi, in a written statement stated that:

- 1) The TNI's assistance to the prosecutor's office is part of the official cooperation between the TNI and the Indonesian Attorney General's Office as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding Number NK/6/IV/2023/TNI dated April 6, 2023. There are 8 areas of cooperation between the two institutions. "Not (securing) the process because our law enforcement process is independent here. So, there is no need to worry that with the presence of the TNI, there will be intervention (from the prosecutor's office).
- 2) The scope is in the form of cooperation in education and training, exchange of information for the benefit of law enforcement.
- 3) Assignment of TNI soldiers in the prosecutor's office, assignment of prosecutors as supervisors at the TNI Oditurat General, and support and assistance from TNI personnel in carrying out the duties and functions of the prosecutor's office.
- 4) Support for the TNI in the civil and state administration fields, utilization of facilities and infrastructure, and technical coordination of investigations and prosecutions in connectivity cases. "All forms of TNI support are carried out based on official requests and measurable needs, and still refer to applicable legal provisions,".



**Figure 1.** TNI Members of The House of Oil Businessman Mohammad Riza

KOMPAS/RONY ARIYANTO NUGROHO TNI members escorting investigators from the Attorney General's Office during a search of the house of oil businessman Mohammad Riza Chalid on Jalan Jenggala 2, Kebayoran Baru, South Jakarta, related to a crude oil corruption case, Tuesday (25/2/2025).

### 3.4. The Motives Of The Prosecutor's Office

Separately, the Chairman of the Setara Institute National Council, Hendardi, is of the view that:

- 1) The orders of the TNI Commander and the Army Chief of Staff which are the basis for deploying TNI personnel to the prosecutor's office are contrary to the constitution and laws and regulations below it, especially the Law on Judicial Power, the Law on the Prosecutor's Office, the Law on State Defense, and the TNI Law.
- 2) There are no objective conditions that indicate the need for security of civil law enforcement institutions by TNI personnel.
- 3) The prosecutor's request to the TNI for security activities is a form of the prosecutor's coquery as a civilian institution in law enforcement, raising questions about the prosecutor's political motives through the institutionalization of collaboration with the TNI which is increasingly open.

The prosecutor's office should understand that they are part of the criminal law system which should be entirely a civilian institution. Dragging the military into all elements of the criminal law system clearly contradicts civil supremacy and the supremacy of law.

The connection investigator at the Deputy Attorney General for Military Crimes at the Attorney General's Office has submitted the case files and two suspects in the connection case of alleged corruption of the 2013-2020 Army TWP to the Jakarta High Military Auditor II and to the Jakarta High Military Court II.

- 4) Militarism has been strengthened in law enforcement institutions. This is considered to have the potential to weaken the supremacy of law. In fact, the TNI only has jurisdiction to enforce the law within the TNI environment.

Instead of entering the law enforcement institution in the civilian realm, the TNI Commander is expected to pay more special attention to the revision of Law Number 31 of 1997 concerning Military Justice. The law is considered to be no longer in accordance with civil supremacy and law in democratic governance. (Kompas.id, 04/14/2025).

### 3.5. TNI's Miscellany in Guarding the Prosecutor's Office

#### a. TNI's Explanation

The deployment of TNI soldiers has caused controversy because it is considered to strengthen militarism in civilian institutions. The Attorney General's Office, TNI, and the Chief of Police have spoken out regarding the deployment of TNI soldiers to guard the Attorney General's Office Complex, as well as all High Prosecutors' Offices (Kejati) and District Prosecutors' Offices (Kejari) throughout Indonesia.

It is known that the deployment of TNI soldiers has caused controversy because it is considered to strengthen militarism in civilian institutions.

Head of the Indonesian Army Information Service (Kadispenad) Brigadier General Wahyu Yudhayana said that the deployment of soldiers to the Prosecutor's Offices throughout Indonesia was not in the context of a special situation, but rather part of routine cooperation that had been going on before.

- 1) The deployment of soldiers was in accordance with the TNI Commander's telegram containing an order for security in the Kejati and Kejari environments.
- 2) The telegram was not issued in special situations, but rather as part of routine and preventive security cooperation, as has also been done before.
- 3) The security activities have been carried out previously in the context of relations between units. This is because there is a Jampidmil (Military Criminal Attorney General) structure at the AGO.
- 4) The number of forces deployed for security is adjusted to the number needed in the field. "However, in its implementation, the number of personnel who will be on duty is technically regulated in groups of 2 to 3 people and according to needs/as needed." (Kompas.com, 11/05/2025).

Law Number 3 of 2025 concerning the TNI, specifically in Article 7 paragraph (2) details the main tasks of the TNI, namely:

- 1) Military operations for war
- 2) Military operations other than war, namely to:
  - (1) overcome armed separatist movements;
  - (2) overcome armed rebellion;
  - (3) overcome acts of terrorism; secure border areas; secure strategic national vital objects;
  - (4) carry out world peace tasks in accordance with foreign policy;
  - (5) secure the President and Vice President and their families;
  - (6) empower defense areas and their supporting forces early in accordance with the universal defense system;
  - (7) Assist in regional government duties;
  - (8) assist the Indonesian National Police in the context of security and public order tasks as regulated by law;
  - (9) assist in securing state guests at the head of state level and representatives of foreign governments who are currently in Indonesia;
  - (10) assist in dealing with the effects of natural disasters, evacuation, and providing humanitarian assistance;
  - (11) assist in search and rescue in accidents; (12) assisting the Government in securing shipping and aviation against piracy, piracy, smuggling;
  - (12) assisting in efforts to overcome cyber defense threats; and
  - (13) assisting in protecting and saving citizens and national interests abroad.
- 3) The prosecutor's office building is not a vital object so it is not included in the main duties of the TNI.
  - (1) The prosecutor's office building is not a vital object but is a government office in the field of law enforcement. Whereas what is meant by 'strategic national vital objects' are objects that concern the lives of many people, the dignity and honor of the nation, and national interests determined by government decisions, "
  - (2) So that the TNI's guarding of the Prosecutor's Office raises questions in society, what's wrong with the Prosecutor's Office? Is there a critical situation or dangerous situation in the prosecutor's duties?" (Sugeng Teguh Santoso, 05/15/2025).

#### **b. Chief of Police**

Chief of Police General Listyo Sigit Prabowo while holding hands when met at the office of the Ministry of Law (Kemenkum) on May 14, 2025. asked for his opinion regarding the deployment of TNI soldiers to guard all the High Prosecutor's Offices, District Attorney's Offices, and the Attorney General's Office Complex. According to the Chief of Police, the deployment of TNI soldiers shows that the synergy between the Indonesian National Army (TNI) and the Police is getting better. "What is clear is that the synergy between the TNI and Polri is getting better,"

### **The synergy between law enforcement with the Polri is getting stronger**

Attorney General Sanitiar Burhanuddin hopes that the 78th Anniversary of Bhayangkara will be a momentum for stronger synergy between law enforcement with the Polri. In his statement in Jakarta, Sunday, Burhanuddin said that the theme of the 78th Anniversary of Bhayangkara, namely the Precision Police Supporting the Acceleration of an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy Supporting a Golden Indonesia, is a momentum for the Polri and the Attorney General's Office to continue to synergize. "Continue to synergize with predictive, responsible, and transparent law enforcement, fair, and effective in supporting the acceleration of economic transformation towards a Golden Indonesia 2045,".

The number one person in the Indonesian Attorney General's Office said that with the increasing age of the Polri which is entering 78 years, it is hoped that it will become more mature. The Polri and the Attorney General's Office, he said, are increasingly strengthened in establishing synergy between law enforcement. With fair law enforcement, a stable economic situation can be created.

### **c. TNI Guards Prosecutor's Offices In Line with Asta Cita**

According to Member of Commission III of the DPR, Nasir Djamil at the DPR/MPR complex, Senayan, Jakarta, Wednesday (5/14/2025). Said that, the deployment of TNI troops to guard the high prosecutor's office and the district prosecutor's office throughout Indonesia is in line with President Prabowo Subianto's Asta Cita. According to him, the TNI can be present at the prosecutor's offices, but only outside, not inside. "For example, their presence at the prosecutor's offices is part of law enforcement, and that is also in line with President Prabowo Subianto's Asta Cita,".

- 1) The TNI's steps to guard the prosecutor's offices throughout Indonesia, as stated in the MoU signed by the TNI Headquarters and the AGO.
- 2) Currently, the AGO is the head of the Forest Area Monitoring Task Force together with other institutions, including the TNI and Polri. Therefore, Nasir Djamil considers it normal for the TNI to guard prosecutors' offices throughout Indonesia.
- 3) Actually, as far as we know, the police are also involved in securing this order, in all regions, so they also proposed it, ".

On the other hand, Nasir Djamil also did not have a problem with the criticism from civil society activists regarding the deployment of TNI troops to guard the prosecutor's office. "It is their job, it is their obligation to remind, but of course there are regulations that also provide space for the TNI to guard it,".

### **Born from the People, TNI Firmly Supports President Prabowo's Asta Cita**

TNI Commander General Agus Subiyanto ensured the TNI's commitment to supporting the Asta Cita program which is President Prabowo Subianto's grand vision.

This was conveyed by the Commander in a working meeting with Commission I of the Indonesian House of Representatives to discuss the revision of Law Number 34 of 2004 concerning the TNI, Thursday, March 13, 2025. "The TNI as the people's army, born from the people, is present to be able to support the Asta Cita program".

The Commander said that among the TNI's main focuses is to assist in the implementation of the food security and free nutritious food program which is government priorities.

With synergy between the TNI and various government elements, it is hoped that the Asta Cita program can run effectively and provide real benefits for the Indonesian people by strengthening political, legal, and bureaucratic reforms, as well as strengthening the prevention and eradication of corruption and drugs.

## **4. Conclusions**

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