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Govt 'Serious' About Fighting Graft: Marzuki

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Marzuki Alie, seen here third from left, said there was no lack of will to rid the country of corrupt practices.

A senior lawmaker has expressed confidence in the government's efforts at eliminating corruption and bringing about clean and accountable governance at the opening of a workshop in Jakarta on Thursday.

"The political and democratic pillars in many developing countries are still not well developed or strong. Political activities run with the support of problematic financial sources," speaker of the House of Representatives Marzuki Alie said at a Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (Gopac) seminar titled "Political funding and anti-money laundering."

"This is where the problem starts and continues to the next level until it creates this vicious corruption cycle, thus causing public office holders at various levels to disrespect the mandates given to them,"

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Marzuki said.

The politician praised the theme of the workshop, saying it was appropriate and important and showed the government's commitment in combating graft.

"This is to promote the anti-corruption spirit in the public and in connection with the parliament's role to strengthen its role and its members' role to fight corruption by producing laws through active participation and cooperation," the senior Democratic Party politician said.

Marzuki said parliament's main duty in fighting corruption was enacting laws expected to minimize corruption practices committed by public office holders by giving the courts powers to hand out harsh sentences to guilty offenders .

He explained that strict and repressive mechanisms and preventive measures through socialization are needed to curb corruption, adding that the practise was a shameful act that brought shame to the families and organization of the perpetrators .

Marzuki is convinced parliament is serious about fighting and preventing corruption disguised as political activities committed by political parties.

"All the dynamics related to the idea [to fight graft] were carried out based on our strong desire to create a clean Indonesia which is free from corruption, public office holders who are accountable in using the state budget and who can carry out their mandate professionally," Marzuki said.

He said the establishment of the national Gopac task force last December is expected to strengthen efforts to create a clean and accountable government.

He added that parliament has ratified the 2003 UN convention on anti-corruption through Law No. 7/2006.

"The ratification of the UN convention on anti-corruption is a form of Indonesia's concrete commitment as part of an international community to actively prevent and fight corruption," he said.

Pramono Anung, chairman of Indonesia's Gopac task force hoped political parties can avoid violating the laws in funding their political activities.

"The future challenges are how we can synergize the political funding aspect to prevent it from violating the existing rules and to prevent them from falling into the money laundering category," Pramono, who was also speaking at the Gopac seminar, said.

He added that he hoped that the task force would enable lawmakers to make a significant contribution towards fighting corruption.

"So, we will not only be known for the negative image related to corruption allegations in the media. We want to show that there are still parliament members who try to maintain their integrity, including in fighting graft," he said.



Email

Tatanka

Ha...Anas and Ibas participated in raising their hand too? Is this a Freudian slip or purposely done by showing the photo with Anas and Ibas? Anas is being investigated for corruption while the case for Ibas is hitting a rock. In fact, Ibas tried to sue a witness for character defamation? Kind of a strange way to shut someone off. If Ibas has nothing to hide and are clean, then let those witnesses testify. The case for Anas is slow-going, perhaps awaiting for SBY's term to expire before KPK reaches deeper and higher?

Wonderer

Ya, and curiously, the man himself seems less enthusiastic ;-)
It's gotta be a silly file photo though...

TalkingEid

Its a demonstration of how much cash each can grasp.

Catweazle

The fist is a meaningless symbol. When you open it, you have nothing but fingers – weak, empty fingers. The only time the fist has significance is when there's money inside. There's where the power

lies. ~ Jesse Owens.

Putra

Fighting graft and corruption are such a lip-service from the parliament. It has been a public secret that a party has to collect as much as money to participate and win presidential election next year. We have seen that many parliament members supported by party have been a corruption suspect. Now they are just waiting for being jailed. But corruption done by parliament party is similar to ice mountain. So, could Gopac prevent graft and corruption? We'll see.....

Tatanka

Yup. kind of asking the robbers to guard the thieves.

Pelan2

Marzuki on the loose again, what a joke this character is...

zerodiversity

I agree but the sad thing is that we, Indonesians, are dumb to let a joke like this be the speaker of the House. It is really a sad cycle and we fully deserve the bad and incompetent leaders we have because we, as voters, are so easily bought.

Dirk

Gov't "serious"... says a man nobody takes seriously.

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bent as a Rp15,000 bank note