

# News Release

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**GOPAC** is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada; and has a satellite office in Jakarta, Indonesia; GOPAC has 62 national chapters on 5 regions. GOPAC supports its members' efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

## GOPAC's Chair Response to Transparency International's Release

**Jakarta** – GOPAC is thanking the views conveyed by Transparency International (TI) Secretariat through their recent Press Release on 14 July 2017, "[President Widodo Must Support and Protect the Indonesian Anti-Corruption Agency.](#)" On behalf of the international non-governmental organization that concerns on combating corruption, GOPAC's Chair is fully appreciate it.

As the Chair of GOPAC, Dr. Fadli Zon ensures that corruption eradication will remain a top priority in carrying out his role as a Member of Parliament. GOPAC also recognizes the primary purpose of TI to foster international cooperation in the fight against corruption. However, he regrets the paragraph which mentioned that GOPAC's Chair attacks Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) without detailing what actions that are considered as an attack to the KPK, and without any prior clarification to him.

Concerning the inquiry process on KPK that is currently underway, it is important to understand his position at the House of Representatives. He is the Vice Speaker of the House, Coordinator for the Politics and Security Issues. Speaker and the Vice Speakers according to the Article 86 on the Law of Parliaments (UU MD3 No. 17/2014), acting as, among others: As the spokesperson of the Parliament, and as the coordinator of agenda and activities of the committees/commissions to ensure that it works within the constitutional corridor. They do not have any authoritative role against other committees/commissions of the House. Likewise, the Special Committee of Inquiry (Pansus) on KPK – acting as an ad-hoc committee of the House – is not a subordinate of the Presiding Officers of the House. Further, it is important to note that GOPAC's Chair is not a member of the above-mentioned committee.

Several information related to the standpoint of GOPAC's Chair in supporting the anti-corruption movement are: First, GOPAC's Chair has strongly condemned the incident that agonized KPK's senior investigator, Novel Baswedan. He also fully supports the police to complete the investigation and reveal the actor behind this act of terror. Second, GOPAC's Chair believes that KPK is undoubtedly needed to combat corruption in Indonesia. Since the very beginning of his chairmanship, he has been willing to collaborate with the KPK, including on the establishment of GOPAC satellite office in Jakarta. During his chairmanship, he also engaged with the KPK to cooperate for the SDGs workshop to strengthen parliament's role in monitoring the effectiveness of development process. Moreover, his own party (Gerindra), according to him is never intend to weaken the KPK (see related link below).

Those information can also be found in the articles below. Most of these articles are derived from Indonesian local media, and thus only available in Bahasa Indonesia.

### **On supporting the investigation of terror attack against Novel Baswedan**

- "Fadli Zon Urges Police to Reveal the Actor and Perpetrator of Terror against Novel Baswedan" (<http://jabar.tribunnews.com/2017/06/15/fadli-zon-desak-polisi-ungkap-aktor-dan-pelaku-teror-terhadap-novel-baswedan>)
- "Fadli Zon Urges Police to Immediately Reveal the Mastermind behind Terror Attack against Novel Baswedan" (<https://nasional.sindonews.com/read/1204568/13/fadli-zon-desak-polisi-segera-ungkap-dalang-di-balik-teror-novel-1494570861>)
- "Fadli Zon Asked Police to Uncover the Mastermind of Terror against Novel Baswedan" (<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-3498947/fadli-zon-minta-polisi-ungkap-otak-pelaku-teror-novel-baswedan>)

### **On stating the need for KPK**

- "GOPAC's President Fadli Zon: We Still Need the KPK" (<https://news.detik.com/berita/3040639/presiden-gopac-fadli-zon-kita-masih-butuh-kpk>)

### **On the appointment as the Chair of GOPAC and Engagement with KPK**

- "Here Are the Results of Fadli Zon's Discussion with 5 Leaders of KPK" (<https://nasional.tempo.co/read/news/2015/10/12/078708759/begini-hasil-pembicaraan-fadli-zon-dengan-5-pemimpin-kpk>)
- "Fadli Zon Being Its President, Here Is the Declaration of Parliament against Corruption" (<https://nasional.tempo.co/read/news/2015/10/08/078707757/fadli-zon-presidennya-ini-deklarasi-parlemen-antikorupsi>)

### **On ensuring his party's stance on KPK**

- "Fadli Zon: Gerindra, House Not Intent on Emasculating KPK" (<http://jakartaglobe.id/news/fadli-zon-gerindra-house-intent-emasculating-kpk/>)

Further, GOPAC's Chair expressed a strong hope for GOPAC and TI, as well as TI Indonesia for a stronger cooperation and collaboration in the fight against corruption.

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