



ONE SOLID BUILD AN ANTI CORRUPTION CULTURE

President Joko Widodo (center) accompanied by Minister State Secretary Pratikno (left) and Chairman of KPK Firlu Bahuri walked out of the KPK Building after attending the commemoration of the 2021 International Anti Corruption Day, in Jakarta, Thursday (9/12). The activity carries the theme “One Solid Build an Anti-Corruption Culture”.

President Jokowi Officiates West Kalimantan’s Tebelian Airport

President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) has officiated Tebelian Airport in Sintang District, West Kalimantan.

“**THANK GOD**, the construction of Tebelian Airport has been completed, and (it) can be operated,” the president said at Tebelian Airport, West Kalimantan, on Wednesday (8/12).

Jokowi remarked that Tebelian Airport would be able to serve 75 thousand passengers annually. The airport was built at a cost of Rp518 billion.

“This airport is very important to cater

to the rising needs for air transportation for the public and to address people’s increase in travel,” he added.

In an era of competition that grows fierce among countries, Indonesia must forge ahead, for which smooth connectivity is the key, he stated.

“We must be able to make inter-provincial, inter-regional, and inter-district connectivity easier, smoother, and affordable

for the community, so that new economic centers will continue to grow in various regions,” Jokowi remarked.

The Tebelian Airport in Sintang was built in 2011, and its development has continued until 2020.

The airport was built to replace the current airport, Susilo Airport, which can no longer be expanded, given its location in the center of the city, surrounded by residential areas.

Tebelian Airport is built on an area spanning 153.6 hectares that was granted by the Sintang Government to the Transportation

Ministry. It has a passenger terminal measuring two thousand square meters that is capable of serving 75 thousand passengers per year.

The airport’s runway, measuring 1,820 meters in length and 30 meters in width, can accommodate ATR-72/600 type of aircraft. It also has a taxiway spanning 160 meters x 18 meters and apron of 220 meters x 60 meters that can accommodate four ATR-72 aircraft. Tebelian Airport and Pangsuma Airport are two of the four airports in West Kalimantan that are managed by the Directorate General of Air Transportation of the Transportation Ministry. (*)

President Jokowi Seeking Booster Vaccination Rollout in January 2022

PRESIDENT Joko Widodo (Jokowi) has asked his administration to prepare booster vaccinations, which are planned to be administered to Indonesians starting January 2022, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Airlangga Hartarto, said here on Monday (7/12).

“Currently, we are resolving the mechanism for the provision of vaccines to fund assistance recipients (PBI) and non-PBI of the National Health Insurance program,” he informed after attending a limited meeting on the evaluation of community activity restrictions (PPKM) chaired by President

Jokowi.

The President has also urged that vaccinations of vulnerable people and children who have not been vaccinated be expedited, Hartarto said. The attempt is crucial to curb the transmission of the new COVID-19 variant called Omicron which, according to studies, has infected many children, he explained.

“Hence, children’s vaccination must be encouraged,” the coordinating minister emphasized.

Furthermore, Jokowi has also asked his staff to continue evaluating and monitoring the development of the new virus variant,

which has been detected in 45 countries, he said.

Anticipating the spread of COVID-19 ahead of the Christmas and New Year holidays, Hartarto—who is also the Coordinator for PPKM outside Java-Bali—informed that the President has ordered that any activity be attended by a maximum of 50 people.

“Meanwhile, the maximum capacity at restaurants is 75 percent, and only vaccinated people are allowed to travel,” he added.

However, the restrictions amid the Christmas and New Year holidays will be further adjusted to World Health Organization’s

advice and regulated in the Instructions of the Home Affairs Minister, he said.

The WHO has urged all countries to implement genome sequencing analysis and restrict community activities to anticipate the transmission of the new Omicron variant, he added.

As of Monday, no Omicron infections had been detected in Indonesia, he added. The government has banned nationals from 11 countries -- South Africa, Botswana, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini, Lesotho, and Hong Kong -- from entering Indonesia. (*)