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HARI BAKTI IMIGRASI AT THE EMBASSY OF BEIJING

Indonesian Ambassador to China Djauhari Oratmangun (third from right) accompanied by the Secretary General of the ASEAN-China Center (ACC) Chen Dehai (second from right) and the Immigration Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Beijing Raden Fitri Saptaji (right) and members of the Dharma Wanita Persatuan of the Indonesian Embassy in Beijing cut the cake on the commemoration of Hari Bakti Ke 72 Imigrasi at the Indonesian Embassy in Beijing, China, Thursday (27/1). The commemoration was also marked by the launch of the new logo for the Immigration Attache of the Indonesian Embassy in Beijing.

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Solo City Prepares to Host ASEAN Para Games

Solo city, Central Java is preparing to host the 2022 ASEAN Para Games from July 20–31, 2022, with officials studying the event budget, accommodation, and venue, Mayor Gibran Rakabuming Raka said on Wednesday (26/1).

ACCORDING to Raka, the facilities prepared for the event are adequate, and the committee will talk about the games' budget next week. The preparations are still in the early stages, he said. However, the arena or venue and hotels for the ASEAN Para Games have begun to be

readied, such as the Manahan Stadium in Solo, he informed. "But the time is not enough for preparing the indoor sports building," Raka said.

Further, he predicted that almost all hotels in Solo would be occupied with guests, with the total number of athletes

reaching three thousand.

He said he will discuss the sponsors for the regional sports event with a minister next week. Solo city was officially designated as the host of the ASEAN Para Games in place of Vietnam, which decided to withdraw as host by a decree issued by the ASEAN Para Sports Federation (APSF) on January 14, 2022.

Vietnam will now only hold the SEA Games from May 12–May 23, 2022, The 11th ASEAN Para Games will take place not only in Solo city, but also in some surrounding areas, Raka said. Meanwhile,

chairman of the Indonesian Paralympic Committee (NPC), Senny Marbun, said that Indonesia will optimally prepare itself to host the ASEAN Para Games. "After the cancellation of the 2019 Philippines ASEAN Para Games and Vietnam's refusal to host in 2022, Mr. President took the decision to host, which was an extraordinary decision," Marbun remarked.

NPC Indonesia has appointed Surakarta (Solo) Mayor Gibran Rakabuming Raka as chair of the ASEAN Para Games Organizing Committee (IN-ASPOC) 2022.(*)

TNI Commander Renames Air Force's Paskhas as Kopasgat

INDONESIAN Military (TNI) Commander General Andika Perkasa changed the name of the elite Indonesian Air Force's (TNI AU's) Special Force (Paskhas) to the Rapid Action Forces Command (Kopasgat). The decision is stipulated in the TNI Commander Decree (SK) Number Kep/66/I/2022 that also regulates rotating the position of 328 high-ranking TNI officers from the air force, army, and navy.

"There is also a change in the function of Kopasgat concerning the unit's organic function and the technical capabilities development," Head of the Information Service of

the TNI AU (Kadispenau) Air Commodore Indan Gilang Buldansyah noted as quoted in a statement on Wednesday (26/1).

In addition, the decree adds one position of high-ranking commissioned officers called Kopasgat Inspector (Irkopasgat), he remarked. Buldansyah also stated that discussions on changing the unit's name had been held since 2018-2019.

Furthermore, the Kadispenau informed that the change was first discussed at a meeting regarding the establishment of the TNI AU Operations Command (Koopsau) III and the National Air Operations Com-

mand (Koopsudnas) on February 9, 2019.

At the meeting, the TNI AU Chief of Staff at the time, Air Marshal (Ret.) Yuyu Sutisna, suggested the change of nomenclature of Paskhas into Kopasgat.

The proposal was followed up in the TNI Commander Regulation Number 26 of 2019 on the Organization of the Task of Kopasgat, TNI Commander Regulation Number 37 of 2019 on the Organizational Structure of the Tasks and Positions of the TNI AU, as well as TNI Commander Regulation Number 43 of 2019 on the Organizational Structure

of Tasks among the ranks of TNI AU.

The three regulations were based on Presidential Regulation Number 66 of 2019 on Organizations, Duties, and Positions within the TNI. The nomenclature change became official after the TNI Commander Decree (SK) Number Kep/66/I/2022 was signed by General Perkasa.

The decree assigns Rear Marshal Eris Widodo Yuliastono -- who initially served as commander of Paskhas -- to become the commander of Kopasgat. Meanwhile, Air Commodore Deny Muis serves as the Irkopasgat.(*)