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## PERLINSOS IS STILL A GOVERNMENT BUDGET PRIORITY IN 2023

President Joko Widodo leads the Meeting on the Draft Government Work Plan and Indicative Ceiling for 2023, at the Presidential Office, Jakarta, Thursday (14/4). Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati explained that the Perlinsos (social protection) program for vulnerable communities is still a government budget priority in 2023.

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## Jokowi Issues Natuna Sea Zoning Regulation to Boost Border Security

**President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) has issued Presidential regulation No. 41/2022 on Plan of North Natuna and Natuna Sea Zoning as part of a defense and security strategy for ensuring stability in North Natuna and Natuna Sea territories.**

**THE** Presidential regulation was issued on March 17, 2022, the State Secretariat Ministry informed on its website on Thursday (14/4).

The regulation emphasizes the management of defense territories effectively, efficiently, and in an environmentally friendly manner.

It also highlights the increase in the state security and defense infrastructure and facilities to support the sovereignty and border security of Indonesia's territories.

The planned zoning of Natuna Sea and North Natuna will cover Riau province, Riau Islands province, Bangka

Belitung, South Sumatra, Jambi, and West Kalimantan.

The strategy includes control of environmental impact in defense territories used for military exercises.

The infrastructure and facilities that will be further increased will include border patrol posts in the outermost islets.

As part of the strategy, shipping navigation supporting facilities will be installed for state defense and security as well as for the safety of fishermen.

The nation will also develop a surveillance system for monitoring activities that could threaten and disturb national

stability and defense.

The military exercise regions comprise the U18-1 zone covering southern and northern Anambas Islands waters, Anambas Islands district, Riau Islands province; the U18-2 zone covering parts of western Natuna Islands waters, Natuna district, Riau Islands province; and U18-3 zone located in eastern Natuna Islands waters, Natuna district, Riau Islands province.

The U18 zone is exclusively meant for military activities, military weaponry and equipment testing, and other uses to support the function of the zone. (\*)

## BNPB Ensures to Facilitate Disabled Participants of 2022 GPDRR

**HEAD** of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), Lieutenant General Suharyanto, has ensured facilities for participants with disabilities at the 2022 Indonesia's Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR). The 2022 GPDRR will be held on May 23-28, 2022, in Bali.

"We also ensure that facilities for people with disabilities will comprise access, taxis, information with braille letters, accommodation, and others," Suharyanto, who is the GPDRR 2022 National Committee Vice

Chairman I, stated.

He explained that the GPDRR 2022 National Committee also guarantees accommodation for disabled participants at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre and other recommended lodging.

Suharyanto also said his side along with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) guarantees meeting special transportation needs for people using wheelchairs.

To support smooth service for disabled

participants, the national committee and UNDRR will offer courses to all volunteers and local staff during the event in Nusa Dua, Bali.

As of Tuesday, April 5, Suharyanto noted that at least 200 participants with disabilities had registered for the event.

Meanwhile, the UNDRR had recorded 2,631 registered participants, with 73 percent of them saying they will likely be present face-to-face or on-site. These participants come from government, non-government, business, and academic backgrounds.

Suharyanto confirmed that 17 foreign journalists had registered and were currently awaiting validations from the Ministry of Communication and Informatics and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The BNPB will also prepare an invitation letter for the foreign journalists.

Furthermore, Suharyanto advised the editors-in-chief of mass media as well as journalist participants to register to be able to access the GPDRR event. Journalists must register no later than April 15, 2022. (\*)