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KARTINI'S DAY 2022

First Lady Iriana Joko Widodo at the commemoration of Kartini Day 2022, Thursday (20/4). First Lady Iriana Joko Widodo said that the commemoration of Kartini Day 2022 is a momentum for the awakening of Indonesian women against the pandemic.

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President Jokowi Launches State Defense Industry Holding Defend ID

President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) officially launched the state-run defense industry holding, the Defend ID, at the state-run shipbuilder PT PAL's submarine hangar in Surabaya, East Java, on Wednesday (20/4).

JOKOWI affirmed that the Defend ID establishment aligned with Indonesia's needs and efforts in building independence in the defense industry that can fulfill domestic needs and be ready to enter the international market.

"We need to push developing independence in the domestic defense industry to enter a new era of competition," Jokowi stated on Wednesday.

According to the head of state, an independent defense industry can support and maintain the nation's sovereignty.

Jokowi explained that an independent defense industry cannot be realized partially but must be carried out unitedly, and one of the efforts to accomplish this is by establishing the Defend ID. "We need to strengthen the industry, build the ecosystem, and develop it

further," he stressed.

Specifically, he lauded Defend ID, which is under PT LEN Industri, the main holding that is also above four other state-owned defense industry firms: PT Pindad, PT Dirgantara Indonesia, PT PAL Indonesia, and PT Dahana.

"I have waited long for Defend ID, and I will always rush for our state defense industry firms to be consolidated more, have a strong ecosystem, and be able to compete in a healthy and beneficial way," the president stated.

On the same occasion, Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto remarked that the launch event also marked agreements on cooperation between the Defense Ministry and Defend ID. Six agreements signed comprised the procurement of 13 units of Ground Control Intercept (GCI

and its supporting equipment between PT LEN Industri and the Defense Ministry; procurement of small-caliber ammunition between PT Pindad and the Defense Ministry; and maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) of 12 units of C-130 Hercules aircraft between PT Dirgantara Indonesia and the Defense Ministry.

Furthermore, the other agreements pertained to MRO, improvement, and modernization of 41 navy warships between PT PAL Indonesia and the Defense Ministry; Head of Agreement on Defense Electronics Technology between PT LEN Industri and Thales International SAS from France; and an MoU on amphibious assault vehicle joint production between PT Pindad and FNSS Savunma Sistemleri from Turkey. (*)

Government Modifies Mobility Policies to Ensure Safe Exodus

THE government has modified exodus flow provisions and will enforce COVID-19 health protocols ahead of the 2022 Eid al-Fitr celebrations, spokesperson for the COVID-19 Handling Task Force, Wiku Adisasmito, stated.

"(This aims) to keep people safe from the COVID-19 pandemic in the midst of increasing activities and the exodus mobility trend," Adisasmito noted on Wednesday (20/4).

The spokesperson pointed out that several provisions set by the government regulate public activities, with the first being

domestic travelers, who have obtained the booster shot, are not required to show the COVID-19 test results.

However, those who have been vaccinated twice must show an antigen test result 24 hours prior or a PCR test result 72 hours prior to departure, while people, who have only received a single dose, must show a PCR test result 72 hours prior to departure.

People, who have not been vaccinated due to comorbidities, are required to show a negative result of PCR test 72 hours prior to departure and a statement letter from a

hospital. The government will also apply the odd-even plate number restriction schemes to control the exodus flow.

Health protocols will also be reinforced at public facilities, such as mosques, sholat ied locations, residential areas, shopping centers, and tourism destinations.

Meanwhile, Executive Director of the Institute of Health Development Study and Consultation (LK2PK) Dr Ardiansyah Bahar urged the government to fully commit to enforcing health protocols during the 2022 Eid exodus.

"Local governments need to guarantee health protocols during the Eid exodus and holiday," he stated.

According to Bahar, the government had forecast that around 85 million people will travel during this year's Eid exodus, so they should be mindful of the fact that the pandemic is ongoing.

"Hopefully, there would be no surge in cases as in the previous years because most of the people have been infected and vaccinated against COVID-19, but still, do not let the guards down," he emphasized. (*)