

Jokowi calls for transparency in virus fight

President pulls U-turn after withholding information on virus

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President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo has called for greater transparency in how the nation is handling the coronavirus outbreak, ending his previous strategy of withholding some information regarding the outbreak to prevent mass hysteria.

The President ordered that all information regarding the pandemic be integrated in a single channel managed by the nation's COVID-19 task force. The integrated data, he said, should include information regarding patients under treatment (PDP), people under surveillance (ODP) in every region, positive cases, fatalities and recovered patients, and should be updated on a daily basis.

"[It should] cover everything and be made transparent so that everyone can access the data," Jokowi said during a Cabinet meeting on Monday.

Previously, on March 14, Jokowi acknowledged that he was deliberately holding back some information on COVID-19 cases to prevent the public from panicking.

"Indeed, we did not deliver certain information to the public because we did not want to stir panic. We have worked hard to overcome this, since the coronavirus outbreak can happen regardless of the country's borders," he said at the time.

The about-face came shortly after Jokowi declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national disaster on Monday, giving him a legal basis to grant the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) a greater degree of authority and flexibility to mitigate the disaster.

The declaration was made after the President was informed that confirmed coronavirus cases had been detected in all provinces across the country.

Following the President's order, Achmad Yurianto, the government's spokesperson for COVID-19 affairs, revealed for the first time on Tuesday the number of suspected COVID-19 patients in the country. As of Tuesday afternoon, Indonesia had 4,839 confirmed coronavirus cases, with 459 fatalities and 426 recoveries, he said, adding that the government had tested 31,628 people for the deadly virus and was monitoring 139,137 people with ODP status and 10,482 people with PDP status.

Yurianto claimed that the COVID-19 task force had integrated all of the data related to the disease under one system. "After [the outbreak] was declared a national disaster, all of the integrated data from villages, districts, cities, provinces, all the way to the central [government] is under one system," he said on Tuesday. "So all [data] could be seen and accessed openly and trans-

parently." On Wednesday, the Health Ministry's website, *infeksiemerging.kemkes.go.id*, added a new feature revealing the number of ODP and PDP in the country.

The website previously only revealed the number of samples collected by the ministry, confirmed cases, negative results, the death toll, recoveries and cases under treatment. Previously, only local administrations announced the number of people under surveillance and patients under treatment in their respective regions.

On the government's official website, *covid19.go.id*, the task force also now shows the data of both national and provincial cases, including confirmed cases, fatalities and recoveries, along with charts highlighting the national trends of additional cases, fatalities and recoveries.

Critics have slammed the government for not being transparent in handling the outbreak from the get-go, saying that such a policy would only undermine efforts to contain the deadly disease.

Some scientists have complained about the difficulty of creating a reliable mathematical model to predict the peak of the outbreak due to the dearth of information regarding COVID-19 cases in the country.

The BNPB, which heads the country's COVID-19 task force, admitted on April 5 that there were discrepancies in COVID-19 data between the central and regional governments.

The governors of Jakarta and West Java, the two regions of the country hit hardest by the coronavirus, have suggested that the numbers of people infected and killed by the disease in the country are significantly higher than the central government's official count.

They have said the Health Ministry has not been swift enough in testing potential COVID-19 patients.

On Monday, the President called on the Health Ministry and the COVID-19 task force to conduct more polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, saying that they should aim to conduct at least 10,000 tests a day.

Experts have welcomed the policy shift, saying that transparency is key to gaining public trust during this pandemic.

The government should disclose how many people were tested on any certain day and how many people were confirmed to have contracted COVID-19 from the tests, considering there was a backlog of samples that were waiting to be tested by the labs, said University of Indonesia epidemiologist Pandu Riono.

"[The data] should include not only ODP, PDP and fatalities, but also how many people are being treated in hospitals and, of those people, how many have been tested," he said.

Hazmat haircut



JP/P.J. Leo

Herman Maulanasyah, also known as Kang Chemot, a barber in Ciawi, West Java, cuts a customer's hair in full protective gear on Tuesday. He made the gear himself with plastic sheeting, an industrial mask, safety goggles and a pair of rubber gloves.

Backroom talks on job creation bill

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The Jakarta Post/Jakarta

The House of Representatives Legislation Body (Baleg) has begun discussing the controversial omnibus bill on job creation by holding a closed, partially virtual meeting on Tuesday despite extensive public criticism and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was not scheduled on the House's daily agenda. According to Baleg deputy chairman Willy Aditya, the meeting began at about 12 p.m. and was physically attended by four leaders of the body as well as about nine other members.

"Almost all of the other members attended virtually," Willy told *The Jakarta Post* on Tuesday. However, the press was only in-

ited to join the meeting at 3 p.m. via Zoom, an online video conferencing program, just as the meeting, chaired by Baleg chairman Supratman Andi Agtas of the Gerindra Party, was about to finish.

"We only discussed the two main points of the meeting. First, the House will hold a hearing with the government next week to ask about its readiness," Willy, a member of NasDem Party, said.

In the next meeting, he said, the House and the government would establish a working committee "with Pak Airlangga [Hartanto, the coordinating economic minister], and other relevant ministers". He added that the body would not set a target date to resolve the bill.

At the Tuesday meeting, factions in the House were asked to

prepare problem inventory lists (DIMs).

The body will consider the lists after holding a series of hearings involving various parties, such as labor unions, experts and businesses.

According to the conclusion of the meeting, which was shared by Baleg via Zoom, the deliberation of the bill will begin with noncontroversial topics.

"Therefore, the government can start with the easier topics of the bill first," the document read.

The public has widely criticized the House for deliberating the omnibus bill during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many said it showed that the lawmakers had little consideration for the opinions of the people it would affect.

One of Indonesia's biggest la-

bor groups, the Confederation of Indonesian Trade Unions (KSPI), plans to hold a massive protest against the bill, despite the pandemic.

The protest, which is scheduled for mid-April, is expected to gather 50,000 workers from Greater Jakarta in front of the legislative complex in Senayan, Central Jakarta.

Civil society organizations, major labor unions and student organizations had previously prepared for street rallies in March to protest articles in the omnibus bill on job creation that — if passed — they said would harm labor rights, the environment and democracy. They also opposed the bill's opaque drafting process.

However, the rallies were canceled because of the pandemic.

KM Kelud crewmen put in quarantine after testing positive

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The Jakarta Post/Medan, North Sumatra

North Sumatra health authorities have placed dozens of passengers and crew members of the KM Kelud ship in quarantine after three crewmen tested positive for COVID-19 upon arriving at Belawan Port in Medan on Monday evening.

North Sumatra COVID-19 task force spokesperson Aris Yudhariansyah said the three crewmen were taken to an isolation ward at Martha Friska Hospital in Medan. Thirty-six passengers of the ship and 14 crew members were in quarantine in two separate places.

"All passengers are being quarantined at a site of plantation company PT Perkebunan Nusantara [PTPN] III in Sungai Karang subdistrict, while the crewmen are being quarantined on board the ship," Aris said on Tuesday.

He added 36 passengers would be quarantined for four days in Sungai Karang before representatives of the local administration send them to their respective homes where they will undergo a 14-day quarantine.

Rapid testing prior to docking

at Belawan Port showed that 40 crewmen had contracted the disease. Thirty-nine of them were evacuated to the Galang Island COVID-19 Specialist Hospital in Riau Islands, while another one was taken to an isolation ward at BP Batam Hospital in Batam, also in Riau Islands.

KM Kelud sailed from Tanjung Priok Port in Jakarta to Riau Islands and North Sumatra carrying a total of 111 passengers and 57 crew members.

Thirty-one passengers got off at Batu Ampar Port in Batam and 44 others at Tanjung Balai Karimun Port in Riau Islands. Thirty-six people disembarked at Belawan Port in Medan.

State-owned shipping company PT Peln corporate secretary Yahya Kuncoro said the Port Health Authority (KKP) had adhered to the health protocol by spraying disinfectant on all parts of the ship right after it docked at Belawan Port.

The ship is now anchored 9 miles from the port. "We will quarantine KM Kelud for 14 days in that location starting today," Yahya said on Tuesday.

As of Wednesday, no passengers were reported to have tested positive for COVID-19. (aly)

Solidarity



Antara/Hendra Nurdiansyah

Members of the Yogyakarta chapter of the Indonesian News Photographers Association (PFI) prepare packages of basic commodities at the Omah Piteo Homestay in Panembahan, Kraton district, Yogyakarta, on Tuesday. The association has been fundraising to procure face masks and basic commodities to be distributed to the needy to help combat the COVID-19 crisis.

Low-hanging fruit



JP/Wendra Ajistiyatma

Wayang (traditional puppet) master Uwuh Iskandar Hardjodimuljo stands in front of packages of basic commodities hanging on a tree on Jl. Cawang Baru Utara in East Jakarta on Tuesday. He is offering the care packages for free to those experiencing economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. The money to procure the basic commodities came partly from the sale of puppets.

CIMB NIAGA

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS ON THE REVISIONS OF DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE OF PT BANK CIMB NIAGA TBK

Referring to the Announcement to the Shareholders on the Dividend Distribution of PT Bank CIMB Niaga Tbk (the "Company") that has been published in the same newspaper dated 14 April 2020 ("Dividend Announcement Advertisement"), therefore the Board of Directors of the Company convey the "revisions" on the schedule of dividend distribution of the Company ("Revisions of Dividend Distribution Schedule"), as follows:

Previously written:

A. Schedule:	
1. Cum Dividend - Regular and Negotiation Market	17 April 2020
2. Ex Dividend - Regular and Negotiation Market	20 April 2020
3. Cum Dividend - Cash Market	22 April 2020
4. Recording date for eligible shareholders	22 April 2020
5. Ex Dividend in Cash Market	23 April 2020
6. Dividend Payment for Financial Year of 2019	8 May 2020

To be:

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Other matters related to the provisions and procedures for the dividend distribution of the Company are remain the same as those provided in the Dividend Announcement Advertisement of the Company. Information regarding the Dividend Announcement Advertisement and the Revisions of Dividend Distribution Schedule are also available at the Company's website (www.cimbniaga.co.id).

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REVISION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF PT BANK CIMB NIAGA TBK

Referring to the Announcement Summary Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("AGM") of PT Bank CIMB Niaga Tbk (the "Company") that has been published in the same newspaper dated 14 April 2020 ("Advertisement of AGM Summary Minutes Announcement"), therefore the Board of Directors of the Company convey the "revision" on the schedule of dividend distribution of the Company ("Revision of Dividend Schedule") in the resolutions of the 2nd Agenda of the Company's AGM, as follows:

Previously written:

Second Agenda

Approved the use of Net Profit of the Company for the financial year 2019 in the total amount of Rp3,480,403,347,581 with the following details:

- Distribution of cash dividend maximum of 40% of Net Profit of the Company or amounted to maximum Rp1,392,161,339,032 (gross) with the following schedule:
 - Cum Dividend in Regular and Negotiation Market 17th of April 2020
 - Ex-Dividend in Regular and Negotiation Market 20th of April 2020
 - Cum Dividend in Cash Market 22nd of April 2020
 - Recording date for entitled shareholders 22nd of April 2020
 - Ex-Dividend in Cash Market 23rd of April 2020
 - Dividend Payment for financial year 2019 8th of May 2020
- and approved the delegation of authority to the BOD to determine the rules of the distribution of cash dividends by taking into account the prevailing provisions in the capital markets regulations.
2. The Company shall not appropriate any net profit for financial year 2019 as statutory reserves, considering the statutory reserves of the Company has complied with the minimum requirement in accordance with Article 70 of Law Number 40 Year 2007 concerning Limited Liability Company ("UUPT").
3. To book the remaining 2019 net profit, after deducted with dividend distribution, as retained earnings to finance the business activities of the Company.

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3. To book the remaining 2019 net profit, after deducted with dividend distribution, as retained earnings of Rp2,088,242,008,548 to finance the business activities of the Company.

In addition to the Revision of Dividend Schedule, other matters (including but not limited to the results of the voting calculation for the resolutions of 2nd Agenda of the Company's AGM) that have been informed in the Advertisement of AGM Summary Minutes Announcement of the Company have not changed or remained the same as the information conveyed in the Advertisement of AGM Summary Minutes Announcement of the Company.

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