

INDONESIAN EFFORTS IN ENHANCING MARITIME SECURITY

Mr. Chairman,

As an archipelagic state, Indonesia has obligation to provide archipelagic sea lane access for mariners and sea fearers to pass thru Indonesian territory water in short ways. In the other hand, Indonesia has also obligation to provide maritime safety and security in Indonesia maritime region, especially along the Indonesian archipelagic sea lanes.

In order to enhance maritime safety and security, our perspective on maritime security in Indonesian territory water are as follows :

- To eliminate any violence and maritime crime action
- To ensure safety of navigation and navigation aids
- To protect and preserve environmental and natural sea resources
- To fight against transnational crimes and threats to national interest
- To reach more confidence, cooperation and understanding with neighboring coastal countries and other stakeholders as well.

For ensuring maritime safety and security, due to the importance and strategic meaning for many users, Indonesian Navy has done several efforts such as :

- Supporting safety of navigation (charting) and navigational aids improvements
- Deploying more maritime patrol ships and aircraft in the area
- Established maritime area control command center (Belawan & Batam)
- Improve better cooperation with closed coastal states

Especially to enhance safety and maritime enforcement in Malacca straits, several efforts has been done by Indonesian Navy, as follows :

- Deploying more ships & aircraft rather than another area
- Establishing maritime area control command center
- Deploying rapid deployment forces
- Increasing essential cooperation :
 - Trilateral coordinated patrol
 - Malindo Jaya joint exercise & coordinated patrol
 - Sea eagle joint exercise & Indosin coordinated patrol

As a result of all the efforts have been taken by Indonesian Navy, can be shown from the number of the maritime security violation such as sea piracy and sea robbery from 2004 up to 2006 which is recorded 121 action on 2004, decreased to 99 reported action and up to now only 6 action reported.

Indonesian Navy still willing to cooperative with other countries to improve maritime security capability, mainly in subject as follows :

- Intelligence data and information interchange
- Establishment of integrated maritime security information system
- Improvement of maritime safety and security enforcement capability
- Improvement of safety of navigation and navigational aids.

Mr. Chairman,

I do believe under the capacity building cooperation, it can become great step to enhance maritime security and safety and also strengthening relations among the countries.

Thank you.