



**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**SPEECH OF THE SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION
OF THE V SITTING PERIOD OF 2020–2021 SITTING
YEAR
THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021**

Assalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh,

May peace be upon you all,

Om Swasti Astu,

Namo Buddhaya,

Greetings of Virtue,

- *Excellencies Vice Speakers of the House of Representatives,*
- *Honorable Members of the House of the Representatives,*
- *Distinguished Guests,*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Praise be to Allah SWT, God the Almighty, for bestowing upon us His grace and blessings to come back here today to carry out our constitutional duties at the Opening Plenary Session of the 5th Sitting Period of 2020-2021 Sitting Year.

Members of the House have returned from recess, a period during which they engage in activities in their respective constituencies and listened to the people's aspiration to be followed up through the House's function during this sitting period. Welcome back to the plenary session of the House.

Honorable House,

On behalf of the Leaders and all Members of the House of Representatives, I would like to express my deepest sympathy and condolences for the death of a high-ranking (Indonesian Military) TNI officer, who is the Chief of the Papua Regional National Intelligence Agency (BIN), Posthumous Major General TNI I Gusti Putu Danny Nugraha Karya on 25 April, 2021 in a shootout with the Armed Criminal Group in Beoga, Puncak Papua Regency. The TNI Commander and the National Police Chief and his staff must immediately hunt down, arrest and legally process members of the Armed Criminal Group in Papua and protect the entire community. There is no room for Armed Criminal Group

throughout the territory of the Republic of Indonesia.

The Leaders and all Members of the House of Representatives would also like to express their deepest condolences for the sinking of the Submarine KRI Nanggala 402 along with 53 crew members who were declared dead on 22 April 2021 in the Northern waters of Bali Island. We bid a final farewell to the best citizens of the nation who have dedicated their lives to preserving the sovereignty of the nation and state. *Wira Ananta Rudira* (or Courageous to the end), may Allah SWT, God the Almighty, grant the departed souls the finest possible place by His side.

Honorable House,

In performing the legislative function during this sitting period, the House will prioritize the deliberation of priority bills for 2021 in collaboration with the Government. All relevant Complementary Organs must optimize the time allocated for bill deliberation in accordance with the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia while still paying attention to the quality of the substance in meeting national legal needs, complying with laws and regulations, and opening the widest possible space for public participation to provide input and views.

The relevant Complementary Organs of the House must

quickly carry out the deliberations at all levels in order to reach the aim of a law-making process pursuant to the 2021 Priority National Legislation Program. Achieving the target set by the House and the Government in finalizing the 2021 Priority Bills is a performance measure that has been jointly determined.

Honorable House,

In performing the budget function, the House through its relevant Complementary Organs will continuously observe the fiscal capacity and realization of 2021 budget, especially in relation to public social and economic recovery amidst the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

In this sitting period, the House and the Government will begin to discuss the Macroeconomic and the Fundamentals of Fiscal Policy (KEM-PPKF) of the 2022 State Budget. The 2021 social and economic recovery will be a crucial foundation in formulizing fiscal policy for 2022 state budget.

The fiscal policy of the 2022 State Budget requires a strong fiscal capacity to execute the social and economic recovery program, realize national development, and carry out government administration to serve the people. The current

fiscal capacity is largely determined by the national and global economic recovery during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In a situation where the national and global economy are still under pressure as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its consequences, fiscal revenue will be under strain and will be unable to provide an optimal source of income. Therefore, the Government must focus more on spending programs, both in terms of effectiveness of objectives and efficiency of implementation. As a result, deficit financing gives the most advantage to the people.

Honorable House,

In performing its oversight function, the House will prioritize various issues that are of concern to the community, such as those relating to development programs, public services, and the implementation of laws.

Some of the issues that need to be addressed by the related Complementary Organs of the House include:

- Current developments, in some regions of India, the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia that are facing the second wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This requires anticipation in overcoming the threats and risks of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Various natural disasters that have occurred recently require swift actions to mitigate the impact of disasters and the restore people's lives. It is critical to continue intensifying the efforts to improve Indonesia's resilience in dealing with disasters comprehensively.
- The Submarine KRI Nanggala 402 accident that can serve as a reminder for all of us to prepare a reliable national defense system, including ensuring the security and safety of soldiers in carrying out their duty.
- Steps taken by the Government in maintaining the sovereignty of the Republic of Indonesia that will take firm action against Armed Criminal Groups in the Papua region, in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing laws.

- The Government's policy prohibiting employees from annual *mudik* (exodus to hometown) in the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr 1442 Hijri, The policy requires the Government to prepare the mechanism and supporting resources carefully to achieve a consistent implementation and supervision in the field.
- The Government's efforts to ensure the availability and sufficiency of the supply of basic staple food in all regions ahead of Eid Al-Fitr, including maintaining price stability so that people are not burdened by increase in prices of basic necessities.
- Other matters that fall under the jurisdiction of the Complementary Organs that should be pursued in accordance with their constitutional mandate.

Honorable House,

A series of parliamentary diplomacy activities will also be scheduled by the House. The House Delegation will participate in a number of bilateral, regional, and international inter-parliamentary cooperation forums.

The Delegation of the Indonesian House, will virtually attend the following meetings:

- “The APA Standing Committee on Economy and Sustainable Development” on 20-21 May;
- “The AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD)” on 24-25 May; and
- The 142th IPU Assembly meetings that will be held in Geneva on 24-27 May.

Upaya untuk meningkatkan kerja sama bilateral dengan negara-negara sahabat juga akan dijalankan sepanjang masa persidangan ini.

The House will also step up its Efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation with friendly countries throughout this sitting period.

Honorable House,

By saying *bismillahirrahmanir-rahim*, on behalf of the Leaders of the Indonesian House, I hereby declare to all the people of Indonesia that the V Sitting Period of the 2020-2021 Sitting Year will start from today, Thursday 6 May 2021 until 16 July 2021.

To all Members of the House, “I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK TO EXERCISE PEOPLE’S SOVEREIGNTY” to ensure that all people enjoy prosperity, to be more advanced, and to have a Pancasila-based personality. May Allah SWT, the Almighty God, continue to bless us with His mercy and wise guidance.

Thank you.

Wassalamu’alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh.

**SPEAKER
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Signed

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