

Poverty Sparks Act of Terrorism

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Law professor from UGM, Prof. Dr. Eddy O. S. Hiariej, S.H., M.Hum., said poverty became the factor that sparks terrorism to be committed by marginal groups.


“Terrorism is not just about wrong understanding of the religion, but about poverty and marginal groups,” he said on Wednesday (15/11) in University Club UGM.

In a national seminar that raised the theme *Transnational Organised Crimes: Multidimensional Law Perspective*, Eddy emphasised the need to alleviate poverty to resolve terrorism apart from terrorist deradicalisation.

“Poverty alleviation is important to do besides deradicalisation, because this may prevent acts of terror comprehensively,” he said.

Resolving terrorism, he said, not only requires international collaboration, but also local wisdom that may act as a barrier against unsuitable values.

Furthermore, Eddy highlighted the issue of illegal fishing, which he saw as crucial because



Indonesia is the second country after Canada that has the longest coastal lines in the world.

On trafficking, Eddy said the transnational organised crime was massive, using complex ways, but causing extraordinary impact among society. He added, "It needs extraordinary treatment, because the offence is special."

Previously, Dean of Faculty of Law UGM, Prof.Dr. Sigit Riyanto S.H., LL.M., said transnational organised crime became a very interesting and relevant topic to Indonesia. Moreover, Indonesia lies between two oceans and continents.

"The geographic position of Indonesia in the world has opened access and chance to transnational organised crimes to happen," he explained.

According to Sigit, transnational organised crime had to be the world's special attention, because it can be done through seaway, airway, land route, even virtually and internationally. This crime makes deterritorialisation non-complying with the territory of a certain country while the operation is done by a syndicate of players and organisations which are cross-borders.

"To counter a syndicated crime, it has to build a network of operations, policy, etc," he said.

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