

Drugs are New Occupiers

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Drugs problem is seen not only as business profit but also a new model of occupation. In the Indonesian history, the occupier was the Netherlands and Japan, but today the enemy is unknown.

“We have to understand that this is a new kind of occupation, drugs are the new occupier who is faceless,” said Sudirman, S.Ag., M.Si, Head of Education and Social Affairs of the National Narcotics Agency, in Griya Persada Kaliurang, Sleman, on Saturday (27/10) during a workshop themed *Anti-drugs Cadre UGM 2018*.

According to Sudirman, Indonesia currently has a bonus of demography with the more number of productive age than not between 2025 - 2045. Sudirman said drugs cartels continued to target Indonesia as a drug haven so they can reap profits from the country.

Sudirman mentioned in 2016 Indonesia confiscated as much as 1 tonne of methamphetamines while in 2017 it reached 7.8 tonnes.

“In 2017, there were as much as 200 tonnes of illegal drugs entering Indonesia of which 7.8 tonnes

were confiscated. The rest must have been consumed by drug addicts, which means a great number of addicts live here,” he said.

Sudirman explained the drugs motives kept changing from big to small including the types of the drugs, adding that in Indonesia there were 76 types of drugs circulating.

“That’s where the UGM can play its role to fight against drugs. You ought to immediately fight drugs. I believe that the UGM students have social media where they can do prevention socialisation there,” he said.

Chief of Drugs Unit in Yogyakarta Police Office, AKP. Endang Sulistyandini, SP.d, said drugs were much related to other crimes. Drug addicts were the target of drug dealers for them to get money.

According to Endang, drugs were like a tree. Those who got caught in drugs problems would usually lead to other crimes. “If they are addicted, they may do anything like cheating or stealing to meet his urgent need of drugs,” she said.

During the workshop a handover ceremony was done from the old executive, I Kadek Sudarsana, to the new executive of Raja Bandar UGM, Rahmayani. Later, the participants made an anti-drug declaration.

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