

PARLIAMENTARY LEADER BLAMES DRV FOR RVN FIGHTING

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[Text] Jakarta, 4 Feb--The intensification of fighting in South Vietnam, which led to the fall of Phuoc Long shortly before the recent second anniversary of the Paris agreement, was because North Vietnam deliberately planned the offensive. Even people with a lack of knowledge of military strategy could see that the operations had been deliberately planned by North Vietnam. This was stated by Imron Rosyadi, member of the United Development Party Faction, who is also the chairman of commission-1 in charge of defense and security as well as foreign affairs of the parliament, in an exclusive interview with ANGKATAN BERSENJATA at his residence at Jalan Teuku Umar, Jakarta yesterday.

Imron Rosyadi stressed that the Paris agreement, signed on 27 January 1973, was in fact a good start if it had been observed with good faith by both sides. But apparently good faith came from one side only, while North Vietnam and its Vietcong ally claim that the provisions of the Paris agreement have not been strictly observed. Apart from what the North Vietnamese and Vietcong claim, the facts show that fighting took place in South Vietnamese areas which North Vietnam has recognized as belonging to South Vietnam, Imron Rosyadi said.

Commenting on the statement by the head of the Indonesian contingent, Ambassador Charis Suhud, who said that the International Commission of Control and Supervision [ICCS] cannot take any initiative in carrying out its tasks as defined in the Paris agreement, Imron Rosyadi said that Indonesia, as a member of the ICCS, has many times in the past tried to launch an "on the spot" investigation, but the investigation was always rejected by the Polish and Hungarian contingents for various reasons. For this reason, Imron Rosyadi said, the only alternative is for the Indonesian and Iranian contingents to submit separate reports of their own without the participation of Poland and Hungary. This has proven that Indonesia did not take sides with either party. "Indonesia says something is 'right' if it considers it as being right and says 'wrong' if it sees that it is wrong. Indonesia's attitude has always been objective," Imron Rosyadi said.

Commenting on President Nguyen Van Thieu's recent statement claiming that the people of South Vietnam began to suspect that they were being deserted by the United States, Imron Rosyadi said that, in conformity with the Paris agreement, the United States has pledged to replace damaged weapons. A damaged rifle will be replaced with a new rifle and a new tank will be provided for a damaged one. If the United States does not live up to its pledge, this means the United States has abandoned South Vietnam. But, if South Vietnam remains in a critical position despite U.S. help, it is South Vietnam's own fault, Imron Rosyadi said.

Questioned about the best possible way to solve the Vietnamese problem, Imron Rosyadi said that, as a party which is constantly neutral and objective, Indonesia should constantly try to seek the means to convene another conference as a followup to the Paris agreement. But this is for the foreign minister to undertake, since the Indonesian contingent has already been placed in a rather difficult position.

In a serious tone, Imron Rosyadi went on to say that it is the government's task to convene another conference as a followup to the Paris agreement. He said that the government's endeavor must be made public to insure that no party blames us. Whether or not we will succeed in our endeavor is another question. The most important thing is that the government has done its best to solve the Vietnamese problem--as we are already committed in the ICCS.

In conclusion, Imron Rosyadi said that Indonesia need not worry about who the right party is to convene the conference. Indonesia can remain active in playing its role in the effort to convene a conference, which would be one of the best means to solving the Vietnamese problem.

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