

**PANEL ON
THE INDONESIAN PERSPECTIVE:
MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM UNDER DEMOCRATIC CONTROL**

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The end of President Soeharto authoritarian regime in 1998 has paved the path to democratization in Indonesia, known as Reformation. The most important agenda of reformation is the abolition of military dual-function from socio-political domain and seeks a new platform to build a professional military under a democratic control. The subordination of military to the democratically elected government is necessary for strengthening democracy in Indonesia. However, path to go to the direction of military professionalism proves to be challenging. Obstacles emerge not only from the resistance of the military itself, but also the lack of civilian commitment and capability to push this agenda forward. Resistance from the military often established their arguments by addressing historical justification of military glorious role in Indonesian independence. Other argues on the incompatible of security sector reform's approach to Indonesian context, even some would argue further that the concept is basically a western concept.

This panel aims to locate and elaborate ideas about the urgent need of military professionalism under democratic control after the Reformation from the perspective of Indonesian. The Indonesian perspective does not only mean that the ideas are originally proposed by Indonesian scholars, but also represent insight within Indonesia. The panel is structured to four thematic issues, which are 1) Historical context and legitimacy, 2) Structure and Posture, 3) Military Operations, and 4) Military policy, legal and oversights. The elaboration of those four themes encourages trans- or inter- disciplinary approach in order to have a holistic, comprehensive and integration views to address problem of Indonesian military professionalism under democratic control.