

Indonesia Finds Australian Military Training Materials Offensive



TEMPO.CO, **Jakarta** - Indonesia has recently suspended its military cooperation and joint training with Australia following the discovery of several offensive training materials in a military base in Perth, Australia.

As reported by *Stuff.nz* on January 4, 2017, a source revealed that the Australian military training materials with offensive contents towards Indonesia's past military records in 1965, or during the time of the East Timor invasion.

The discovery of the offensive training materials was made by the Indonesian Special Forces (Kopassus) during a joint training.

In addition to an allegation of human rights violation by the Indonesian National Army in East Timor, the training materials also include allegation that a past Indonesian army official Sarwo Edhie Wibowo was a mass murderer. The training material also mentioned about a military police officer who killed his own friend under the influence of alcohol.

Another offensive material was found displayed in the military base, showing the writing PANCAGILA, an alteration of Pancasila, five basic principles that serves as Indonesia's

ideology.

Other than the offensive training materials, previously, a report was made by a Bahasa Indonesia teacher sent to Australia as a part of a cooperation program. The teacher reported to have been instructed to provide education materials that includes the Free Papua propaganda to its students.

In relation to the objections, Australian Defense Minister Marise Payne, said that the Australian government will conduct an investigation towards the report on the offensive training materials, and will attempt to restore both countries' cooperation as soon as possible.

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