



Collaboration of the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command 0618/Bs in Regional Empowerment to Establish Regional Stability

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Abstract. The research is entitled Collaboration of the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command 0618/BS in Regional Empowerment to Establish Regional Stability. The problem of this research is how the collaboration between the City Government of Bandung City and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS is performed in establishing regional stability in the City of Bandung through the implementation of regional empowerment. Thus, the researcher formulates the main research problems on how the role of local governments to prepare a national defense in the regions and what forms of cooperation between local governments and district military command to prepare a national defense in the regions. This study employed a descriptive method with a qualitative approach. The results of the study indicate that the implementation of the regional empowerment of the City of Bandung in establishing regional stability was associated with security and defense factors performed by the Political and Unitary Agency. The collaboration performed by the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS was established based on trust, cohesiveness, and collaboration. The implementation of the collaboration was performed through several programs and activities, including strengthening state defense in the community, the preparation of spatial documents for the City of Bandung, and the management and prevention of social conflicts in the City of Bandung through the establishment of collaborative forums of the related parties.

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1 Introduction

The territory is the main element for the foundation of a state. It is related to the integration performed by a state in order to achieve firm unity. Empowerment of the defense areas is mandatory to support the overall defense system so that it can support the main components of national comprehensive security [1]. The role of Territorial Command (Provincial Military Command, Regional Military Command, District Military Command, Sub-District of Military Command) is highly decisive in empowering human

resources, natural resources, and infrastructure as Defensive Forces in the regions to perform the Empowerment Tasks of the Defense Territory. One of the Territory Command Units (Satkowil) implementing the empowerment policy of the defense territory is District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS, which administratively supervises the City of Bandung and collaborates with the City Government of Bandung.

The implementation of the collaboration between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS in regional empowerment certainly deals with various constraints, being inhibiting factors such as non-maximizing the synergy between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS, the absence of a common perception in viewing non-military threats, and the non-integrated implementation of working programs preparation as well as egoistic sectoral issues, causing non-optimal collaboration between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS [2].

Based on these phenomena, it is interesting to examine the collaboration established between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS to prepare state defense in the regional area in accordance with the governing regulations. In doing so, the researcher formulates those issues into the following problem formulations, as follows:

1. What is the role of the regional government to prepare a national defense in the regional area?
2. What are the forms of collaboration between the regional government and territorial command unit to prepare a national defense in the regional area?

Previous research that has similarities with this research is written by Amir Khorram-Manesh in the journal sustainability with the title Civilian-Military Collaboration before and during Covid-19 Pandemic-A Systematic Review and a Pilot Survey among Practitioners. The study discusses the importance of civil-military collaboration which emerged as one of the reliable partnerships during disaster emergency management and public health, especially during the Covid 19 pandemic. The research conducted by the researcher relates to the collaboration between the collaboration of the Bandung City Regional Government and Kodim 0618/BS in Regional Empowerment including disaster emergency management and public health in order to realise regional stability. The findings of this study are that the collaboration between the two is carried out through several programmes and activities including strengthening state defence in the community, preparing Bandung City spatial documents and handling and preventing social conflicts in Bandung City through the formation of forums involving both.

This research is interesting to be raised as a scientific paper not only in Indonesia but also on an international scale because civilian relations in this case the government and the military are needed so that there is a synergistic relationship between the two in order to maintain defence and security stability which affects the running of the government.

One of the forms of the concept of governance is called the concept of collaborative governance. According to Ansell C. state *“A governing arrangement where one or more public agencies directly engage non-state stakeholders in a collective decision-making process that is formal, consensus-oriented, and deliberative and that aims to make or implement public policy or manage public programs or assets”*.

Empowerment of Defense Territory, in line with the explanation of Law of Indonesian Army Forces (TNI) Number 34 of 2004, is to assist the government in preparing national potential as a defense force, early prepared to overcome the defense area and its supporting forces, to perform military operations for war (OMP). The implementation is based on the interest of national defense in accordance with the universal defense system [3].

Regional stability is a peaceful state in a state from unavoidable turmoil or disturbances, such as political, ideological, socio-economic, military, and so forth. If security, order, and peace are part of people’s lives, governance is guaranteed, including the smooth operation of national development [4].

In this study, the researcher supports the theory presented by West [5], providing that the details of agency collaboration have 3 dimensions, such as:

1. Togetherness. A well-established togetherness among members of the group will result in more effective and efficient performance.
2. Trust. Trust is the belief that someone is sincere in what is said and performed.
3. Cohesiveness. Cohesiveness is cooperating regularly and neatly, integrating into dealing with a task, and usually characterized by interdependence.

According to the theoretical framework above (Fig. 1), the researcher describes the flow of the research frameworks as follows:

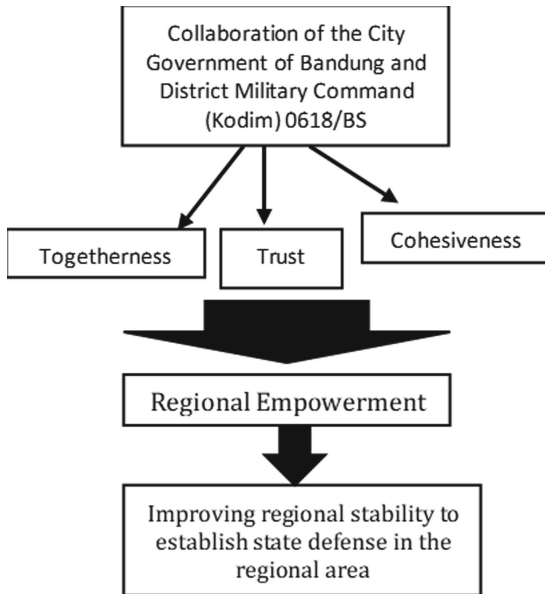


Chart 1 Frameworks

Fig. 1. Frameworks.

2 Methods

The type of research used in this research is qualitative which is descriptive or descriptive qualitative. Descriptive research methods are aimed at solving problems that exist at this time (existing conditions). So that it makes it easier for researchers to get objective data in order to know and understand the implementation of cooperation between local governments and territorial command units in empowering reserve components in order to create regional stability in Bandung City. Data collection in this research uses several methods such as literature study, observation and interviews. The data analysis technique uses data reduction, data display, conclusions and verification.

3 Results and Discussion

3.1 The Role of the Regional Government to Prepare State Defense in the Regional Area

National defense, essentially, is a comprehensive and universal defense attempt. The implementation is based on awareness of the rights and obligations of citizens and belief in their strength to maintain the survival of the Republic of Indonesia, which is independent, sovereign, and united. The implementation of the defense system in the City of Bandung was not solely aimed at war but also created peace, guaranteed the integrity of the United State of the Republic of Indonesia, secured national interest, and ensured the implementation of regional and national development.

Judicially, the Constitution regulates the protection of Indonesia, which mandates that citizens must participate to protect the state. In this case, some actions in performing state defense education had been performed Bakesbangpol of the City of Bandung in building a firm young generation in the City of Bandung.

Based on the results of an interview with the Apparatus Civil Servant (ASN) of Kesbangpol in the City of Bandung dated March 25th, 2022 at 09:40, the following information was obtained:

“After the transition of the BKPPM nomenclature to the Political and Unitary Agency, the state defense education at Bakesbangpol Bandung has started since 2017 until now, minimally a thousand state defense cadres are fostered by Bakesbangpol Bandung. Since 2017, state defense cadres have had 12 batches. The participants are all elements of the community, such as RT / RW Forum, Mass Organizations, FKDM, Educators, Youth, KNPI, Civil Servants, and Teachers. Then, the state defense education in collaboration with Indonesia Army Forces (TNI) is proclaimed to prioritize the younger generation. Therefore, the education method of state defense in Bakesbangpol Bandung adapts to the state defense education at Secaba Rindam III Siliwangi. The state defense education performed uses basic military method, but it is adjusted to the characteristics of the civilian”.

The awareness fostering of state defense aimed to instill values of state defense so that every citizen had awareness and was able to actualize it in social, national, and state life according to the role and profession of citizens in order to maintain state sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the safety of the whole nation from threats. Awareness and ability of state defense are required to build a comprehensive and universal national defense system, in dealing with military, non-military, and hybrid threats.

3.2 Form of Collaboration Between the Regional Government and the Territorial Command Unit to Prepare State Defense in the Regional Area

Collaboration is the implementation of a synergistic relationship, having different levels, such as communication, coordination, and collaboration to achieve common goals. According to West [5], the collaboration of an agency has 3 dimensions, such as.

Togetherness. A well-established togetherness among members of the group will result in more effective and efficient performance. Based on this explanation, the togetherness performed by the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS in increasing regional stability in order to establish the state defense in the City of Bandung was affirmed by the response of the informant from the City Government of Bandung, Head of Political and Unitary Agency as follows:

“We always try to maintain togetherness with several activities, or we deliberately create a program to maintain togetherness between us and TNI”.

Furthermore, the informant provided the following response:

“We realize that this togetherness will make a better and more effective performance of regional empowerment as it is important to be together for the implementation of this collaboration”.

The response based on the informant of the City Government of Bandung was confirmed by the response of District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS that they always maintained togetherness by establishing friendships among institutions and individuals.

Trust. It is a belief that someone is sincere in what is said and performed. Trust is born from the attitude arising when interacting with others, such as a leader with his/her subordinates, and vice versa, and among employees in an organization.

The interview results with the informant show that the level of trust between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS was well-conducted. The trust in the collaboration between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS was well-established in increasing regional stability to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung.

Cohesiveness. It is cooperating regularly and neatly, integrating into dealing with a task, and usually characterized by interdependence. Based on this explanation, the collaboration between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS in increasing regional stability to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung, was explained as follows:

1. Task interdependence, such as creating cohesiveness in increasing regional stability to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung.
2. Result interdependence, such as a member of the team felt that the achieved results were not individual, but it is the collective results of cohesiveness in increasing regional stability to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung.
3. High commitment, such as members of the team were deemed to have a high commitment to the achieved goals of increasing regional stability to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung.

In the preparation of national defense related to the regional government, cooperation was required regarding the issue of how to utilize national resources, management of citizens' rights and obligations in defense, development of natural and artificial resources,

synchronization of defense spatial planning with regional government spatial planning, and adequate budget support, required to set up regional defenses. The role of the territorial command was limited to data collection activities, considered defense potential. When dealing with the goals of national defense to ensure the integrity and upholding of the United State of the Republic of Indonesia, data collection activities had not been able to satisfy the criteria of a comprehensive and universal defense system.

Based on the interview result with the Chief of District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS dated March 25th, 2022 at 15:00, the following information was obtained as follows:

“The implementation of collaboration in fostering defense potential that has been performed by the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS is fostering citizens’ rights and obligations in defense through the awareness of state defense education and collecting data on potential defense resources. Further, the real implementation of activities is based on the implementation of programs and budgets, such as collaboration in the implementation of State Defense Awareness Education, Development of Potential HR, Development of Potential New Natural Resources, Development of Potential Facilities, and Infrastructure”.

Then, the City Government of Bandung in collaboration with District Military Command (Kodim) 0618 /BS organized forum activities for managing social conflicts in the regional area and preventing radicalism, terrorism, and separatism. Based on the interview results with the Apparatus Civil Servant (ASN) of Kesbangpol in the City of Bandung dated March 25th, 2022 at 09:40, the following information was obtained as follows:

“As we are aware that today’s radicalism and terrorism movements have spread in various corners of the world, including in Indonesia, which has caused concern and worrisome for all of us, considering that these movements are conducted violently and brutally to show their existence, so the collaboration with District Military Command (Kodim) 0618/BS is the right step in maintaining regional stability from the disturbance of the threat of radicalism and terrorism”.

Hence, various collaborations between the City Government of Bandung and the Territorial Command Unit of KODIM 0618/BS could provide varied actions to prepare state defense in the regional area, considering three instruments proposed [5], such as togetherness, trust, and cohesiveness between the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (KODIM) 0618/BS. This could provide good regional empowerment for the City of Bandung, so it created increasing regional stability in order to establish the territorial state defense in the City of Bandung.

Historically, Civilian-Military Collaboration (CMC) has connected both agencies in various areas, e.g., the pyrotechnics industry and clinical practice, but a formalized collaboration started in educational sectors when military staff established academic carriers in civilian universities [1]. Military acts as a national defense force to protect states from various security threats. In carrying out its duties and responsibilities, the military refers to the policies and decisions of the state or civilians. Its primary role is to maintain state sovereignty and territorial integrity. In addition, the military in national security has a role in the security operations of combat or non-combat operation [6]. Meanwhile, the military in the international system has more complex roles among the state. States with “mature” democratic systems like the United States have more complex

dynamics in the relationship between the military and civilians than simply using the military as a means of national defense [7].

Based on the research, we can know that collaboration between civilians and the military, both in our country and in other countries, is a partnership that must always be maintained to empower the region to maintain the stability of national defense and security.

4 Conclusion

Based on the results and discussion of the research having been explained above regarding the collaboration of the City Government of Bandung and District Military Command (Kodim 0618/BS in regional empowerment to achieve regional stability, it concludes that the role of the City Government of Bandung in the territorial state defense is significant. The City of Bandung can be an entry point for multidimensional non-military threats. Therefore, it is necessary to synchronize state defense policies between the City Government and Territorial Command Unit (Satkowil) within the framework of Fostering State Defense Awareness. The state defense education in collaboration with Indonesia Army Forces (TNI) has been proclaimed to prioritize the younger generation. In addition, the education method of state defense in Bakesbangpol Bandung has adapted to the state defense education at Secaba Rindam III Siliwangi. The fostering of state defense awareness has been performed to instill citizens' mental attitudes and behavior inspired by love for the United State of the Republic of Indonesia based on Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia in ensuring the survival of the nation and state.

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