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GENERAL NEWS AND HEADLINES

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## Chief security minister receives President's blessing to reassemble team of corruption hunters

Detik (<https://tinyurl.com/ya3dr7os>)

Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Mahfud MD said earlier today that he had received President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's blessing in the form of a presidential instruction (Inpres) to reactivate a team tasked with hunting down graft fugitives.

In a video posted on his Instagram account @mohmahfudmd, Mahfud said that he would immediately revive the team while also considering input from the public.

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## Sandiaga congratulates former running mate on food estate program

Detik (<https://tinyurl.com/ybulcqhr>); CNN Indonesia (<https://tinyurl.com/y8p5yuml>)

Sandiaga Uno has congratulated Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto, who was his former running mate during last year's presidential election, on his appointment to helm the national food estate program.

"Congratulations Pak Prabowo for the new mandate, and the new challenge to ensure the country's food security. It was his dream [to develop food security] since a long time ago," Sandiaga told reporters earlier today.

He added that the national food estate program was one of their ideas in 2018 and was going to be proposed as one of the country's prioritized development programs.

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## **Intentional privacy breach?: Govt considers releasing patients' personal data**

*The Jakarta Post* (<https://tinyurl.com/y83xnpyk>)

The national COVID-19 task force is considering releasing patients' personal data in an effort to encourage adherence to health protocols in affected areas. Task force chief and National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) head Doni Monardo said such data would only be made available to people living in the patients' neighborhoods.

He added that such data should be published for the sake of public safety. He also asked people to stop stigmatizing COVID-19 and condemned unjust treatment of people with the illness.

While the Constitution requires the state to protect people's privacy and personal data, the country has never passed a specific law on personal data protection to enumerate the rights of data owners and establish what kinds of data are legally considered personal. The publication of the country's first two COVID-19 patients' personal data resulted in privacy breaches and assault.

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## **Labor unions quit omnibus bill's tripartite forum**

*CNN Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/yde5g5l6>)

Confederation of Indonesian Trade Unions (KSPI) president Said Iqbal has announced that three labor unions – the KSPI, the All-Indonesia Workers Union Confederation (KSPSI) and the Federation of Indonesia Lumber and Forestry Workers Union (FSP Kahutindo) – have quit the job creation omnibus bill's tripartite forum, as they are reportedly disappointed with the perceived dominance of the Indonesian Employers Association (Apindo) and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) in formulating the bill. Indonesian Workers Union Association (Aspek) president Mirah Sumirat also decided to quit the forum later.

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## **Tourist industry loses Rp 85 trillion due to pandemic: PHRI**

*Detik, (<https://tinyurl.com/y9loao9f>); Tirto, (<https://tinyurl.com/ycxcn2m9>)*

Indonesian Hotel and Restaurant Association (PHRI) chairman Hariyadi Sukamdani has told members of the House of Representatives Commission X overseeing tourism that the tourist industry suffered a loss of Rp 85.3 trillion (US\$5.9 billion) from January to April this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The losses include Rp 30 trillion suffered by more than 2,000 hotels, Rp 40 trillion by more than 8,000 restaurants, Rp 11.3 trillion by the airline industry and Rp 4 trillion by tour operators. Hariyadi also criticized the government's income tax stimulus policy, saying the stimulus received by businesses in the industry depended on their actual income, which had dropped significantly.

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## **Inheritance dispute shakes Sinar Mas Group**

*Kontan, (<https://tinyurl.com/y7wgupv3>); CNN Indonesia, (<https://tinyurl.com/yb8l29wt>)*

Sinar Mas managing director Gandhi Sulistiyo has claimed Freddy Widjaja has received his part of inheritance as stipulated in the late Eka Tjipta Widjaja's will, saying Sinar Mas Group's assets have no connection with Eka's personal wealth. Freddy filed a lawsuit against his stepbrothers Indra Widjaja, Teguh Ganda Widjaja, Muktar Widjaja, Djafar Widjaja and Franky Oesman Widjaja on June 16 over the ownership of various Sinar Mas Group subsidiaries totaling Rp 672.6 trillion (US\$46.75 billion). The dispute has triggered a wave of selling over the group's stocks. PT Sinar Mas Agro Resources and Technology's stock price, for instance, dropped by almost 7 percent to Rp 3,080 per share. PT Indah Kiat Pulp and Paper's stocks also fell by 1.62 percent to Rp 7,600 per share.

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## **Trade Ministry targets Japan's biomass market**

*CNN Indonesia, (<https://tinyurl.com/y8ujtgcg>); Antara, (<https://tinyurl.com/y7nt2s7g>)*

The Trade Ministry has said Indonesia is ready to supply wood pellets and palm kernel shells to biomass power plants in Japan. The Japanese government aims to produce 1,065 terawatt hour (TWh) of electricity through renewable energy by 2030, of which 3.7 to 4.6 percent will be generated by biomass power plants, the ministry's acting director general of international trade, Srie Agustina, said. "But Indonesian suppliers need to adhere to Japanese standards and specifications as regulated by the Japanese government," she added.

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