

Strategic Partnership Between the Indonesian National Police (POLRI) and Society Towards the Vision of Golden Indonesia 2045: Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract

Indonesia is on its path toward the ambitious vision of Golden Indonesia 2045, where national stability in security and public order plays a crucial role. This article evaluates the role and challenges in the strategic partnership between the Indonesian National Police (POLRI) and society in supporting this vision. It outlines strategies to strengthen the partnership and overcome existing barriers. The study concludes that POLRI's role in fostering strategic partnerships with the public is pivotal for the success of Golden Indonesia, but challenges such as lack of trust and ineffective communication must be addressed. Strengthening partnerships can be achieved through transparency, accountability, and effective communication. Recommendations include strengthening community-based policing programs, enhancing public education and training, fostering collaboration with civil society organizations, implementing fair conflict resolution mechanisms, and conducting regular evaluations to improve the effectiveness of partnerships.

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INTRODUCTION

The Indonesia is moving toward its grand vision of Golden Indonesia 2045, with security and public order as one of its key pillars. Maintaining national stability is essential for economic, social, and political development. However, security challenges are becoming increasingly complex, with threats such as cybercrime, terrorism, and social conflicts driven by political and economic interests. The role of the Indonesian National Police (POLRI) is more important than ever, but its efforts alone are insufficient without active public participation. This partnership should be built on mutual trust, transparency, and effective communication, but it currently faces obstacles, including limited public trust and insufficient communication between POLRI and society.

The Role of POLRI in Strategic Partnerships POLRI plays a central role in building strategic partnerships with the public to achieve national security. Community-based programs such as Siskamling (neighborhood watch) exemplify how the public can actively contribute to local security. By empowering the public and fostering educational initiatives, POLRI can help communities understand their role in maintaining security. However, to succeed, these partnerships must be inclusive and involve all segments of society, ensuring that every group, especially marginalized communities, is heard and represented.

Challenges in Building Partnerships Between POLRI and Society

1. Public Trust

One of the primary challenges in building an effective partnership between POLRI and society is a lack of public trust. Instances of police misconduct and corruption have tainted POLRI's reputation, leading to widespread public skepticism. To rebuild trust, POLRI needs to increase transparency and accountability through internal reforms, such as rigorous auditing and a strong whistleblowing mechanism.

2. Resource Disparities

Resource and infrastructure disparities pose another challenge, especially in remote areas where POLRI's presence and capabilities are limited. Addressing this issue requires the equitable allocation of resources to ensure that every region, including rural and isolated areas, receives adequate support

for their security needs.

3. Cultural Differences

Indonesia's diverse cultural landscape complicates the implementation of a uniform security strategy. In many areas, local customs and traditions shape public interactions with law enforcement. A lack of cultural sensitivity on the part of police officers can lead to mistrust and tension. POLRI must, therefore, train its officers to be culturally aware and engage local leaders to better understand and respect these differences.

4. Lack of Transparency in Law Enforcement

A major issue that affects the partnership between POLRI and society is the perceived lack of transparency in law enforcement practices. The public often feels that they are left in the dark about the legal process. POLRI must adopt more transparent practices, such as providing timely updates and clear communication on investigations and legal proceedings.

Opportunities to Strengthen Strategic Partnerships

1. Technological Integration

The rapid development of information and communication technologies presents an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between POLRI and the public. Digital platforms can facilitate real-time reporting of incidents and provide POLRI with immediate feedback from the public. Additionally, technology can be leveraged to deliver educational content and promote community engagement.

2. Community Education Programs

Educational initiatives that focus on enhancing public awareness of security threats are vital to ensuring proactive public participation in maintaining safety. By conducting workshops, seminars, and digital campaigns, POLRI can teach the public to recognize early signs of threats such as radicalization or cybercrime.

3. Youth Engagement

Engaging the youth in security programs is critical to fostering a culture of safety for future generations. Initiatives such as digital literacy programs, anti-drug campaigns, and community outreach activities can harness the energy and creativity of younger generations, making them active participants in maintaining social order.

Strategic Solutions to Overcome Partnership Barriers

1. Improving Transparency and Accountability

POLRI must enhance transparency and accountability through regular communication with the public. Implementing technology-based reporting systems and providing clear, timely updates on cases can bridge the gap between police and society. This can also be supported by mechanisms that allow the public to provide feedback on police services.

2. Strengthening Two-Way Communication

Effective communication is vital for building trust. POLRI should establish regular forums and open channels for dialogue, where citizens can voice their concerns, and the police can respond openly. This will reduce misunderstandings and foster a sense of mutual respect and cooperation.

3. Professional Development of Police Personnel

Continuous training for police officers on community engagement and cultural sensitivity is essential. By enhancing the skills of its personnel, POLRI can ensure better interaction with diverse communities, fostering mutual trust and reducing friction.

4. Collaboration with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Partnering with civil society organizations can extend POLRI's reach and effectiveness in implementing community-based security programs. CSOs can help mobilize public support and disseminate critical information, ensuring that security initiatives are inclusive and well-supported.

CONCLUSION

The strategic partnership between POLRI and society is fundamental to achieving Indonesia's 2045 vision of Golden Indonesia. While the partnership faces significant challenges, including public mistrust, resource inequalities, and cultural differences, there are numerous opportunities to strengthen it through technology, education, and youth engagement. By adopting a holistic and transparent approach, and focusing on community-based solutions, POLRI can foster stronger partnerships, ultimately contributing to national security and prosperity.

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