

DATA ON THE CURRENT MILITARY ELITE

(Prepared by the Editors)

Since the "coup" of October 1, 1965 the Indonesian army has assumed an increasingly prominent role in Indonesian politics. Particularly after the March 11, 1966 effective transfer of power from President Sukarno to General Soeharto, the army has assumed the dominant position in the government, although still relying on a number of civilian ministers and advisers. (See Indonesia, II, pp. 185-222 for data on post-coup ministerial changes.) Simultaneous with the shifting of power within the governmental elite the army itself has undergone a major reshuffling of its general-grade officers. In scope this reshuffling is even more far-reaching than the changes that followed in the wake of Gen. Jani's replacement of Gen. Nasution as the Commander of the Army in late June 1962. In an effort to facilitate understanding of the magnitude and character of these post-coup intra-army shifts, the editors of Indonesia have assembled a listing of the recent occupants of the major central and regional army positions. In the case of each position, as the sample below illustrates, the names of the officers holding the position between October 1, 1965 and January 1, 1967 are indicated. Wherever possible the date of installation of the office-holder of October 1, 1965 is given together with the name of his predecessor. Notation of the divisional and ethnic background of office-holders is also provided. The ranks are as far as possible the highest rank achieved by an officer while holding a given position. Finally, ever-conscious of their own limited knowledge and resources, the editors invite corrections and additions from the reader with a view to subsequent publication of a more complete and more accurate compilation of data on the most prominent group in Indonesia's contemporary political elite.

Sample

POSITION: West Java (Siliwangi) Command

1. OFFICE-HOLDER ON OCT. 1, 1965	DATE OF INSTALLATION-
	DATE OF TRANSFER
Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Adjie	19.8.60 - 20.7.66
	PREDECESSOR
	Brig. Gen. R. A. Kosasih
	OFFICE-HOLDER'S PREVIOUS JOB
	Chief of Staff of Kodam VI
	DIVISIONAL ETHNIC
	BACKGROUND AFFILIATION
	S1 S(Bogor)

2. OFFICE-HOLDER ON JAN. 1, 1967	DATE OF INSTALLATION-
Maj. Gen. Hartono Rekso	DATE OF TRANSFER
Dharsono	20.7.66 -
	OFFICE-HOLDER'S PREVIOUS JOB
	Chief of Staff of Kodam VI
	DIVISIONAL ETHNIC
	BACKGROUND AFFILIATION
	Sl J

Abbreviations

Divisions	Ethnic
B = Brawidjaja	J = Javanese
D = Diponegoro	S = Sundanese
Sl = Siliwangi	

I. CENTRAL ARMY COMMAND

Minister/Commander of the Army

1. *Lt. Gen. Ahmad Jani	25.6.62 - 1.10.65 General A. H. Nasution Second Deputy (Operations) to Army Chief of Staff ¹ /Chief of Staff of West Irian Liberation Command D J
2. General Soeharto	15.10.65 - Commander of Army Strategic Reserve (KOSTRAD) D J

* Lt. Gen. Jani and four other general staff officers were slain in the October 1, 1965 "coup."

1. Prior to June 30, 1962 the Second Deputy was responsible for operations, rather than administration as was the case subsequent to that date. See footnote 3 below.

Deputy Minister/Commander of the Army²

1. Lt. Gen. Maradean Panggabean 15.8.66 -
(New Position)
Deputy to Commander of Army/
Inter-regional Commander
for Kalimantan
T.T./II Toba Batak
(South Sumatra)

First Deputy (Operations) to
Commander of the Army³

1. Maj. Gen. Mursjid 30.6.62 - 26.5.66
?
Second Assistant to Army
Chief of Staff
Sl J ?
2. Maj. Gen. Soerono⁴ 26.5.66 -
Governor of the National
Military Academy in Magelang
D J

Second Deputy (Administration) to
Commander of the Army

1. *Maj. Gen. Soeprapto 30.6.62 - 1.10.65
Col. Ahmad Jani
Deputy for the Sumatra Region
D J

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2. This position was created on August 15, 1966 with Lt. Gen. Panggabean its first occupant. Apparently Panggabean has continued to hold his previous position as Second Deputy (Administration) to the Commander of the Army. See below under Second Deputy.
 3. Prior to June 30, 1962 the First Deputy was responsible for Administration, while the Second Deputy was responsible for Operations. See Warta Bhakti, June 30, 1962.
 4. On June 18, 1966 Soerono was installed as ad interim Central Java Commander. Subsequently on September 12 his appointment was made permanent. (See below under Central Java Command.) Despite this weighty responsibility, Soerono has not yet been formally relieved of his post as First Deputy.

2. Lt. Gen. Maradean Panggabean⁵ 25.10.65 -
Deputy to the Commander of
the Army/Inter-regional
Commander for Kalimantan
T.T./II Toba Batak
(South Sumatra)

Third Deputy (Finance/Civil Relations)
to Commander of the Army⁶

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| 1. *Maj. Gen. Harjono M.T. | 31.8.65 - 1.10.65
(New Position)
Inspector-General of the
Army
No affiliation J |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Basuki Rachmat | 25.10.65 - 26.5.66
Commander of Kodam VIII
B J |
| 3. Maj. Gen. Kusno Utomo
Widjojokerto | 26.5.66 -
Commander of the Army
Education and Training
Command
Sl J |

First Assistant (Intelligence)

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| 1. *Maj. Gen. S. Parman | 30.6.62 - 1.10.65
Col. A.E.J. Magenda
Military Attache in London
Military Police (CPM) J |
| 2. Maj. Gen. R. Sugih Arto | 3.11.65 - 27.4.66
Ambassador to Rangoon
Sl J |
| 3. Maj. Gen. Sudirgo | 27.4.66 -
Director Military Police
Military Police (CPM) J |

5. See footnote 2 above.

6. This position seems to have been created at the time of Harjono's appointment on August 31, 1965. Following Harjono's death the position of Third Deputy has not been formally filled, but two successive Special Deputies have been appointed who presumably have assumed at least some of the duties of the Third Deputy post.

Second Assistant (Operations)

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| 1. Maj. Gen. Djamin Gintings | 30.6.62 - 3.11.65
Brig. Gen. Mursjid
Commander of Kodam II
Bukit Barisan Karo Batak |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Sumitro ⁷ | 3.11.65 -
Commander of Kodam IX
B J |

Third Assistant (Personnel)

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| 1. Maj. Gen. Pranoto
Reksosamudro | 30.6.62 - c.15.10.65 ⁸
Brig. Gen. R. A. Kosasih
(Acting)
Commander of Kodam VII
D J |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Hartono Rekso
Dharsono | 25.10.65 - 26.5.66
Chief of Staff Kodam VI
Sl J |
| 3. Maj. Gen. Wahyu Hagono | 26.5.66 -
Adjutant-General
Sl J |

Fourth Assistant (Logistics)

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| 1. *Brig. Gen. D. I. Pandjaitan | 30.6.62 - 1.10.65
Col. Achmad Jusuf
Military Attache in Bonn
T.T./II Toba Batak |
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7. On June 17, 1966 Sumitro was installed as ad interim East Java Commander. Subsequently, on January 22, 1967 the Antara news agency reported that the Army Information Center had announced that Maj.Gen. M. Jasin, most recently Indonesian Military Attache in Moscow, would replace Sumitro as East Java Commander. As far as is known, Sumitro retained his post as Second Assistant throughout his tenure as East Java Commander.
8. It should be noted that on October 1, 1965 President Sukarno issued an order from Halim Air Base appointing Pranoto ad interim Commander of the Army. (See Indonesia, I, pp. 151-153). Effective command of the Army was, however, in fact exercised by General Soeharto on that day and subsequently until his formal installation as Commander of the Army on October 15. On October 25, Pranoto was replaced as Assistant III. Nothing has been reported since then about the fate of Pranoto.

2. Maj. Gen. Hartono Wirjodiprodjo	25.10.65 - Director of Supply Corps of J Engineers
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Fifth Assistant (Civic and Territorial Affairs)

1. Maj. Gen. Soeprapto Sokowati	?(Jan. 62) - 25.10.65 ? ? B J (Sragen)
2. Maj. Gen. Soeharto	25.10.65 - Deputy to Fifth Assistant ? J (Solo)

Sixth Assistant (Functional Groups)

1. Brig. Gen. Soedjono	?(1963) - 25.10.65 ? ? J
2. Maj. Gen. Darjatmo	25.10.65 - Commander of Kodam II D J

Seventh Assistant (Audits, Comptroller)

1. Maj. Gen. Alamsjah	15.7.65 - Brig. Gen. Ashari Danudirdjo Deputy to Seventh Assistant ?Sriwidjaja ?
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Commander of the Army Strategic Reserve (KOSTRAD)⁹

1. Maj. Gen. Soeharto	1.5.63 - 7.12.65 (New Position) Deputy of the Army Chief of Staff/Inter-regional Commander of East Indonesia and Commander of the Mandala (West Irian Liberation) Command D J
2. Lt. Gen. Umar Wirahadikusumah	7.12.65 - Commander of Kodam V Sl S

9. Soeharto was the first commander of Kostrad.

II. INTER-REGIONAL COMMANDS (KOANDA)

Deputy to the Commander of the Army/
Inter-regional Commander for Sumatra

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| 1. Lt. Gen. Achmad Junus
Mokoginta | ?.11.64 -
Maj. Gen. R. A. Kosasih
Deputy to the Chief of Staff
of the Armed Forces
Sl/D Bolaang Mongondouw |
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Deputy to the Commander of the Army/
Inter-regional Commander for Kalimantan

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| 1. Maj. Gen. M. Panggabean | ?(Pre-1964) - 4.11.65
Brig. Gen. H. Hasan Basri
?
T.T./II Toba Batak
(South Sumatra) |
| 2. Maj. Gen. D. Soemartono | 4.11.65 -
Military Attache,
Washington, D.C.
Sl J |

Deputy to the Commander of the Army/
Inter-regional Commander for East Indonesia

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| 1. Maj. Gen. U. Rukman | 17.9.63 - 10.1.66
Maj. Gen. Soeharto
Commander of Kodam XVII ¹⁰
Sl S |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Askari | 10.1.66 -
Commander of the Army Air
Defense Command
Sl S |

III. REGIONAL COMMANDS (KODAM)

I. Iskandarmuda (Atjeh)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Moch. Ishak
Djuarsa | 21.9.64 -
Col. Njak Adam Kamil
Chief of Staff Kodam VI
Sl S |
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10. Rukman continued to hold this post also until April 1964.
See below under Regional Command XVII.

II. Bukit Barisan (North Sumatra-
East Sumatra)

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Brig. Gen. Darjatmo | 1.8.63 - 29.10.65
Col. Thalib (Acting
Commander)
Director of Army Signal Corps
D J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. P. Sobiran | 29.10.65 -
Brig. Gen. Darjatmo
Chief of Staff to Sumatra
Inter-regional Command
(Koanda)
?B ? |

III. 17 Agustus (West 'Sumatra)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Panoedjoe | 20.4.64 - 5.2.66
Col. Suwito Harjoko
Chief of Staff Kodam VII
D J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Poniman | 5.2.66 - 17.4.66 (Acting)
17.4.66 -
Chief of Staff Kodam III
Sl J |

IV. Sriwidjaja (South Sumatra/
Djambi/Lampung)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Makmun Murod | 28.8.62 -
Col. Harun Sohar
Chief of Staff Kodam IV
Sl ?(Palembang) |
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V. Djaya (Greater Djakarta)¹¹

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| 1. Brig. Gen. R. Umar
Wirahadikusumah | 18.1.60 - 7.12.65
(New Position)
Commander of Siliwangi
Regiment 10 in Garut
Sl S |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Amir Machmud | 7.12.65 -
Commander of Kodam X
Sl S |

11. In January 1960 the Djakarta City Command under Lt. Col. Umar Wirahadikusumah was removed from the West Java (Siliwangi) Command and given equivalent status with other

VI. Siliwangi (West Java)

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| 1. Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Adjie | 19.8.60 - 20.7.66
Brig. Gen. R. A. Kosasih
Chief of Staff Kodam VI
Sl S(Bogor) |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Hartono
Rekso Dharsono | 20.7.66 -
Chief of Staff Kodam VI
Sl J |

VII. Diponegoro (Central Java)

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Maj. Gen. Soerjosoempeno | 10.9.64 - 18.6.66
Brig. Gen. M. Sarbini
Commander of Kodam III
D J |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Soerono ¹² | 18.6.66 - 12.9.66 (Acting)
12.9.66 -
Deputy-I (Operations) to the
Commander of the Army
D J |

VIII. Brawidjaja (East Java)

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| 1. Maj. Gen. Basuki Rachmat | 15.12.62 - 26.11.65
Brig. Gen. Surachman
Chief of Staff PEPERTI ¹³
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. R. Sunarijadi | 26.11.65 - 17.6.66
Chief of Staff Kodam VIII
B J |
| 3. Maj. Gen. Sumitro ¹⁴ | 17.6.66 -
Second Assistant (Operations)
to the Commander of the Army
B J |

regional commands. Umar was promoted to Colonel and made the first commander of the Djaya Command.

12. See footnote 4 above.

13. PEPERTI is the acronym for Penguasa Perang Tertinggi or Supreme Military Authority. During the period of martial law extending from March 14, 1957 to May 1, 1963 this was one of the most powerful military-cum-political positions.

14. See footnote 7 above.

IX. Mulawarman (East Kalimantan)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Sumitro | 16.2.65 - 5.11.65
Brig. Gen. R. Soeharjo
Commander of Infantry
Training Center
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Mung
Parhadimuljo | 5.11.65 -
Commander of the RPKAD
D J |

X. Lambung Mangkurat (South Kalimantan)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Amir Machmud | 28.11.62 - c.15.11.65
Lt.Col. Piet Ngantung (Acting)
Commander of the Bandung City
Military District (1960)
Sl S |
| 2. Col. Sutopo Juwono | c.15.11.65 - 9.3.66 (Acting)
Chief of Staff Kodam X
Sl J |
| 3. Brig. Gen. Sabirin
Mochtar | 9.3.66 -
Commander of Kodam XI
B J |

XI. Tambun Bungai (Central Kalimantan)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Sabirin
Mochtar | ?(c. Jan. 64) - 9.3.66
Col. Dharsono
?Commander of Brigade
"Garuda" in the Congo
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Agus Siswadi | 9.3.66 -
Commander of Infantry
Weaponry Center
? J (?) |

XII. Tandjungpura (West Kalimantan)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Ryacudu | 10.9.63 -
Col. Sudharmo
Deputy to Assistant 5
Sriwidjaja Ambonese
or Sl ? |
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XIII. Merdeka (North and Central Sulawesi)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Soenandar
Prijoedarmo | ?(c. 1960) - 22.2.66
? Col. Sunarijadi
?
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Soedarmono | 22.2.66 -
Assistant to the Minister
for Light Industries
(general affairs)
? J |

XIV. Hasanuddin (South and South East Sulawesi)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Solichin
Gautama Purwanegara | 27.7.65 -
Maj. Gen. Andi M. Jusuf
Chief of Staff Kodam XIV
Sl S |
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XV. Pattimura (Moluccas)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Busjiri | 4.1.61 - 15.2.66 ¹⁵
Col. Herman Pieters
Chief of Staff and Acting
Commander of Moluccas/West
Irian Command
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. R. Djohari | 15.2.66 -
Commander of Military Resort
62 (Garut)
Sl S |

XVI. Udayana (Lesser Sundas)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. Sjafiudin | ?(1962) - 21.6.66
Col. Supardi
?
? Minangkabau? |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Sukertijo | 21.6.66 -
Chief of Staff Kodam VIII
(Acting)
B J |

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15. On September 23, 1965 then Army Commander Jani signed an order transferring Busjiri, but due to the "coup" this order was not implemented until the following February (See Berita Yudha, 21.2.66).

XVII. Tjendrawasih (West Irian)

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| 1. Brig. Gen. R. Kartidjo | 17.4.64 - 7.3.66
Brig. Gen. U. Rukman
Secretary to the Army
General Staff (SUAD)
B J |
| 2. Brig. Gen. Bintoro | 7.3.66 -
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? J |