

ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the perceptions of Catholics in the Sukoharjo region in uncovering the policy of handling and overcoming terrorism in Indonesia (Case Study of the Church of the Hati Kudus Yesus in Sukoharjo Regency), as well as follow-up by the government and other stakeholders on perceptions that develop in religious communities Catholics in the Sukoharjo region in uncovering the policy of handling and overcoming terrorism in Indonesia (Case Study of the Church of the Hati Kudus Yesus in Sukoharjo Regency). This study uses qualitative research methods with secondary data collection techniques accompanied by interview data. From this research, it can be seen that the Catholic community in Sukoharjo is an element directly affected by various terrorism prevention policies in the national scope. In connection with this matter, it can be concluded that the perception of the Sukoharjo Catholic community in uncovering the policy of combating terrorism in Indonesia has shown an attitude that is full of maturity, where terrorism is not part of any religious teachings, including Islam. Various efforts carried out by the government are quite effective, despite getting many reactions to pros and cons. Based on the responses and attitudes of the informants, almost all of them agreed on the government's efforts, especially the Indonesian National Police in handling various acts of terrorism in Indonesia. Then the various policies turned out to not have a negative impact on relations between religious followers in Sukoharjo in general. Tolerance is still maintained in the repertoire of mutual respect and maintaining regional peace. Then the stakeholder's follow-up on the perception of the Sukoharjo Catholic community in uncovering the policy of combating terrorism in Indonesia is by establishing a communication forum and accommodating various bottom-up aspirations and inputs. These various efforts are carried out through harmonization of various related agencies which are carried out periodically. This condition contributes to maintaining conducive social and security conditions in Sukoharjo.

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