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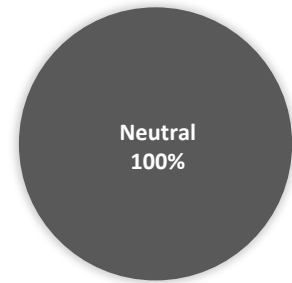
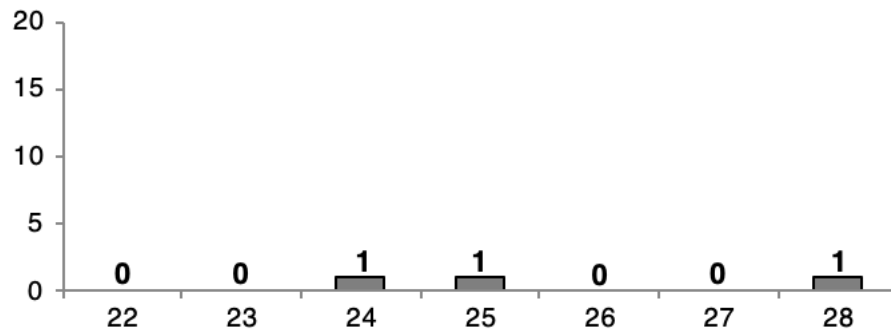
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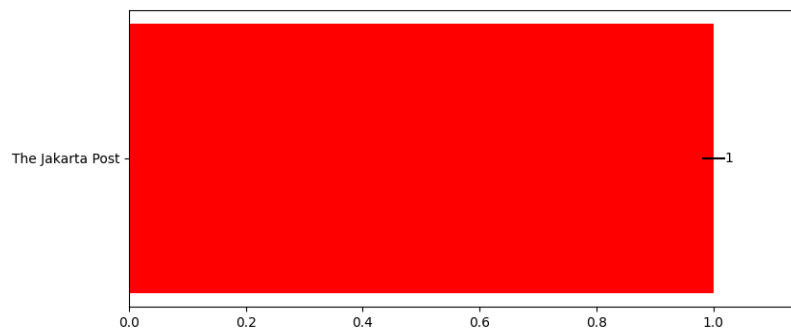
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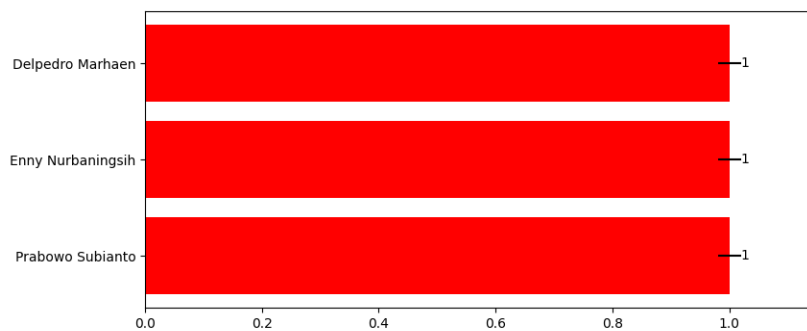


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Media	The Jakarta Post	Reporter	yer/kuk
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Summary	<p>Critics say the previous president threw his tacit support behind Prabowo and Gibran, who is Jokowi's oldest son, ahead of the 2024 presidential election Meanwhile, Prabowo appeared in video to declare his support for Central Java gubernatorial pair Ahmad Luthfi-Taj Yasin Maimoen ahead of voting day in November last year.</p> <p>- Prevailing laws restrict state officials, including the President, from taking a leave of absence or misusing state resources to participate in electoral campaigns. But the Election Supervisory Agency (Bawaslu) declared that Prabowo's support for Luthfi did not constitute an election violation, as the video was taken on Sunday (9/11/2024).</p>		

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The administration of President Prabowo Subianto is facing growing calls from activists for the dismissal of Villages and Regional Development Minister Yandri Susanto after the Constitutional Court found him to have abused his authority to help his wife win the regional leader election in November last year.

On Monday, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiff in an election dispute challenging the victory of Yandri's wife Ratu Rachmatu Zakiyah in the Serang regent election in Banten. The plaintiff, losing candidate pair Andika Hazrumy and Nanang Supriatna, accused Ratu's camp of committing "structural, systematic and massive fraud" that helped her win the election.

In its ruling, the justices considered that Yandri was proven of "hosting and attending events in which he mobilized village heads" to support Ratu, compromising the neutrality of local officials whom the court saw as having significant roles in wooing voters in their respective villages.

Among the events mentioned by the justices was a meeting of the Serang branch of the All-Indonesian Village Administration Association (Apdesi) at a hotel in Anyer beach on Oct. 3 of last year. During the meeting, the head of Apdesi's local branch reportedly asked attendees to pledge their support for Ratu.

"It is undeniable that the actions of Yandri Susanto as [a minister] can significantly influence the attitudes of village heads who receive benefits in the form of activities and programs from the ministry," Justice Enny Nurbaniingsih said during a hearing on Monday.

The court ordered a revote within 60 days after Monday's hearing in the regental election, canceling the victory of Ratu, who ran in the regional election on the ticket of the National Mandate Party (PAN)—in which Yandri is a high-ranking official—and other parties in the ruling Onward Indonesia Coalition (KIM).

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Human rights group Lokataru Foundation submitted a formal letter requesting that Prabowo dismiss the villages minister, citing the court ruling on the election dispute. The letter was sent through the State Secretariat on Wednesday.

"We are challenging the President [to see] whether or not he would be brave enough to fire Yandri [and] whether the President intends to clean his cabinet of violations," Lokataru executive director Delpedro Marhaen said on Wednesday.

"In his first 100 days in office, Yandri did not do his work [professionally]; he only worked to help his wife win in Banten," Delpedro continued.

The group expressed hope that Yandri could be dismissed from his ministerial seat before the revote in Serang regency in early April. Should the President fail to do so, Yandri's position as a minister could allow him to help his wife win the revote, Lokataru argued.

Following trends

While reiterating the call for Yandri's dismissal, anticorruption group Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) said what the minister did followed a trend set by Prabowo and former president Joko "Jokowi" Widodo.

Critics say the previous president threw his tacit support behind Prabowo and Gibran, who is Jokowi's oldest son, ahead of the 2024 presidential election. Meanwhile, Prabowo appeared in a video to declare his support for Central Java gubernatorial pair Ahmad Luthfi-Taj Yasin Maimoen ahead of voting day in November last year.

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"The tendency for public officials to escape from consequences after committing election vio-

lations puts into question how Bawaslu monitors the election process, which allows these foul plays to occur," the ICW wrote in a statement on Thursday.

Responding to the Constitutional Court ruling, Yandri denied mobilizing village officials to help his wife win the poll: "It's too naive to link [Ratu's victory] to my influence. I was only in the office for two weeks back then."

He claimed that he was invited by village officials to the Apdesi event in Anyer Beach to talk about how Banten could be free from corruption. The event, Yandri went on to say, was held weeks before he was appointed cabinet minister by Prabowo.

"I believe and respect the people of Serang," Yandri said.

"Ratu's victory was truly the voice of the people because they no longer want corruption there."

The regional election brouhaha was not the first controversy to put Yandri in the spotlight.

Several days after his ministerial inauguration on Oct. 21, 2024, a picture of a letter bearing the Villages and Regional De-

velopment Ministry's letterhead inviting Banten local leaders to attend the second anniversary of the death of Yandri's mother went viral on social media. Netizens were quick to slam Yandri for using an official letterhead for personal events.

The minister apologized and admitted that he had made a mistake for using the ministry letterhead to invite local officials across the province to the event. (yer/kuk)