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Rafiq Qurrata A, Jakarta — The plan to eliminate Munir was reportedly hatched during a National Intelligence Agency (BIN) leadership meeting that took place in 2004. Muchdi Purwo Prandjono — who at the time was Deputy Chief V at BIN — was actually nothing more than the executor.

“That was the result of the joint meeting, the one that took the decision was of course BIN chief Hendropriyono. Muchdi was just the executor, because his post was deputy chief for agent mobilisation”, said Soeripto, the deputy chairperson of the House of Representatives Commission III on law and human rights and intelligence observer when speaking with Detik.com on Saturday June 21.

Soeripto explained that from the information that he has gathered the meeting took place several weeks before Munir died on September 7, 2004. “Around one or two weeks earlier”, said the bald headed man.

The meeting, he continued, was chaired by BIN chief A.M. Hendropriyono. Present at the meeting, among others, was BIN Deputy Chief M. As’ad Said Ali, Deputy II for Security Affairs Manunggal Maladi, Deputy V for Agent Mobilisation Muchdi and BIN Secretary Nurhadi, who now holds the post of Indonesian Ambassador to Kenya.

“There was only one agenda item at the meeting, eliminating Munir”, said the Justice and Prosperity Party politician.

Soeripto is asking that all BIN officials who were present at the meeting be questioned by those investigating the Munir case. “All of these issues must be examined”, he added. (fiq/ana)

Spy agency placed rights activist Munir on 'G' list

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Rafiq Qurrata A., Jakarta — The deputy chairperson of the House of Representatives Commission III on law and human rights, Soeripto says the plan to assassinate Munir was put together during a National Intelligence Agency (BIN) meeting in 2004. At the time, Munir was included in the category 'G' list or a 'problem'.

"What I heard was that according to the evaluation at the time, Munir was included in the category of a 'problem' but not yet a 'threat'", said Soeripto during a discussion with Detik.com on Saturday June 21.

Soeripto explained that there were four categories used as a reference in intelligence operations to cope with threats against the state. The terms were ATHG - threat (ancaman), challenge (tantangan), hindrance (hambatan) and problem (gangguan).

Those categorised as a 'threat' were for example people who were suspected of planning a coup d'etat or rebellion.

"If they were still at the problem level, they were not considered a serious [threat] and did not have to be eliminated. At most just a warning", added the intelligence observer who is also a politician from the Justice and Prosperity Party.

Soeripto added that BIN is an intelligence institution whose user is the president, meaning BIN operations must be reported to the president.

"Because the user is the president, the intelligence product should, according to regulations, be reported to the president. The question is then, did BIN report this matter (the plan to murder Munir) to the president, who at the time was Megawati [Sukarnoputri]", he said. (fiq/ana)

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