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## FOREWORD BY THE REGENT OF WEST ACEH

All praises belongs to Allah the Almighty; I happily give my word upon this book: Alfian Ibrahim and the University of Teuku Umar. Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M. S., or usually known as Ayah Alfian, is an important figure upon the establishment of The University of Teuku Umar. He has a significant role since the establishment and the process of nationalizing the university from private institution to the government-owned. He is one of the best sons of Western Aceh District, who was born on March 11, 1947, and has god reputation on educational field.

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After the legalization of permit, the government of West Aceh under the regent of Teuku Alamsyah Banta asked Alfian Ibrahim to be a Rector of University of Teuku Umar (UTU). It was the initial step for Alfian Ibrahim establishing the foundation of development and the conversion process to be a government-owned institution.

After the first period of his leadership, on 2012, the government of West Aceh asked him to continue his position as the rector in order to develop the leading government-owned institution in west Aceh coastal area. Since the good

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cooperation of stakeholders, under the direction of Alfian Ibrahim as a rector the university had completed the conversion status from private to government-owned on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. During the year of 2014, the government of West Aceh District had converted three institutions to be state institutions, namely The University of Teuku Umar, College of Islamic Studies Teungku Dirundeng, and State Community Academy of West Aceh.

The establishment of those three institutions in western Aceh supported the government program to make the “Land of Teuku Umar” as the central of education within the Acehnese western coastal area. It is realized that the existence of university not only had a role as educational institution, but also as the agent of cultural change. It is expected that those institution will have significant impact upon the improvement of cultural and social aspect of the people in West Aceh. The government of West Aceh continuously improves the management of those three institutions. It is made for sake the development of West Aceh as the central of Education within the area of western and southern

Aceh.

It was a proud of us that the district had converted three institutions to be government institutions. Indeed, the cooperation of stakeholders was a key of success within the process. It was a great gift for the people of West Aceh; hopefully, it will guide for the better living for the people in this area.

The publication of this book is significant to remind us about the role of Alfian Ibrahim upon the development and establishment of the University of Teuku Umar. It could be a historical reference for the next generation in remembering his role and struggle for education in West Aceh. Then, there is an expectation that the book may inspire the younger people of West Aceh of the actions and role of Alfian Ibrahim as the first rector of University of Teuku Umar. We only can pray for God's blessing for his kindness and notorious service upon this area. The gratitude is also delivered for two best sons of West Aceh: Abdul Manan & Rahmad Syah Putra, who had established the book. The people will always wait for good

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work of these two for sake of development of West Aceh.

Finally, it was an honor for me giving a foreword upon this valuable book: Alfian Ibrahim: The Conspetor of Higher Educational from West Coast of Aceh. I hoped that such inspiring work would be continuously publish to enrich the treasure of knowledge.

West Aceh Regent  
Period, 2012-2017

DR. (H.C). H. T. Alaidinsyah

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# FOREWORD FROM THE AUTHORS

*This book is a translation version from the book “Alfian Ibrahim dan Universitas Teuku Umar” which has been published in 2017.*

All praise belongs to Allah and peace and salutation may be delivered upon the prophet of Muhammad with all of his family and fellow. We considered that the establishment of this book, *Alfian Ibrahim and The University of Teuku Umar*, was a grace from Allah.

It is our appreciation for one of intellectual figure from the coastal area of western Aceh. He provided concept upon the foundation of the existence for the University of Teuku Umar until it became one of state university on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S. was a figure from coastal area of western Aceh, who had great dedication for his motherland. He is a humble and humanist person that can be close for everybody.

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The process of establishment and conversion to be state university was not as easy as it was said. Many difficulties and constraint faced him and it became a history upon the development of the area of western and southern Aceh.

Thus, inspired by a proverb “The spoken will be forgotten yet writing enduring”, the author established the book entitled *Alfian Ibrahim and The University of Teuku Umar*. It is important to keep a record of this history in the written form to inform us about the process of establishment and conversion. This book was based on several documents and stories from him as resources. The establishment of the book was also a present for Alfian Ibrahim’s, also known as *Ayah Alfian*, 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is expected that the book would inspire younger generation for his role and struggle in developing education in West Aceh.

Finally, as a proverb said “There is no tusk without a crack”, the book still need improvements in many aspects. There is also tendency to mislead the establishment of this book, yet, we only would like to deliver our appreciation for those who had

significant contribution for West Aceh. It would educate us to perform better for sake of the development of West Aceh.

Banda Aceh, March 2018

Abdul Manan&  
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# **BIOGRAPHY OF ALFIAN IBRAHIM**

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Alfian Ibrahim is famous figure in Aceh, particularly on West Aceh. He was known for his academic career and as the first Rector of the University of Teuku Umar in Meulaboh, one of state university within the coastal area of western and southern Aceh. He was born on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1947 in Meulaboh, West Aceh.

The first child of Ibrahim Hamid and Saadah Hanum, Alfian, had a brother and a sister. His brother, Riswan, had passed away; his sister, Tuti Suryani, was a teacher in West Aceh. Alfian was lector in the University of Syiah Kuala, and one of the founders of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh.

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He also got a mandate from the government of West Aceh as the first rector of University of Teuku Umar. The government put high expectation of him to develop the university as a leading university within the coastal area of western and southern Aceh. As the result of his effort, this university had been converted into state university.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 was a memorial day on the history of Aceh, particularly the West Aceh District. This day was the official announcement of University of Teuku Umar as state university within the coastal area of western and southern Aceh. The existence of state university set the foundation of Meulaboh as the city of center education within the coastal area of western and southern Aceh.

Alfian was born in west Aceh; it made him familiar with the culture of western Aceh. He came from a village named Kampung Belakang, where he

was grown up and got first education. In 1953, he entered the Elementary School No. 3 of Meulaboh, yet he only stayed for three years. The rest three years of his primary education was spent on Elementary School No. 2 Meulaboh, and he graduated in 1959. He continued his secondary education in Junior High School No. 1 Meulaboh and graduated in 1962. Then, he entered Senior High School No. 1 Meulaboh taking major on social science and he graduated in 1965. During the time of his study on high school student, he was known for his great ambition to continue studying up to university level.

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# **STUDY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SYIAH KUALA (UNSYIAH)**

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As Alfian explained, on the day of National Examination, there was a unique occasion in Senior High School No. 1 Meulaboh. That day was also the day the principal had the wedding day. Since the principal was absence, the Office of Education Affair of Aceh Province took responsibility upon the examination. Then, the examination was directly supervised by the staff of provincial level.

This occasion led to the unintended impact. On the announcement day of graduation, many students in fact could not pass the examination. The student who did not pass in 1965 thought that it was caused since the examination was directly supervised by the staff of province. It triggered a riot, which the

student made a protest, causing damage upon infrastructure of school.

The damage was so bad that causing the academic activity on school stopped. It made the students who passed the exams did not get the diploma of graduation. It was a requirement to enter university; then the time for enrollment was only several weeks left.

Alfian and his friend decided to go to Banda Aceh despite the fact that they did not possess the diploma. Eighteen students, under the command of Alfian, met A. Malik Sani, a West Aceh figure who was a rector assistant of the University of Syiah Kuala, Banda Aceh. Alfian asked him to arrange a meeting with the Rector of Syiah Kuala University, Prof. Dr. A. Madjid Ibrahim, M.A. for resolving the problem regarding the students from West Aceh.



“...*Bang, tolong jumpakan saya dengan Rektor ... ada beberapa hal yang ingin disampaikan...*” (My brother, please arrange me a meeting with the Rector ... I had to speak about several matters with him...)”)

A. Malik Sani with his humble characters was willing to arrange a meeting between Alfian and the rector. During the meeting, Alfian told his story about the case that he and 18 friends could not continue their study since the riot on their school. He asked for solution to the rector, at that time was Prof. Dr. A. Madjid Ibrahim, MA, to give chance for them to continue their study with the time limit for enrollment was only 2 days left.

Knowing the case, the rector was touched and he told the solution. He asked Alfian to meet the Chief of Region Office for Educational Affair,

Muhammad Idrus, to get an official letter explaining that Alfian and his 18 friends had passed the National Examination. Alfian rushed to meet Muhammad Idrus asking for the letter. By the existence of that official letter, Alfian felt relieved. Now, they can enrolled to the university. Among them enrolled to the University of Syiah Kuala and there were who enrolled to *Akademi Pemerintahan Dalam Negeri* (Academy for Domestic Governance). Meanwhile, Alfian himself enrolled to the University of Syiah Kuala.

When he was a university student, Alfian was known as an active student and he was concerned of his study. He joined several organizations, both internal and external organization of his university. As a student of Faculty of Economy, firstly he joined *Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam* (The Association of Islamic University Student) or

known as HMI, which was led by Fakhurrazzi at that time.

He was an active member of HMI during the period of 1965-1974. During his membership, Alfian was known as an innovative member who often proposed various programs. He also made friend with Sanusi A. Wahab, Dimurthala, dan Sa'adudin Djamal (father of Illiza Sa'adudin Djamal, the previous major of Banda Aceh). Alfian with his friend really dedicated their time for HMI that he found his true self and passion during this time. Alfian confessed that this time provided him invaluable experiences about being a leader.

When he was in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester, Alfian joined in the management of *Dewan Mahasiswa* (Students Board) or also known as DEMA. He got a position of Vice Chairman II. During this time, Afian got acquainted with several members of *Serikat*

*Mahasiswa Muslim Indonesia* (The United of Islamic University Students) or known as SEMMI. Most members of SEMMI were his friend in HMI, even Sanusi A. Wahab, his close friend, was the chairperson of SEMMI. Alfian finally joined SEMMI because he met again his friend in HMI. He was in SEMMI for the period of 1965-1974, during the time Sanusi was a chairperson.

He took the major of Enterprising in the Faculty of Economy. When he was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Alfian had worked as a staff in his faculty. Then, in 1971, the faculty encouraged him enrolling the test to be an administration staff and he passed. After graduating his undergraduate, his rank as government worker raised to be *Penata Muda III/a* (deputy III/a) in 1975.

His was also promoted as the director of Unsyiah Economy Faculty Publishing during 1975-

1977. Then he was also promoted by the Dean of Faculty of Economy as a staff in Students Development Board in that faculty.

During the period of 1976-1979, Alfian was the Head of The Alumni Assembly. Also in 1978, he got an opportunity to be a Vice of Head Division on DIK LM Unsyiah. Again, in 1979 the Rector of Unsyiah promoted his as a secretary for IDAP and as assistant of Vice Rector III.

# STUDY FOR MASTER DEGREE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GADJAH MADA YOGYAKARTA

During the period of 1981-1982, the Rector of the University of Syiah Kuala, Ibrahim Hasan, asked Alfian about his interest to continue his study, as in the following dialogue.

- Ibrahim Hasan* : *Bagaimana Alfian, kenapa anda tidak lanjut S2!*  
*(Alfian, why don't you continue your study for master degree?)*
- Alfian* : *Karena tidak bisa Bahasa inggris Pak*  
*(I had difficulties in English sir)*
- Ibrahim Hasan* : *Yasudah, ambil S2 di dalam negeri Saja.*  
*(Then, just study in domestic university)*

In 1983, the Assistant of Dean III of The Faculty of Economy asked Alfian to pick Dr. Sudarsono, one of a proctor in selection test for postgraduate program. The University of Gadjah Mada cooperated with the University of Syiah Kuala to conduct post-graduate program, then the test was held in Aceh. Alfian accidentally was acquainted with Dr. Sudarsono that he was asked to enroll the test. Alfian passed the test for master degree. One month later, he had been in Yogyakarta to continue his study for master degree in the University of Gadjah Mada.

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# **RIDWAN BADAI & THE UNIVERSITY IN WEST ACEH**

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Formerly, the University of Teuku Umar was under the management of Teungku Chik Dirundeng Foundation. This foundation belonged to the Government of West Aceh Regency. Thus, the principal of this foundation was who officially occupied the regent of this regency.

Malik Ridwan Badai, S. H. one of the founders of the foundations, was willing to develop the education on west Aceh. He thought that the regency required a university. During the period of his leadership as the regent of West Aceh, he took an effort to establish a university in West Aceh besides he also built many facilities such as mosques and sports venues.

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According to H. T. Ahmad Dadek (a historian and cultural observer), there were three pillars of development that were announced during the era of Malik Ridwan Badai leadership. The first pillar was the educational aspect, which referred to the effort of establishing universities including the University of Teuku Umar and STAI (State College of Islamic Studies) Teuku Dirundeng. The next pillar was the development upon social aspects, including the establishment of the Grand Mosque of Baitul Makmur, Meulaboh. The last pillar was sport, including the establishment of sport stadium in Alue Penyareng, sub district of Meureubo, West Aceh.<sup>1</sup>

### **1. Educational Aspect**

The development upon the educational aspect was indicated by the existence of two universities in West Aceh: the University of Teuku Umar and State College of Islamic Studies of Teungku Dirundeng.

Both universities had been converted to be state universities recently. Now, both universities continuously develop the educational aspects within west Aceh, as well as improving the management of educational resources within their institutions. <sup>2</sup>

## **2. Social and Religious Aspect**

The most obvious development during the leadership of Malik Ridwan Badai was the establishment of the great mosque of Baitul Makmur, Meulaboh. This mosque was the greatest and the most beautiful mosque within the coastal area of western and southern Aceh until nowadays.<sup>3</sup> The pioneers upon the establishment was Malik Ridwan Badai, with several founders of State College of Islamic Studies of Teungku Dirundeng, including Tgk. H. Ismail Fachry, Drs. Razali Aziz, Tgk. H. Said Abbas Hasyim (the head of *Majelis Ulama Indonesia* during that time) , H. Iha Ahmad,

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Drs. H. Hasan Abdullah, H. T. Raja Idris, H. Razali PR, and M. Ali Arifin.<sup>4</sup>

The first brick layering ceremony was performed by H. Bustanil Arifin (Minister of Cooperation and Logistic Affair of Indonesia at that time) along with the regent and public figures of West Aceh. The architect was Ir. Alwin Abdullah from Flamboyan Human Artha Enterprise. The first concept of this mosque was an opened area mosque, transparent, and shaded by trees without any fences. Yet, after several time fences were built to protect the area of grazing cattle that often came to the area of the mosque.<sup>5</sup>

The initial paint was planned in white, but this idea was cancelled to make the mosque more fashionable and modern. Firstly, it was PT. Karya Budi that built the mosque, then the activity was taken by the committee under the supervisor of H.

T. Raja Idris, with Utoh Muhammad as field supervisor.<sup>6</sup>

During the era of Drs. H. Teuku Rosman as the regent, the main building had been finished; nonetheless, the mosque still could not be used for the activity of worships. Then, it was Drs. Nasruddin, M. Si., the next regent, that made the finishing touch upon interiors and exteriors of the mosque. Based on the meeting result on 2000, the committee of the establishment chose PT. Krazu Nusantara from Jakarta as the developer of the mosque. It was an experience enterprise for Glass Reinforce Cement (GRC) structure, which attached as the relief on wall and pillars of the mosque. The mosque itself took Mediterranean building style.<sup>7</sup>

### **3. Sports Aspect**

Malik Ridwan Badai also initiated the establishment of sport stadium Alue Peunyerang. It

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was aimed to facilitate the interest of people in West Aceh of sport, as well as to improve the quality of infrastructure for sports. The existence of this stadium not only was a sport facility, but also was an open area for social gathering that was covered by trees as the lung for the city.<sup>8</sup>

# THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUNDATION AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

In 1983, the *ulama* (religious scholars) and several leaders of society initiated the establishment of a foundation, which was aimed to establish a private university in West Aceh. Then, in 1984, *Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh* (Educational Fondation of Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh) was established.<sup>9</sup> It was officially legal on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1984 based on the Legal Document No. 45 by the Hamonongan Silitonga, SH., as the public notary.

This foundation initiated the establishment of a

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university in West Aceh named the University of Teuku Oemar Djohan Pahlawan. The establishment processes were not easy, as it seemed. Several important preparations were required during these processes.<sup>10</sup>

There were five up to ten figures, who were actively involved during these processes. The establishment also required great fund, which only did not come from the regency's budget, but also from private and personal donation. It indicated the enthusiasm of the people of West Aceh upon the existence of university in West Aceh.

The first phase upon the establishment of university in West Aceh was the existence of *Sekolah Pembangunan Pertanian* (School of Agricultural Science). Then, in 1984, there was also *Akademi Pertanian Meulaboh* (Academy of Agriculture of Meulaboh). The existence of those

universities was a result of struggle and effort of the government of West Aceh regency along with the people of West Aceh. It was the hope and expectation of the people of West Aceh and the people of Southern Aceh for the existence of university within their region. <sup>11</sup>

It was told that during the era of Malik Ridwan Badai as the regent, *Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku Dirundeng* (Educational Foundation of Teungku Dirundeng) was founded. This foundation focused on education and art. Under the management of this foundation, the first university was established; it was *Akademi Pertanian Meulaboh* (APM). The academy was established in 1984 and held the diploma for agricultural science. The directors were Ir. Kaharuddin for 1984-1988 and Ir. Nasaruddin Ibrahim for 1988-1992.

Malik Ridwan Badai also provided  $\pm$  400 ha

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area for university in Alue Peunyareng, which formerly was national forest. By the time passed by, this foundation was reformed by the change on Legal Document No. 32 of 1986, which was legalized by Munir, SH., as the public notary.

The existence of *Akademi Pertanian Teungku Dirundeng* with the role of Malik Ridwan Badai was the embryo of tertiary educational institution in West Aceh. It required comprehensive ideas and plans, also the good preparation on legal academic forms. It was indicated by the consideration on the establishment of agricultural science as its department.<sup>12</sup> It was done by considering that 64% of West Aceh area was agricultural and plantation area.<sup>13</sup>

According to historical notes, the conversion status of *Akademi Pertanian* to be *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* (College of Agricultural Science)

was influenced by the students. They demanded the government of West Aceh for status conversion. It was fact that due to the development on various aspects, it was necessary for West Aceh of having tertiary educational institution with higher status. Another reason was since the institution had graduated good alumni, the conversion to higher status was required.

Support from students and several parties encouraged the foundation to improve the productivity and the quality through the conversion. The declaration of zone division by the Governor of Aceh, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Hasan, also encouraged the foundation on status conversion. The governor divided Aceh into several strategic zones, East and North Aceh for industrial zone and Middle, South and West for agricultural zone. This division triggered the enthusiasm of the foundation to

improve the status from academy to the college.<sup>14</sup>

Several efforts, including the preparation of legal and academic documents, were done for the sake of conversion process. The result of their effort came in the form of conversion status. It was legalized by SK DIRJEND DIKTI NO: 635/DIKTI/KEP/1993 on November 23, 1993. Through the existence of this legal document, the status of academy had been raised to be college; now the institution's name was *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* (College of Agricultural Science).

This institution was also managed by *Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku Chik Dirundeng*, in which Ir. Zulfian Ahmad as the first director of the college. The former address located on Jl. Dr. Sutomo No. 1, Meulaboh.

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## ZULFIAN AHMAD & STIP

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After the status conversion, the First Rector of *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* was Ir. Zulfian Ahmad. He struggled in improving the education quality of this institution, particularly upon the department of agriculture. It was expected that the graduates would possess capability in developing agricultural products.<sup>15</sup>

During 2002, the regency of West Aceh was extended to be three regencies: West Aceh, Aceh Jaya, and Nagan Raya. Ir. Zulfian Ahmad was elected to be the regent of Aceh Jaya during the period of 2002-2006.<sup>16</sup> Then, the Rector of *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* was handed to Ir. Rusman Salam, who formerly was the Assistant I for Academic Affair of Rector in that institution. He

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continued programs and plans from the former rector for the development of the institution.<sup>17</sup>

The status conversion of *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* became the initial step of the establishment of the University of Teuku Umar, also known as UTU. In 2002, the government of West Aceh assembled a team to manage the process of establishment. The team was led by the secretary of regency with the assistance from Ir. Erwansyah as the team secretary.

The first step was building coordination with Kopertis Wilayah I (Coordinating Office for Private University region I), which managed tertiary educational institution within the area of North Sumatera and Aceh. The recommendation was then approved for converting *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* to be the University of Teuku Umar.

The team then delivered the proposal documents for status conversion to Dikti (Directorate for High Education) in August 2001. The proposing document was delivered under No.17/YPRM/VII /2001 in September 24, 2001. Dikti suggested several revisions and the documents were sent back to the committed in February 2002 to be completed.

Based on the suggestion by Dikti, which was sent under the letter No.529/ D2/ 2002 in March 20, 2002, the team coordinated with several stakeholders. It was aimed at gathering supports from every involving party in West Aceh, including government offices and other educational institutions. It was also directed as the administration process for initial lecturer and departments, which was considered eligible in the university.

As the responses for the later letter, the committee sent back the completed documents under the letter No.20/YPRM/V /2002 in April 15, 2002 to Dikti. The team escorted the process of completion check, and then it was found that the documents were still incomplete. In the letter No.946/ D2/2002 by Dikti, it was revealed that the copy of Certificate of Establishment under Public Notary Legal Document No. 45 was not attached. Finally, after the completion process, based on the discussion with team from Subdit Program Studi Ditjen Dikti (Sub Directorate Department for Study Program of Dikti), the Educational Foundation of Tengku Chik Dirundeng was permitted to establish the University of Teuku Umar. The permit was legalized by Letter of Decission DIRJEN DIKTI No. 1318/D/D2/ 2002 in June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Ir. Rusman Salam once experienced protest by

students refusing his policies. Then, in 2004, Ir. Erwansyah was inducted as the rector for 2004-2010 period. By the end of 2004, the earthquake and tsunami overwhelmed Aceh, which caused major destruction upon facilities. This disaster affected the activities of teaching and learning in the university. All academic activities had been shut down.

Ir. Erwansyah was simultaneously inducted with the rector of STAI (College of Islamic Studies) Teungku Dirundeng, Drs. Syamsul Nahar at the Auditorium of Setdakab, West Aceh. His first task was reintegrating students who survived during the disaster. It had been a great responsibility since the major damage made it just like building the institution from nothing.

The process on establishing the University of Teuku Umar required great efforts and struggle. It



was initiated by forming committed on status conversion from *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* to be University of Teuku Umar. The first legalization was gained by the Letter of Decision by Dikti on behalf of The Minister of Education of Indonesia. The letter legalized status improvement based in The Letter of Decision No. 262/D/O/2006 in November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, which was announced during the era of Teuku Alamsyah Banda as the incumbent regent. This permit later was altered to be Regulation by The Ministry of Education of Indonesia No. 200.D/O/2009, legalized in December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

The conversion status from *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* to be University of Teuku Umar altered the principal of the institutions. It was Alfian Ibrahim, MS., who was inducted as the first rector of the University of Teuku Umar. The process of

the establishment of the University of Teuku Umar inevitably involved many people and institutions. This institution is expected to give contribution upon the development of agriculture and fishery upon the area.

The University of Teuku Umar named after a national hero from West Aceh, Teuku Umar. With his wife Cut Nyak Dhien, he fought the invader in Aceh. He was a smart hero, which proofed by his specific strategy and tactic during the war. It made Dutch, as the invader, afraid of him. <sup>18</sup>

He was died by a bullet on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1899, just before dawn. An ambushed by a small team under the command of Lieutenant Van Brugh attacked him in the beach of Ujong Kalak, 2 kilometers from the city of Meulaboh.

The body of Teuku Umar then was taken by his army to Pasi Mangat Tanjong Meulaboh. The

way taking this body was not easy since they went to several villages: Pucok Luung, Reudep, and finally to Pasi Mangat, where his body was buried besides his mother's tomb. Six month later, his tomb was dug again since the people were afraid that the enemy knew about the tomb. His body was moved to Gunong Meulintang (Cot Manyang) Mugo. Then, after 8 months, the body was moved again to Gunog Glee Rayeuk Tameeh, in Mugo, Kaway XVI regency, 42 kilometres from the city of Meulaboh.<sup>19</sup>

The spirit of Teuku Umar became foundation for the university to continue his fight in the educational field. It was also a proud of the people of West Aceh for having this brave hero, and then named the university after him reminded people for his sacrifice during the colonial era. His patriotism had to be passed through generation, who now had

to fight the globalization.<sup>20</sup> The university along with the government of West Aceh was expected to develop the area by formulating concepts and ideas upon the enhancement of welfare of the people.

The area of Western and Southern Aceh was verged by the Hindia Ocean, which made this area was considered as coastal area. It also provided many potencies in fishery, agriculture, and plantation. Therefore, ideas and concepts upon the development within aforementioned fields were required for the sake of development. It was the task for the university formulating such ideas, concepts, and research to build this area better.<sup>21</sup>

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# TEUKU ROSMAN & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

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During the era of Teuku Rosman as the regent of West Aceh, the development and the improvement of the University of Teuku Umar was made. He altered the rule about leadership of the educational foundation of Teungku Dirundeng. Formerly, it was stated that the leader of foundation was personal, which was held by Malik Ridwan Badai. Then, Teuku Rosman changed it that the regent of West Aceh would automatically become the leader of the foundation.<sup>22</sup>

The conversion status from *Akademi Pertanian Melaboh* to be *Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian* also occurred during his era. The proposal for establishing the University of Teuku

Umar was also delivered by him to the government of Indonesia, even though it was not accomplished until he passed away and ended his period as the regent.

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## **NASRUDDIN & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR**

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The incumbent regent after the death of Teuku Rosman was Drs. Nasruddin, M.Si. He occupied it for the period of 1998-2004 yet, it was not too long time, since the incumbent regent then was occupied by Drs. Syahbuddin BP, MM. After the election, again officially Drs. Syahbuddin BP, MM was elected as the regent of West Aceh for the period of 1998-2004 and 2004-2006. He also became the leader of educational foundation of Tengku Dirundeng, which managed the University of Teuku Umar and the College of Islamic Studies of Tengku Dirundeng.

During his leadership, three buildings for academic activities were built in Alue Peunyareng.

The resource for fund was from the West Aceh governance with the help of the governance of Aceh province.



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## TSUNAMI IN WEST ACEH

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After the disasters of tsunami and earthquake in December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the West Aceh governance got many supports from various international nongovernment organization (NGO). This area, under the leadership of Drs. Nasruddin, M.Si., rebuild again many facilities and infrastructures that had been damaged by tsunami.

This reintegration and rebuild was also conducted for the University of Teuku Umar. Eventhough the newly established institution got bad impact from the disasters; the government of West Aceh still had great willing to develop it to be one of the best universities in Aceh. The government had great expectation that this univesty could assist the rebuilding program through

innovative research and plans.

After the tsunami, Nasruddin got the fund from Surya Paloh under the Sukma Foundation. Approximately 10 billion Rupiahs had been delivered by the program of *Dompot Kemanusiaan Indonesia* from Sukma Foundation for the government of West Aceh. This fund was allocated for building new infrastructures, particularly new building for the faculty of agriculture, sea, and fishery of the University of Teuku Umar. The fund was officially given in May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the office of Media Group by Surya Paloh, as the CEO of Media Group, and it was received by Drs. Nasruddin, M. Si., as the regent of West Aceh.

During the era of his leadership, several building had been established, including the building for rector and building for the faculty of economy. The fund, which took

Rp3.174.511.000,00 came from several sources, including the government of West Aceh, the government of Aceh province, and privat and personal aids. During this era, the development of the university had been established well by the participation of every party.

# SOFYANIS & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

The acceleration upon development of the university was conveyed during the era of Drs. Sofyanis. He assembled a board of committee called *Tim Percepatan Pendirian Universitas Teuku Umar* (Team for Accelerating the Operational of The University of Teuku Umar), with Dr. Burhanuddin Yasin, M.Ed as the chief of the committee. The team arranged several plans and preparations for proposing the operational permit of the university.

One day, several member of this committee visited the Alfian in Darussalam, Banda Aceh. Among them were Dr. Burhanuddin Yasin, M., Ed, Drs. Ridwan Nyak Ben, Rusmahdi, SH, Dr. Musyidin Zakaria, MA, Dr. Kudri, S.T., MT, T.

Iskandar Daod. SE, Ek, M.Si and Mahrizal, SE, M.Si. They asked Alfian for his assistant on the operational permit legalization. Alfian help it by contacting the Secretary of Dirjen Pendidikan Tinggi (Dikti) in Jakarta few days later.

After several processes and discussion, the team was invited to bring presentation about the university in Jakarta in May 2<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This rapid progress was occurred by to the help of one Alfian's colleague in the Dikti.

The committee was happily responded the progress about operational permit. Several people then attended the presentation in Jakarta. After the presentation, one of the Head of Department said *“Bagus! Ini akan kami tindak lanjuti, tapi kalau ada apa-apa nantinya Pak Alfian yang bertanggung jawab ya, kami pegangnya Pak Alfian”* (It was very good and we will processed it. Yet, we hope Alfian

was responsible of every circumstances during this process; we trusted him).

Then, he also added as in the following.

*Pak Alfian...? Apa yang disampaikan oleh UTU ini dalam presentasi nampaknya ya... kami mengertilah. Tapi bagi kami apa yang disampaikan itu sepertinya semua itu tidak ada, katanya UTU ada Lab, Dosen Lengkap, dan lain-lain sebagainya. Tapi sesungguhnya bagi kami itu tidak ada sama sekali, hanya sebagai pelengkap syarat saja. Tapi tidak apa-apa kami akan bantu. Namun, sebagai dasarnya, buat saja MoU dengan Universitas Syiah Kuala supaya dasarnya kuat untuk proses pengurusan tersebut.*

(Mr. Alfian...? What the team had been presented we understood. Yet, all things said, such as the existence of laboratory, lectures, and so on were seemed still insufficient. But it was O.K; we would help it. You could arrange the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Syiah Kuala as the basis for legal permit).

Alfian thought that it was impossible for a person to bear such great responsibilities. Moreover, he was still a lecturer in the Faculty of Economy at the University of Syiah Kuala. It was impossible for him helping another university without any permission from the university. Once, he had a discussion regarding it with a staff from West Aceh regency.

*Pemda : Maka bagaimana juga agar bisa  
membantu untuk daerah?*

(Pemda : What made it possible for you to  
Help for the region?)

*Alfian : Pemda harus membuatn MoU  
dengan Universitas Syiah Kuala*

(Alfian : The West Aceh regent had to arrange  
a Memorandum of Understanding  
with the University of Syiah Kuala)

*Pemda : Kalau begitu kita buat kerjasama Pemda*

*dengan Universitas Syiah Kuala.*

(Pemda : Then, we well arranged the  
cooperation with the university)

The MoU between the government of West Aceh and the University of Syiah Kuala was set on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The rector of University of Syiah Kual, Prof. Dr. Abdi A. Wahab would assist the government of West Aceh upon the establishment of a University in West Aceh. Meanwhile, the regent of West Aceh was hospitalized due to his health condition.

However, he, who was accompanied by his son, Frans Delian, still signed the MoU, which one of its items stated that the University of Syiah Kuala would assist the University of Teuku Umar upon the teaching and learning process. By the existence of this memorandum, the committee gained more spirit



and courage upon the process of operational limit legalization.

It was a condolence for the people of West Aceh that Sofyanis had passed away during this process. Then, the regent of West Aceh was occupied by Teuku Alamsyah Banta, who originated from Bireun.

# TEUKU ALAMSYAH BANTA & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

Eventhough Teuku Alamsyah Banta was not originated from the West Aceh, yet he had strong commitment upon the acceleration for the operational of the University of Teuku Umar. He assigned several important people, including Alfian, to prepare the operational permit of the university. Alfian then continue his effort by performing several lobbies upon this process.

As the result, on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, the permit was legalized; it was also the commemoration of Heroes' Day in Indonesia. Drs. Ridwan Nyak Ben, as the leader of the committee board, then went to Jakarta to receive the letter, and

delivered it for the government of West Aceh. Alfian was satisfied and happy knowing it; he thought that he could continue his duty as a lecture in the university of Syiah Kuala.

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# **OPERATIONAL PERMIT AND BECOMING AS THE FIRST RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR MEULABOH**

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However, Alfian's thought was wrong. The government of West Aceh has another plan, which was assigning him as a first Rector. The Operational Permit was planned to be given to Alfian by the government of West Aceh to in the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 at Secretariat Hall of West Aceh Area. In preparing the schedule, the regent of West Aceh, in fact, called his team and asked T. Iskandar Daod to call Alfian Ibrahim to attend the event in Meulaboh, of whom was still in Banda Aceh. The following is the recorded conversation on the phone between T. Iskandar Daod and Alfian:

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                 Educational from West Coast of Aceh

*Iskandar Daod: Assalamu'alaikum, Brother,*

*Alfian : Yes, Is. Wa'alaikumsalam. What is  
it, Is?*

*Iskandar Daod: Brother... Our regent here asks  
you to go home to Meulaboh due to the  
official handover of the University of Teuku  
Umar Operational Permit.*

*Alfian : Geez, Why should I go home? I  
mean it is just the symbolic handover.  
There is no need to attend the event.*

*Iskandar Daod: Yes, I know, Brother. But the regent  
demands you to come home and attend the  
event. Wait, the regent wants to talk with  
you.*

The telephone was directed to the Regent of  
West Aceh, Teuku Alamsyah Banta.

*Teuku Alamsyah : Hello, Mr. Alfian.*

*Alfian : Yes, Mr. Regent. How is it, Sir?*

*Teuku Alamsyah : Oh come on. Why do not you come home for this event? I courageously come to West Aceh to develop your region, although I am from Bireuen. As an individual of West Aceh, why do not you come home to serve your own region? Prove that you are really the native of West Aceh*

*Alfian : Well then, Mr. Regent. By the will of Allah, I will be there.*

The telephone call was ended. Alfian worried of what has been asked by the regent of West Aceh, Teuku Alamsyah, to him. Finally, he decided to fulfil the request of the regent to attend the symbolic handover ceremony of the University of Teuku Umar Operational Permit.

Alfian decided to come home to Meulaboh in

order to attend the event. During the event, he was welcomed affectionately by the government of West Aceh and other guests. The event was successfully running as expected. In reality, the government of West Aceh has a plan to assign Alfian as the rector. When the event was over, the regent called Alfian into his office room. The point of the meeting is as follows:

*“Alfian! This the key. This is the University of Teuku Umar. Carry it whatever you like! You will act as the Rector*

Alfian was surprised to hear the words of the regent. Behind his coming to Meulaboh in order to attend the event, he was actually appointed as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar. He directly responded the appointment by uttering:

*“There is no way I am appointed like this. I still have the institution and the superior. If the government of West Aceh really needs the position, then, an official letter describing the supporting position in University of Teuku Umar is necessary. The letter must be issued by the rector of Syiah Kuala University.”*

Eventually, the government of West Aceh created a letter addressed to the current rector of Syiah Kuala University in Banda Aceh, Prof. Dr. Darni M. Daod, MA., related to the Alfian’s request beseeching to assist the University of Teuku Umar.

The Rector of Syiah Kuala University responded the letter issued by the government of West Aceh to him. He approved the request so Alfian could serve the University of Teuku Umar as the Rector. At last, Alfian was officially appointed as the first Rector of University of Teuku Umar in



Meulaboh on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The government of West Aceh put hopes on his shoulder to earn rapid process of building development upon the University of Teuku Umar.

Alfian Ibrahim who previously held the position of Rector Assistance II at Syiah Kuala University was given full trust to lead the University of Syiah Kuala. He was appointed as the rector of University of Teuku Umar over the decision of the foundation for 5 years.

The employment of Alfian Ibrahim as the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar was an output coordinated between the government of West Aceh and Syiah Kuala University due to development of the university.<sup>23</sup> Alfian Ibrahim, finally, decided to return to his district, West Aceh, to build and manage the campus that has been given the mandate to himself by the government of West

Aceh.

At the beginning of his serving in West Aceh, Alfian Ibrahim felt that he worked alone. However, by a variety of supports given by the government of West Aceh at that time, he became discouraged and kept trying to manage the college properly. He initiated to ask Cut Suwarni, Ridwan Nyak Ben, and Iskandar Daod to become the Vice Rector. Furthermore, they formulated an assortment of programs and events that were prepared for the campus.

After all planning organised appropriately, an issue arose. The issue was “the students”. Due to the existence of a new college, the essential factor that greatly influenced was the presence of the students. To overcome the issue, Alfian Ibrahim and some of his team submitted a letter to *Kopertis* (Coordinating Office among Private Universities) of

Aceh to open the registration quickly for new students in the campus of the University of Teuku Umar.

Prime Lecture of Teuku Umar University (UTU) was opened by Prof. Dr. Kamaruddin M. Said from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Setia Usaha Agung Assembly Malaysian Professor Negara with a series of activities of Public Lecture at the Meulaboh Nursing Academy Hall (Akper). The idea to bring Prof. Dr. Kamaruddin M. Said was initiated by Dr. Mursyidin, MA. Because Prof. Kamaruddin M. Said is very close to him. Starting from the opening of the first lecture then Teuku Umar University has moved to International. The people who were present at the opening of the inaugural lecture of Teuku Umar University (UTU) were Governor of Aceh represented by Head of Regional Development Planning Agency

(BAPPEDA) Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Lubis, M.Sc, Danrem 012 TU Azhari Siregar and other well-known figures of West Aceh.

After studying all the rules properly, the application was finally approved by the *Kopertis*. Alfian together with his team started inaugurating the first registration for new students in the University of Teuku Umar in March 2007. Those applicants originated from remote colleges, which had already closed. Eventually, they signed up to the University of Teuku Umar.

There were 350 students accepted from the first registration. Meanwhile, the lectures were conducted in SMP (Junior High School) No.1 Meulaboh, West Aceh. Moreover, Alfian Ibrahim and his team tried as hard as they could to look for a wide range of support for the development of the University of Teuku Umar, specifically the support

from the government of West Aceh and the foundation.

Then, six months later, in July 2007 precisely, the campus was moved to the new location, Alue Peunyareng, by the support of Danrem 012/TU Kol. M. Nizam. The new building was donated from the Foundation of Sukma Surya Paloh. Alfian Ibrahim kept managing the college as best as possible until 2010.

During his duty for 5 years, starting from 2006 until 2010, Alfian led the development of the University of Teuku Umar. The development was growing so fast. It was proved by the number of students studying in the university that reach approximately 1200 students.

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After his period as the Rector was end, Alfian Ibrahim felt that he done enough to lead the campus. He thought that it was the best time to seek for the next cadre to led the University of Teuku Umar and continue the relay of his leadership. However, his fiends urged him to resume his leadership as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar. They demanded him as a candidate for the rector in the next rector election.

The Rector election of the University of Teuku Umar was held on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 11 AM. The election, which took place in the hall building of the campus in Alue Peunyareng, was attended by the chairperson of the foundation, T.

Bustami Puteh. From the rector election for stewardship of 2010-2014, three candidates were nominated, namely Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, MS, Ir. Malik Ali, M.Si and Dr. Edwarsyah, SP., MP.

In that senate meeting followed by 17 senate members, the election was undertaken by generating dilemmatic results, namely Alfian Ibrahim = nine votes, Malik Ali = zero, and Edwarsyah = eight votes. However, due to the result, a great political conflict was occurred in the University of Teuku Umar. Some parties did not want to accept their loss. Thus, the selection process conducted by the senate was returned to the foundation.

Due to the political conflict happened, Alfian Ibrahim decided to return to Banda Aceh and did not expect divisions among the parties in the

University of Teuku Umar. By giving the authority to the foundation to take the final decision related to the Rector election, Alfian Ibrahim accepted any decision issued by the foundation. According to him, the position of Rector was not everything if it was compared to the progress of the campus itself.

In addition, leading the University of Teuku Umar was not his ambition. It was the request from the local government and various parties. Hence, when the campus had already advanced, it was time for Alfian Ibrahim to return to his former position and leave the campus with a change.

Finally, the foundation decided and set Ir. Rusdi Faizin, M.P. as the temporary rector of the University of Teuku Umar replacing the former rector, Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S., of whom his duty was over at the end of October 2010. In the decree, the position of temporary rector would remain valid



for six months.

As he returned to Banda Aceh, Alfian Ibrahim was requested to serve for *Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Informatika dan Komputer U'budiyah* (the College of Information Management and Computer Science of U'budiyah, currently known as the University of U'Budiyah Indonesia, Banda Aceh). He was asked to lead the campus. One year later, the result of decision was announced by the foundation. The institution revealed that Malik Ali would become the next rector of the University of Teuku Umar.

The reason behind the appointment of Malik Ali as the next rector of the University of Teuku Umar was to fill the emptiness of leadership in the college. Amusingly, the base of his appointment as the rector triggered a big question mark from all parties, including academics, religious figures,

publics, and the students. The base of the appointment did not refer to any of the election conducted by the senate of the University of Teuku Umar.

If it was referred to the election held by the senate, Malik Ali did not have any vote. During the political situation in that time, the regent of West Aceh as well as the Counsellor Foundation of the University of Teuku Umar, Ramli, M.S., decided him as the new Rector without any consideration.

Furthermore, according to GSF (Grassroots Society Foundation), the process of rector selection missed the term listed in the statute of the University of Teuku Umar in that time. The overlook was forgotten by either the election committee or the foundation. The forgotten term was itemised in line with article 25 paragraph 1 in the University of Teuku Umar statute. It mentioned

that the university senate had its duty and authority. The paragraph i proposed that out of three rector candidates nominated to the foundation, the official Rector would be chosen based on the most vote obtained in the Meeting Senate. Meanwhile, paragraph j selected the rector through the Senate Plenary Session. Moreover, paragraph k suggested that the chosen rector directed to the foundation would be legalised as a definitive rector.

Due to the wrong decision and interpretation of the statute, the definitive rector did not do much. In addition, there was contention delivered by the students, staffs, and the foundation. Other parties associated with the university also contributed to the controversy.

Meanwhile, on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the regent of West Aceh, H. Ramli, M.S., appointed Malik Ali as the new rector of the University of Teuku Umar

definitively. The appointment, which was conducted in Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, was ended chaotically. The students were involved scuffles with the municipal polices who tried to dissuade them. The students strained to cancel the appointment.

The students who disrupted the inauguration mounted the table and chairs while yelling, “this inauguration is illegitimate”. They also seized and tore up the text of the oath read out by the regent, Ramli M.S., who was also known as the Foundation Counsellor for the Educational Foundation of Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan (*Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*).

However, the inaugural ceremony was finished, although the process was disordered. The municipal polices were forced to form a circle to protect the regent while reciting the oath as well as

the decree for Ir. Malik Ali, M.Si., along with the executive board of the foundation committee. The uproar started after the secretary of the foundation, Muslem Raden read out the decree for the foundation committees. The students climbed into the pulpit while yelling, “This inauguration is illegitimate because it does not fit with the existed rules”. The incident made hundreds of participants, ranging from the *Surat Keterangan Perjalanan Dinas* (the Permit Later for Official Later) Head of West Aceh and other audiences were flabbergasted.

Seeing such incident, the municipal polices directly attempted to secure the crowd of the students who have swarmed in the room. “This inauguration refusal is occurred since it has no legal entity and authorisation,” said the student president of the University of Teuku Umar, Irfan Sutia.

As the leader of the students at that time, Irfan

mentioned that the foundation never discussed the inauguration. Besides, it was like covered to the students. The perspective became more convincing because the rector appointment was held when the students were off.

*“Mr. Ali is also one of the voters although he did not get any vote. It is hilarious since Ramli, M.S., is appointed suddenly as the rector. Moreover, it seems deliberately done when the students are off,”* said Irfan Sutia.

The students offered two solutions to overcome the conflict, namely conducting re-election or continuing the previous election. There was the rector election planned to appoint a definitive rector as the foundation's expectation without involving the senate members. According to Irfan, this intrigue was concerned as an injured democratic process happened in the University of

Teuku Umar. However, the appointment went ahead despite the uproar was ensued. The regent of West Aceh, Ramli, M.S continued the rector inauguration.<sup>24</sup>

Although the situation was muddled, the inauguration and the oath of rector position of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh were still performed until it was over. After doing the inauguration, the regent did his speech among the crowds of students who were guarded by municipal polices. In his speech, the regent conveyed that the rector election was done in accordance with the creed of the Ministry of Educational Affair, the Education Act, and other regulations related to the rector election. Thus, the decision made was in line with the mechanism of the inauguration and existing rules. Then, he clarified that the rector election was not associated with the students since

their task was to learn. The speech was replied by the applause of the audiences.<sup>25</sup>

Furthermore, while the regent of West Aceh, H. Ramli, M.S was giving his speech, one of the students who did not accept the speech tried to throw an iron seat towards him. However, the student was directly captured by the officers. Once the process was finished, the regent, Ramli, M.S., along with *Muswarah Pimpinan Daerah* (Regional Consultative Councils), officials, academic staffs, community figures, Islamic scholars, as well as the leaders of local social organisation congratulated to the elected rector directly who was being escorted by the municipal polices. Moreover, the regent, Ramli, M.S, was also escorted by the polices when he was going back to his official old green vehicle, Toyota Land Cruiser with the license plate of BL 1E.<sup>26</sup>

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# RAMLI MS & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

At the time the regent of West Aceh, Ramli, M.S., was in his duty, he did a couple of things upon the University of Teuku Umar. First, in accordance with the Act No.16 of 2001 and the Act No, 28 of 2004 related to the foundation, the *Yayasan Pendidikan* (the Educational Foundation) of Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh turned into *Yayasan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan* (The Educational Foundation of Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan) with the certificate No.155 of 2009 issued by a notary, Azhar Ibrahim, S.H.

Furthermore, over the time, the University of Teuku Umar kept settling and maintaining its quality to become as a state university. It is

understandable since the Southern and Western of Aceh consists of seven districts/municipalities (West Aceh, Aceh Jaya, Nagan Raya, Southwest Aceh, Simeulue Islands, South Aceh, Aceh Singkil, and the city of Subulussalam) has no any state university.

Another reason, in that moment, most people occupying the region of Barat Selatan Aceh (Southern and Western Aceh) had to go to the capital of Aceh Province, Banda Aceh, in case they wanted to continue their education to a state university. They preferred to select two state universities in Banda Aceh (the University of Syiah Kuala and the Islamic State University of Ar-Raniry) or they registered for the University of Malikussaleh in the city of Lhokseumawe,

Moreover, to reach those three universities, it could be costly. During that moment, the economy

of the communities settling in the region of Southern and Western Aceh was low, even the people lived in poverty. Additionally, private universities were also limited; even more the state universities.

Regarding to those considerations along with the support of the government of West Aceh, the Educational Foundation of Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan (*Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*) committed to improve the status of the University of Teuku Umar as a state university. Since the Operational Permit was issued in 2006, the University of Teuku Umar declared itself as the *Kampung Jantoeng Hatee Masyarakat Barat Selatan Aceh* (the campus become as a pride among people in Southern and Western Aceh). The struggle to change the status of the campus was enforced. The efforts were undertaken by the

academics of the University of Teuku Umar, the students, and the government of West Aceh.

In the beginning, the team of status conversion for the campus was formed. The team was in charge of drafting the proposal of status conversion along with cooperating to various parties due to obtaining recommendations against the university.

In addition to the University of Teuku Umar trying to change its status, there was another campus demanding the same issue, *Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh* (Islamic College of Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh). However, both universities successfully received their expected status as the state universities in 2014. The achievement were earned during the leaderships of dr. (HC) H.T. Alaidinsyah as the regent of West Aceh and Drs. H. Rachmat Fitri, H.D, M. P.A., as the vice regent.

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## **RIDWAN HASAN & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR**

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At the end of leadership period of Ramli, M.S. as the regent of West Aceh was over, temporarily, the government appointed the new official regent, Ridwan Hasan. During his brief period of leadership as incumbent for the regent of West Aceh, he did several attempts to speed the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar.

He was helped and coordinated with the foundation and the campus. During his duty as the temporary regent, Ridwan committed quite seriously the acceleration of the University of Teuku Umar in Southern and Western Aceh. On Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, he greeted the visit of Commission Committee X of *Dewan Perwakilan*

*Rakyat* (People Representatives). The committee wanted to conduct hospitality in order to change the status of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh in the Hall of Secretariat Regional of West Aceh. In his greeting, the Vice Chairman of Commission Committee X of *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat*, H. Syamsul Bahri S. M.Sc., clarified that the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh could be implemented if all assets and files needed to the requirements were submitted to the government in this year.

*“If all files can be submitted as soon as possible, by the will of God, the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh can be done completely in 2012 or in 2013”.*

He admitted that the requirements for the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh has completed. The status just has to wait

for the certificate of the land. The Chairman of *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan* in West Aceh, Rusmahdi S.H., admitted that all requirements needed to complete the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar was being finalised, including the certificate of the land. “Of the total of 199 hectares of arable land, we have allocated the land to the University of Teuku Umar for 50 hectares, while the rest is used for the development of other buildings for science education,” he said.

Meanwhile, the incumbent of the regent of West Aceh, Ridwan Hasan, S.H., M.M., claimed that the visit of the Commission Committee X of *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat* to Meulaboh gave the positive impact to the development and progress of the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar, which has become the pride of local people.

“The visit brought a bright spot against the process of status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh that has been expected by the people in the Southern and Western Coast of Aceh.”

Regarding to the visit, Malik Ali as the rector, the academics of the University of Teuku Umar, the Foundation, and the government of West Aceh kept preparing to meet the requirements to accelerate the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar in the Southern and Western of Aceh.



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## **H.T. ALAIDINSYAH/RACHMAT FITRI HD & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR**

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During the reign of H.T. Alaidinsyah as the regent of West Aceh and Rachmat Fitri HD as the vice regent, the government of West Aceh kept improving the field of education. Various efforts were kept doing.

On many occasion during his governance, he often conveyed that the government of West Aceh under his leadership along with Rachmat Fitri HD as the vice regent, truly committed to the development of education. It was in accordance with his vision, “The realisation of prosperous, healthy, and insightful West Aceh.”<sup>27</sup>

In that period, there were several parties

indeed to cooperate in accelerating the beloved campus, the University of Teuku Umar. The mentioned parties were the regent of West Aceh and his vice, H.T. Alaidinsyah and Drs. H. Rachmat Fitri, HD, M.P.A. As the regional controller, they gave serious attention towards the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar in West Aceh.

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## **REVAMPING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR**

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As the Counsellor of *Yayasan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*, H.T. Alaidinsyah initially did a revamping to the administrator within the University of Teuku Umar. He changed the rector of the University of Teuku Umar to ensure the quick process and realisation of the status conversion carried out in his period.

The University of Teuku Umar was the largest campus in the coastal areas of Southern and Western Aceh and it became as the object of the society to study. Therefore, the advance of the University of Teuku Umar was depended on the rector in order to increase the quality of human

resources, as well as creating a more scientific atmosphere in the campus.<sup>28</sup>

According to H.T. Alaidinsyah, the rector election of the University of Teuku Umar has done due to the improper mechanism. The appointment of Malik Ali as the rector of the mentioned university in the reign of Ramli, MS, as the regent of West Aceh, has raised a myriad of question marks from all parties, either academics, religious figures, societies, or the students. However, the selection has been done due to filling the emptiness of the rector position. The rector election, according to the regent, was not based on the election done by the Senate of the University of Teuku Umar. In fact, the senate meeting joined by 17 of its members resulted the following outcome, namely: Alfian Ibrahim=9 votes, Malik Ali=0, and Edwarsyah=8 votes.

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Holding to the result, H.T. Alaidinsyah felt to call back Alfian Ibrahim as the real rector selected by the senate members conducted some time ago and it was not affected by any political interest. This was done to contribute the process of status conversion, so the definitive rector was necessary to meet the requirements as expected.

# RESTORING THE TRUST IN ALFIAN IBRAHIM

A year later, when H.T. Alaidinsyah was appointed as the regent of West Aceh for the period 2012 to 2017, Alfian Ibrahim was called to serve the University of Teuku Umar as its Rector. Some representatives commissioned by the regent of West Aceh came to pick up Alfian. The representatives were Dr. Musyidin, Masrizal, S.E., and others. Meanwhile, the students and activists from the University of Teuku Umar, of whom consisted of Jeumpa, Romi, Bogel, and others, separately met Alfian at *Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Informatika dan Komputer U'budiyah Banda Aceh*.

Alfian, in that time, was a Rector of the aforementioned college. In that meeting, they hoped

that he would come back to West Aceh to serve the University of Teuku Umar and to attempt the status conversion of the university as soon as possible. In reality, Alfian also acted as one of members in preparing status conversion for *Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Informatika dan Komputer U'budiyah* to the University of U'budiyah Indonesia. After various considerations, he finally decided to return to the University of Teuku Umar in order to realise the University of Teuku Umar as a State University.

After leaving the position as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh more than a year, finally, Drs. H. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S., was appointed by H.T. Alaidinsyah who acted as the regent of West Aceh, replacing the former rector, Ir. Abdul Malek Ali. The appointment of Alfian Ibrahim as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar for the period of 2012-2016 was conducted

by the regent of West Aceh, H.T. Alaidinsyah, who also acted as the Chairman of the Board of *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*. The appointment was done on Friday, December 14, 2012.

The procession of Rector vicissitude took place in the Regent Office Hall of West Aceh marked by the process of the inauguration and its oath. The inauguration was attended by several figures, namely the vice regent of West Aceh (Drs. H. Rachmar Fitri, HD, M.PA.), the regent of Nagan raya (Drs. H.T. Zulkarnaini), Chief of Police of West Aceh (Assistant Commissioner of Police, Faisal Rivai), Military District Commander 0105 of West Aceh (Mara Ongku Nasution, S.H.), the Chairman of *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan* (Rusmadi S.H.), and all academics of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh.



The Regent of West Aceh, H.T. Alaidinsyah expected that the University of Teuku Umar might be able to run the management and the organisation within the university properly by appointing Alfian Ibrahim as the new rector. The regent also hoped that the appointment of the new rector could able to establish good coordination among all academics and activists of the campus, so there would be no internal conflict anymore. Ultimately, the process of the status conversion could be carried out appropriately.<sup>29</sup>

# THE PROBLEM OF RECTOR VICISSITUDE ISSUED BY MALIK ALI

The Rector vicissitude was complained by the former Rector, Ir. Abdul Malik Ali, M.Si. He presumed that his replacement was not suitable with the academic mechanism. In fact, he was appointed to serve the University of Teuku Umar as the Rector until 2015. Nevertheless, before the inauguration of the new rector was initiated, the foundation read out the decree of dismissal upon the previous rector, Ir. Abdul Malik Ali, and appointed the next one, Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S.

The replacement, according to him, was never coordinated with him. He also has been questioned to the foundation and the regent as the Chairman of the Campus Board that the rector vicissitude was

incompatible with the academic mechanism.<sup>30</sup> “I was not informed over my replacement. I knew that I would be replaced on Thursday afternoon. It should be the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar that must be mainly concerned, not the position of rector,” he said disappointedly.

The regent, in his speech, revealed that the rector vicissitude was the real result gathering from the election of the senate members. It was held some time ago and it was not affected by any political interest. “This is conducted to support the process of the status conversion, so the definitive and qualified rector is necessary to be appointed as has been established,” said the regent.

# **BIG RESPONSIBILITY OF ALFIAN IBRAHIM IN CONVERTING THE STATUS OF UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR**

Alfian Ibrahim was officially appointed as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh after the process of the rector inauguration. He thanked to those who believed in him to act as the Rector again. He asked *Musyawarah Pimpinan* some feedbacks due to fostering the development of the University of Teuku Umar. Before he took the Rector position for the second times, he was the first rector of the University of Teuku Umar for five years, starting from 2006 to 2010. The period was the moments of getting the Operational Permit upon

the University of Teuku Umar in 2006.

On the point of view of Alfian, the second trust given to him was a big mandate in order to succeed the vision and mission of the regent/vice regent of West Aceh. One of the goals was to make the University of Teuku Umar as a state university in the coastal region of Southern and Western Aceh.

Alfian also uttered his program and expectation towards the University of Teuku Umar. One of them was to speed up the status conversion of the campus, to strengthen the institution and resources, and to establish the coordination with various colleges.

Furthermore, he also tried to communicate with his colleagues, including the regent/vice regent in the Southern and Western Aceh. He asked them to give attention to the University of Teuku Umar,

so it could become as a state university as soon as possible.

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## THE MAIN TASK

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In the beginning, the first task done by Alfian was to create the relationship and cooperation between the University of Teuku Umar and various agencies. He also concerned with the internal problem of the University of Teuku Umar.

His first determination was preparing materials for the process of status conversion for the university. The first thing done by him was managing the certificate of the land. Alfian began building communication with the *Kantor Badan Pertanahan Nasional* (National Land Affairs Agency). Then, he came to the *Kantor Badan Pertanahan Nasional* of West Aceh to meet its Head, Ir. Rafsanjani. Alfian wanted to make a closer relationship with him in order to find the

solution related to the land certificate of the University of Teuku Umar, which was the main condition within the requirements of status conversion.

From the meeting, Ir. Rafsanjani as the Head of *Badan Pertahanan Nasional* of West Aceh suggested him to meet Teuku Sulaiman, S.H (formed Head of *Badan Pertanahan Nasional* of West Aceh).

*Alfian : ...How is the solution to resolve the land problem in the University of Teuku Umar?*

*Rafsanjani : ... I do not know too much against the mechanism. As my advice, try to meet Mr. Teuku Sulaiman. He was the former Head of Badan Pertanahan Nasional of West Aceh. He might be able to give for you the accurate information related to the land problems.*



Along with his team, Alfian finally managed to meet Teuku Sulaiman. Unfortunately, the meeting suggested them to meet Mursil, S.H., who became the Head of *Kantor Wilayah Badan Pertanahan Nasional Provinsi Aceh* (the National Land Affairs Agency for the Province of Aceh).

*T. Sulaiman : ... My suggestion is try to meet Musril, S.H., the Head of Kantor Wilayah Badan Pertahanan nasional Provinsi Aceh.*

*Alfian : How can I do that? I do not know him, Sir.*

*T. Sulaiman : Ooo.. Do not worry about that, Alfian. I will call him. I will introduce you with him later.*

*Alfian : Alright, then, Mr. Sulaiman.*

Then, Teuku Sulaiman directly called Mursil, S.H. (the Head of *Kantor Wilayah Badan*

*Pertanahan Nasional Provinsi Aceh*) and introduced Alfian with his crews from the University of Teuku Umar. In his call, Teuku Sulaiman asked his availability for the team of the University of Teuku Umar related to overcome the land problems.

In the end, Mursil spared his time to meet the team in his office. In the meeting, Alfian finally knew that Mursil, S.H., had been ever served as the Head of *Kepala Pertanahan* in the district of West Aceh. From that moment, the relationship between Alfian and Mursil, S.H., became closer. Alfian asked the willingness of Mursil, S.H. to help the University of Teuku Umar concerning the land certificate as one of requirements to be a State University.

Meanwhile, the following is the content of the meeting between Alfian along with his team and

**Mursil, S.H.:**

*Alfian : Assalamu'alaikum, Mr. Mursil.*

*Mursil : Wa'alaikumsalam wr.wb.*

*Alfian : How are you, Mr. Mursil? I am Alfian from the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh. Mr. Teuku Sulaiman asked me to meet you, Sir.*

*Mursil : Oh yes yes, Mr. Alfian.... Alhamdulillah, Mr. Alfian. Please, have a seat. How is it going, Sir?*

*Alfian : Alhamdulillah, fine, Sir. Firstly, I would like to convey a greeting from the regent of West Aceh, H. Tito. Then, today, we are taking care of a goal in converting the status of the University of Teuku Umar to be a state university in Southern and Western Aceh. Regarding to that issue, there is a main condition related to the land certificate. Thus, with your concern, please*

*help us to reach our intention.*

*Mursil : Yes, wa'alaikumsalam. I accept the regard from the regent, Mr. Tito. I wish this good intention would soon be manifested. I know very well with Mr. Tito, Mr. Alfian. It is because I once served as the Head of Kepala Badan Pertanahan of West Aceh.... Related to this goal, of course, we would like to help.... I hope that we could help to overcome the mechanisms of the requirements considering the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar as soon as possible.*

Finally, Mursil, S.H, was ready to help Alfian in terms of maintaining the land certificate of the University of Teuku Umar. All requirements pertaining the certificate of the land was completed by Alfian along with his team.

Then, Alfian and his team met some Acehnese figures for asking feedbacks and supports of status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar. The figures were Drs. Sulaiman Abda, M.Si (Vice Head of People Representative of Aceh) and H. Zuriat Suparjo, S.P (Committee of People Representative of Aceh). The figures were met in a meeting in the office of the party of *Golongan Karya Aceh*.

Furthermore, Alfian also met Dr. Ahmad Farhan Hamid (the Acehnese figure/Vice Head of House Representative of Indonesian Republic). They meet when Dr. Ahmad Farhan Hamid was in Banda Aceh. Then, Alfian came to the Office of Law Firm located in the Office of Governor of Aceh to meet Hamid Zain as the Head of Law Firm. Alfian wanted to ask his opinion and support related to the land resolution in the University of Teuku

Umar. In order to meet influential figures in Aceh, Alfian took all boards of the University of Teuku Umar, ranging from the Rector Assistant, Dean, and Head of Office in the University of Teuku Umar.

His was done as a proof of the seriousness towards the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar. The intention was not a will of one person but many people wanted the campus to change its status as a state university as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Alfian intently kept communicating with Teuku Sulaiman and Mursil S.H. (the head of *Badan Pertanahan Nasional Aceh*). In short, both Mr. Mursil and Mr. Teuku Sulaiman were asked by Alfian to join into the accelerating team of status conversion. It was to help him due to accelerating the process of changing the status of the University of Teuku Umar.

In addition, Alfian also made a contact with Dr. Komala Pontas (the Chemical Engineering Lecture at the University of Syiah Kuala). Alfian asked him to join into the aforementioned team in the process of status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar. Dr. Komala Pontas was asked to arrange the connection at *Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia* (the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesian Republic).

Alfian knew that Dr. Kolama Pontas was a close friend to Mohd. Nuh, who was the *Menteri Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia* (the Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesian Republic). Dr. Kolama Pontas also was having a close relationship with Prof. Jaziedie, who was the *Direktur Jenderal Pendidikan Tinggi* (the Director General of Higher Education). The relation

became the reason why he asked Dr. Kolama Pontas to join the Team of Status Conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar. Besides, they were struggling together when they studied in the *Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember* (Tenth of November Institute of Technology). Here are a few conversation between Alfian and Dr. Komala Pontas when the rector asked him to join the team in accelerating the status of the University of Teuku Umar.

*Alfian : ...With all my respect, I want Mr. Komala Pontas to help out and join our team into the Team of Status Conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar.*

*Komala : .... Sure. I would like to help and willing to join the team... However, in this case, I want a clear description related to the*



*Decree of the Team or other decrees, Mr. Alfian. I do not want to work if there is no clear legality.*

*Alfian : ... Fine, then. I would manage the team and soon I would issue the clear decree.*

# THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEAM OF STATUS CONVERSION UPON THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

As the suggestion of Dr. Komala Pontas, Alfian formed an accelerating team of status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar by the Rector Decree No.14 of 2013 (February 21, 2013). In the decree, Alfian put Dr. Komala Pontas, Teuku Sulaiman, and Mursil, S.H. (the Head of *Badan Pertanahan Nasional Aceh*) into the team. The other names enlisted in the team were as follows:

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<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1	Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S.	Incumbent
2	Dra. Hj. Tjut Suwarni, M.Sc-Ed	Chairman
3	Syahril, S.E., M.Si.	Vice Chairman
4	Ir. Rusdi Faizin, M.Si.	Member
5	Mursil, S.H.	Member
6	Drs. T. Sulaiman, M.M.	Member
7	Dr. Komala Pontas	Member

Source: The Rector Decree of the University of Teuku Umar<sup>31</sup>

After the accelerating team of status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar was

formed, Alfian distributed the rector decree to the seven people mentioned in the decree as their legal document.

Furthermore, after the decree was accepted, Dr. Komala Pontas along with Alfian started tracing the process of the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar, particularly in arranging the parties of ministries. Various processes have been undertaken to convince the ministries regarding to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar.

Meanwhile, Alfian kept communicating with Mursil, S.H. (the Head of *Badan Pertanahan Nasional Aceh*). He also tried to complete the documents of the land certificate, which would be forwarded to the *Kepala Badan Pertanahan Nasional Pusat* (the Head of Central National Land Affairs Agency) in Jakarta. In short time, all

documents were completed and were ready to be forwarded to the Central Jakarta. Mursil, S.H., then, preached Alfian due to the documents.

*Mursil : Mr. Alfian, the document was completed. I will send it to the Badan Pertanahan Nasional Pusat in Jakarta. However, I would like to tell you one thing. I am only able to deliver this document on the desk of the Head of Badan Pertanahan Nasional Pusat. I could not do more than that.*

In other words, Mursil, S.H. was only able to get the document on the desk of the Head of *Badan Pertanahan Nasional Pusat*. Furthermore, he could not able to monitor and to make sure that the Head

of the institution, Mr. Hendarman Supandji, proceed the document.

*Alfian : So, what do we have to do, Sir?*

*Mursil : Well, we have two our people there, namely M. Rutni Saleh, the former director of Pemberian Hak Atas Tanah (Building Rights Title) over Badan Pertanahan Nasional Pusat Jakarta or Azwar Abubakar, Menteri Pendayagunaan Aparatur Negara dan Reformasi Birokrasi (the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform). We can ask them for help.*

*Alfian :Okay, Sir. Thank you for your confirmation that the document was already on the table of the Head of Badan*

*Pertanahan Nasional Pusat. You gave a big help. Well then, Sir. I will contact them now.*

Alfian, then, contacted M. Rutni Saleh and the *Menteri Pendayagunaan Aparatur Negara dan Reformasi Birokrasi*, Ir. Azwar Abubakar in Jakarta. Before Alfian called the?, there was a memorable occasion in Alfian's mind. When he was the Rector of *Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Informatika dan Komputer U'budiyah* took a plane to Jakarta, Ir. Azwar Abubakar was in the same plane also. He asked:

*Azwar : Mr. Alfian, how is the University of Teuku Umar?*

*Alfian : I do not know the current condition of the University of Teuku Umar. I am no longer*

*in that campus, Mr. Azwar.*

Then, when Alfian contacted Ir. Azwar Abubakar, the first thing he said was the confirmation that he has been acted as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar again. The following is the conversation between Alfian with the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform, Ir. Azwar Abubakar.

*Alfian : Assalamu'alaikun, Mr. Azwar.*

*Azwar : Wa'alaikumsalam.*

*Alfian : Mr. Azwar, this is me, Alfian.*

*Azwar : Oh yeah... How is it going, Mr. Alfian?*

*Alfian : Alhamdulillah, I work at the University of Teuku Umar again, Sir. Please, give us advice.*

*Azwar : Okay, Mr. Alfian. Insya Allah, I will help you.*

*Alfian : So, the University of Teuku Umar is*



*currently managing the land certificate as a requirement to change its status into a state university. Please, help us, Mr. Azwar.*

*Azwar : Was the document already sent to the Minister?*

*Alfian : It was done, Sir. I already managed that.*

*Azwar : Good, Mr. Alfian. I will try to help.*

*Alfian : Very well, thank you, Sir.*

After communicating with various parties, Alfian and his team did not ever give up to communicate and to arrange the issue of status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar. At the same time, they also waited for further process of land certificate proceeded in Jakarta.

# SUPPORTING THE STATUS CONVERSION

Meanwhile, in Meulaboh, on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, *Ikatan Pelajar Mahasiswa Aceh Barat* (West Aceh Student Association) having a headquarter in Banda Aceh along with several student and youth organisations conveyed their aspiration and asked the government of West Aceh to be serious in accelerating the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar.

The organisations, which were consisted of *Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia Aceh Barat* (Indonesian National Youth Committee of West Aceh), *Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam Cabang Meulaboh* (Muslim Student Association of West Aceh), *Forum Komunikasi Generasi Muda Aceh*

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*Barat* (Communication Forum for West Aceh Young Generation), and *Gerakan Anti Korupsi Aceh Barat* (West Aceh Anti-corruption Movement), also demanded the local government in realising the expectation of the community.<sup>32</sup>

In addition, in the earlier of 2009, several elements comprised of the province and local government, regents and vice regents in the Southern and Western Aceh, *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta*, *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*, and *Organisasi Kemasyarakatan & Pemuda* (Organisation of Community and Youth)/*Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat* (Governmental Organisation) also has brought their support related to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar Meulaboh through the letter of recommendation issued by those institutions.

The support was given to the University of Teuku Umar, so the university would become as a mainstay of a state university. Besides, the university was expected to advance the local community and to bring promising graduates. They would act as practitioners who were capable of managing agriculture, fishery, and plantation in the Southern and Western Aceh.

# THE STUDENTS HELD THE SIGNATURE PETITION

Furthermore, in order to demand the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar, the students of the campus did the signature petition taken place in Meulaboh, on Friday, July, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They took the highway to gather signatures from the public in accelerating the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar. The petition was carried out by the students of *Badan Eksekutif Mahasiswa* (Executive Council of Student). The council was approximately 100 students in total.<sup>33</sup>

During their action, they unfurled a long white flag having its length of 500 metres while asking the people who passed through the highway for signing the petition as a support towards the

status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar.

After getting signatures gathered from the public, the students continued their action in the yard of West Aceh Regent Office. They handed over the flag contained the signatures. However, their action was rejected since the regent was having a meeting.<sup>34</sup> Their action of taking down the highway in gathering signatures from the public was a form of support towards the realisation towards the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar issued in 2013. The promise of the status conversion had repeatedly spread out, however, the promise had yet to realise.<sup>35</sup>

Furthermore, in their action, the students also asked that the government of West Aceh resolved the problem of the land certificate as soon as possible. Hence, the planning in changing the status of the University of Teuku Umar would run

properly.<sup>36</sup>

Seeing the action performed by the students of the University of Teuku Umar, Alfian did not stay silent. He also tried to explain to the media that he, along with the government of West Aceh and the foundation, managed the problem of the status conversion seriously. He also explained that all requirements regarding to the status conversion had been escalated to the *Badan Pertanahan Nasional Republik Indonesia*, including *Hak Guna Bangunan* (Building Rights Title).

## UMRAH IN AUGUST 2013

In August 2013, Alfian and his wife, Diwana Dawood, performed Umrah for a month in Ramadan. However, before he went to Mecca, all documents related to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar had been prepared and proceeded, including the problem of the land.

In the meantime, when Alfian was doing Umrah, Ir. Azwar Abubakar, the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform, called him over the phone.

*Azwar : Assalamu'alaikum, wr. wb.*

*Alfian : Wa'alaikumsalam, Mr. Azwar.*

*Azwar : Where are you now?*

*Alfian : I am doing Umrah now, Sir.*



*Azwar : I see... Who does it take so long?*

*Alfian : It is for a month, Sir.*

*Azwar : Whoa... Okay, then. Good luck with your Umrah. Do not forget to complete the document.*

*Alfian : Okay, Sir. I will complete it.*

*Azwar : Okay, I wait for it. Wassalam.*

Moreover, when Alfian was still in Mecca and prepared to return to Indonesia, Ir. Azwar Abubakar (the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform) phoned him again concerning the land certificate.

*Azwar : Hello, assalamu'alaikum, Mr. Alfian.*

*Alfian : Yes, Wa'alaikumsalam, Mr. Azwar. How do you do, Sir?*

*Azwar : I am fine, alhamdulillah,. I just want to inform that the thing has already done.*

*Please, be hurry. I wait you in Jakarta.*

*Alfian : Okay, Sir. Thank you very much, Mr. Azwar.*

Then, when Alfian finished his Umrah, he was not directly return to Meulaboh although he arrived in Banda Aceh on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Previously, Alfian had told his team in Meulaboh, particularly the team dealing with the status conversion. The team was asked to prepare various documents of status conversion to be brought to Banda Aceh.

Next, a day after his arrival from Mecca, he directly went to Jakarta in order to meet Ir. Azwar Abubakar on August 18. He handed over the documents to the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform. He also gave other related ministries one copy of the documents for each of them.

The process undertaken for the sake of

reaching the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar was kept doing. Alfian also met various Acehnese figures in Jakarta such as Dr. Ahmad Farhan Hamid, Rifky Harsya (member of the Local People Representative/ Vice Head of the House of Representative), Ir. Nova Iriansyah, MT. (member of *Partai Demokrat* and the People Representative), Muslem (member of the People Representative), and other figures. In addition to Alfian, the Regent of West Aceh, DR. (H.C) H. T. Alaidinsyah, also established the communication to the Minister of Administrative and Bureaucracy Reform, Ir. Azwar Abubakar.

Besides, other influential persons also took part in internal process of the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar. Alfian along with Dr. Komala Pontas, arranged a meeting in the Ministry of Education and Culture. They also

arranged a meeting with Prof. Dr. Mohd. Nuh, DEA (the Minister of Education and Culture) and Prof. Jaziedie (the Director General of Higher Education). Both of them were the close friends to Dr. Komala Pontas when they studied in the *Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember*.

Prof. Jaziedie (the Director General of Higher Education), Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, MS (the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar), Herman, Drs. Rachmat Fitri HD, MPA. (The Vice Regent of West Aceh), and Bachtiar Haris (the Head of West Aceh *Seuramoe* in Jakarta), attended a meeting to discuss the handing over the assets upon the University of Teuku Umar conducted in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

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# STUDENTS PRAYING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR AND STAI TEUNGKU DIRUNDENG RELATED TO THE STATUS CONVERSION

To contribute to the status conversion, the students from University of Teuku Umar and *Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh* (Islamic Collage of Teuku Direundeng Meulaboh) were swarming at the Great Mosque of Baitul Makmur Meulaboh on Tuesday morning, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

They gathered around in order to pray together so their universities, the University of Teuku Umar and the Islamic College of Teuku

Dirundeng Meulaboh, might become the state universities in the Southern and Western Aceh.

Various parties concerning the education in West Aceh also gathered the event. They were the H.T. Alaidinsyah (the Regent of West Aceh), Alfian Ibrahim (the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar), Dr. Syamsuar M.Ag (the Head of the Islamic College of Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh), and individuals coming the prayer from Governmental Organisation/ Organisation of Community and Youth, students, and lecturers.

The praying was led directly by Tgk. H. Abdul Rani, the Head of *Majelis Permusyawaratan Ulama* (Ulamas Council) of West Aceh. The praying was followed by all congregations gathered the event. They wished the two campuses in the Southern and Western Aceh soon turned into state universities.

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# HANDING OVER THE ASSETS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

The students and the entire community in the coastal region of Southern and Western Aceh had a great expectation so the University of Teuku Umar could turn into a state university. Their waiting was over when the University of Teuku Umar got the assets on December 2013.

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, dozens of officials consisted of regents, vice mayors, vice regents, and the head of *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Kabupaten* (Regency House of People's Representatives) in the area of Southern and Western Aceh, came to hand over the assets for the University of Teuku Umar through the Ministry of

Education and Culture. All the officials agreed that the Ministry of Education and Culture immediately changed the status of the University of Teuku Umar.<sup>37</sup>

The officials who came to the Ministry of Education and Culture were Dermawan, M.M (Regional Secretary of Aceh), Thanwir Mahdi (the Head of *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Aceh*/House of Acehnese's Representatives), H. T. Alaidinsyah (the Regent of West Aceh), Drs. H. Rachmat Fitri, HD, M.PA (the Vice Regent of West Aceh), H.T. Zulkarnanini (the Regent of Nagan Raya), H.T. Sama Indra (the Regent of South Aceh), Merah Sakti (the Mayor of Subulussalam), H. Safriadi Manik (the Regent of Aceh Singkil), Hasrul Edyar (the Vice Regent of Simeulue), Ishak Yusuf (the Head of *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Kabupaten Aceh Barat*), and M. Yusuf (the Head of Education



Office, representing the Regent of Aceh Jaya).<sup>38</sup>

In addition, the event was attended by the Prof. Dr. Jamaluddin Idris, M.Ed, the *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah Aceh* (the Coordinator among Private Universities for Aceh Region), Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S., (the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar), the Head of *Biro Keistimewaan dan Kesejahteraan Rakyat dan Sekretariat Daerah Aceh* (Office of People Peculiarity and Prosperity for Regional Secretariat of Aceh), and all deans of the University of Teuku Umar. Besides, Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA the Vice Head of *Majelis Pendidikan Daerah Aceh Barat* (Regional Education Assembly of West Aceh), and Rusmahdi, S.H., the Head of *Ketua Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan* visited the occasion.<sup>39</sup>

Meanwhile, in Jakarta, there were several

parties waiting to go to the Ministry of Education and Culture. They were two formers regent of West Aceh, Malik Ridwan Badai, S.H., and Drs. Nasruddin, M.Si. The other ones were Dr. Farhan Hamid (Vice Head of the House Representatives), T. Rifky Harsya (the Acehnese member of the People Representative), Ir, Nova Iriansyah, MT, Muslem, and Bachtiar Haris, (Coordinator of *Seuramo Aceh Barat*).<sup>40</sup>

The groups directly went to the Ministry of Education and Culture after they departed in Jakarta. They wanted to meet Prof. Dr. Mohd. Nuh, DEA, the Minister of Education and Culture. In the meeting, they would show their seriousness related to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar by handing over the university's assets to him. However, the Minister was not available in that moment. The groups, then, were welcomed

directly by *Direktur Jenderal Perguruan Tinggi* (the General Director of Higher Education), Prof. Dr. Joko Santoso, in the event of handing over the campus' assets. The meeting also issued the memorandum of understanding to change the status of the University of Teuku Umar into a state university.<sup>41</sup>

Furthermore, in conjunction with handing over the assets of the University of Teuku Umar, the event also continued its schedule with signing the memorandum of understanding upon the establishment of *Akademi Komunitas Negeri Kabupaten Aceh Barat* (Community of State Academy in West Aceh Regency).

The event consisted of the handing over the assets of the University of Teuku Umar, the establishment of *Akademi Komunitas Negeri Kabupaten Aceh Barat*, and the signing the asset

loan and the memorandum of understanding issued by *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah XIII Aceh* was attended by the delegations of the House Representative, the People Representative, the Government of Aceh, the House of Acehnese's Representatives, the regents/mayors of Aceh, the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar, the Acehnese figures, and the officials under the *Direktorat Jenderal Pendidikan Tinggi* and *Kementrian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan*.

Direktur Jenderal Pendidikan Tinggi, Prof. Dr. Joko Santoso, expressed that he was excited due to the university, which would change its status into a state university. He believed that the status conversion progressing upon the private university and the establishment of academy community were done in order to expand the access of higher education.<sup>42</sup>

Joko Santoso proposed that Aceh would be one of the most regions having higher education in Indonesia. It was caused the large number of the state universities existing in Aceh. In addition, geographically, Aceh was located in strategic area. “If it is compared with Aceh, there is only one state university in North Sumatra, the University of Sumatera Utara” Joko compared it.

The followings are the expressions uttered by Joko Santoso in handing over the assets of the University of Teuku Umar:

“Why do we change the status of the University of Teuku Umar?”

“Surely, there are several reasons why the Government changed the status of the University of Teuku Umar into a state university.”

“**First**, the government wants to increase the access of higher education within the Aceh

Province, specifically in the Southern and Western Aceh.”

“**Second**, by changing the status of the University of Teuku Umar, several expectations are appeared. It is expected to grow larger and more progressive. It is also expected to improve its number of students and its education quality.”

“**Third**, the needs of the community relevantly will be fulfilled if the university has a number of quality students.”<sup>43</sup>

Aceh was expected becoming one of the centers of higher education in Indonesia. Locally, the strategic location of Aceh became as its advantage in absorbing the students coming from various places of Indonesia. Meanwhile, internationally, it might invite students coming from other countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, and others.

Furthermore, Prof. Joko Santoso informed that the signing events consisted of handing over the assets of the University of Teuku Umar, the establishment of the State Academy Community of West Aceh, and its memorandum of understanding issued by *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah XIII Aceh* were completed. In other words, the University of Teuku Umar officially turned into a state university.

*“We had been changed the status of the University of Teuku Umar into a state university.”*

*“For the next step, it is up to the President to sign the status conversion.”*

Getting such report informed by Prof. Joko Santoso, Drs. Dermawan, MM (Regional Secretary of Aceh) represented the Governor and the people

of Aceh to express the gratitude and happiness due to the changing status of the University of Teuku Umar, the establishment of *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah XIII Aceh*, and the establishment of the Academy Community in Aceh. “The establishment of *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah XIII Aceh* is necessary in order to coordinate 107 private universities located in Aceh. Before the establishment, those universities were coordinated by *Koordinator Perguruan Tinggi Swasta Wilayah I Medan*. ”

Through this occasion, Prof. Joko Santoso expected that it would increase the quality and access of higher education in Aceh. The local Government of Aceh, either the government of province or the government of regency/city, would always support this program in the forms of means, infrastructure, or human resources.



# THE STATUS CONVERSION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, the University of Teuku Umar finally became as a state university with the help and support contributed by all related parties. The campus located in the coastal area of Southern and Western Aceh turned its status into a state university based on the Decree of President No. 25 of 2014 issued on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The official inauguration and inscription signing was done by the President of Indonesian Republic, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, in *Istana Negera*, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 at 2 PM.

A number of officials under the Government of West Aceh went to Jakarta to attend the

inauguration of status conversion within the beloved campus in the Southern and Western Aceh. They were the academics of the University of Teuku Umar, Muzakir Manaf (the previous Vice Governor of Aceh), Hasbi Abdullah (the Head of House of Acehnese' Representatives), and all regents/ mayors from Southern and Western Aceh. The inauguration along with the handing over the Decree of the President related to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar also done with four other universities in Indonesia.<sup>44</sup>

Various expectations appeared from various parties in Aceh due to the status changing of the University of Teuku Umar as a state university. They expected that the status conversion upon the University of Teuku Umar might bring changes in the area of Southern and Western Aceh. In addition, they hoped that the university might have a big

name either nationally or internationally. They also wanted the University of Teuku Umar becoming as a pride of Acehnese people occupying in Southern and Western Aceh.<sup>45</sup>

When the inauguration was on process in *Istana Negara*, Jakarta, all local and province officials, regents and vice regents coming from Southern and Western Aceh, and all academics of the University of Teuku Umar attended the conference to witness the historical moment of the status conversion of the campus. It was concerned as a sign of seriousness shown by the government to the campus.<sup>46</sup>

In 2014, there were three universities in West Aceh turned into state universities, namely: *Akademi Komunitas Negeri Aceh Barat* (State Community Academy of West Aceh), the

University of Teuku Umar, and *Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Negeri Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh* (State Islamic College of Teuku Dirundeng Meulaboh). The status conversion within those universities showed the spirit and seriousness of all parties towards the education in West Aceh. The existence of those universities in West Aceh was expected to boost the quality of education and human resources in the land of Teuku Umar.

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## THE EVENING HOSPITALITY

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After the inauguration was conducted, then, the gathering, dinner, and small discussion were held in *Seuramoe Aceh Barat* (headquarter of West Aceh people in Jakarta). In the dinner, they discussed the next rector who would replace Alfian Ibrahim as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar. He had spent his bureaucracy times. In addition, he had already retired in 2012.

From the discussion, several names of candidate appeared. They considered as the best local native of Southern and Western Aceh to fill the position of the next Rector of the University of Teuku Umar. 4 were Dr. Nazamudin, M.A., Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA, Dr. Tripoli and Dr. Komala Pontas.

From the names proposed, the discussion settled that the next rector would be Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA. He was selected since the University of Teuku Umar was a new campus, so it would be fine if the leadership led by a professor.

In addition, Jasman was also considered as one of the best native in the coastal area of Southern and Western Aceh. He was concerned having good competence, reliability, and relationship. Besides, Jasman was a student of Alfian Ibrahim in the Faculty of Economics in the University of Syiah Kuala. By appointing Jasman as the next rector of the University of Teuku Umar, several changes were expected, namely: drafting the master plan of buildings in the University of Teuku Umar, either in the sector of infrastructure or academic.

Finally, it was decided together that the candidate for the rector of the University of Teuku Umar would be entrusted to Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA. Furthermore, after returned to Aceh, the Government of Aceh proposed his name as the next rector of the University of Teuku Umar to the Ministry of Education of Education.

# THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

A month later, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the appointment of Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA as the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar was performed by Prof. Dr. Mohd. Nuh, DEA (the Minister of Education and Culture) in Jakarta. The ceremony of appointing the new Rector was also attended by several Acehnese figures, such as Prof. Dr. Syamsuddin Mahmud, DR (H.C). Adnan Ganto, Ir. Muhyan Yunan, M.Eng, Drs. Rachmat Fitri HD, MPA (the Vice Regent of West Aceh), Rusmahdi, S.H (the Head of *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*), Alfian Ibrahim, M.S (the first rector of the University of Teuku Umar), and

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Murthalamuddin (the Office Head of Public Relationship, representing the Governor of Aceh).<sup>47</sup>

Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA was born in Meukek, South Aceh, on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1990. Linearly, he took his undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate program in Managements. Subsequently, he became as a lecturer at the Faculty of Economics located at the University of Syiah Kuala. Then, on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, he was legalised as *Guru Besar* (professor) at the Faculty of Economics in the University of Syiah Kuala.

During his career, Prof. Dr. Jasman also won several awards such as Best Paper Award published in Malaysia in 2003, *Satyalencana Karya Satya 20 Tahun* gifted by the President of Indonesian Republic in 2009, and other National and International Awards.<sup>48</sup>

In addition, he also had extraordinary

experiences. He had served as a Head of *Dinas Kebudayaan dan Pariwisata Aceh* (the Office of Culture and Tourism of Aceh), the Incumbent of Regent in Aceh Jaya, Expert Staff of Aceh Governor, and others. Due to astonishing career, the Government of West Aceh along with all figures and people settling in Southern and Western Aceh appointed him as the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar. It was done in order to fasten the development of campus buildings in the University of Teuku Umar.<sup>49</sup>

The process of status conversion was inseparable from the role of several figures namely: H.T. Alaidinsyah (the Regent of West Aceh), Rachmat Fitri, HD (the Vice Regent of West Aceh), Alfian Ibrahim, Rusmadi, Cut Suwarni, and others.

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## THE NEW TASK OF JASMAN

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After having trust as the Rector of the University of Teuku Umar, the main task of Prof. Dr. Jasman J. Ma'ruf, M.BA was to realise the vision and mission of the University of Teuku Umar. The goal was to draft the master plan of the university's development, either in the field of infrastructure or in the academic. Infrastructural master plan would emphasis on the concept of having a green and integrated campus. <sup>50</sup>

The University of Teuku Umar also would finish the Detail Engineering Design of the campus by applying the concept of modern technology along with the Acehnese local wisdom. The master plan of the campus would be design to survive for hundreds of years. In developing its infrastructure,

the University of Teuku Umar would reflect to the world's top universities such as Harvard University, Yale University, and Oxford University. Although the age of those universities was almost 400 years old, the buildings were still applicable, strong, and marvellous.<sup>51</sup>

Then, the University of Teuku Umar had increased its capacity of internet speed to 25 Megabytes, so all academics and students might access the internet services quickly. *Kartu Hasil Studi* (Study Report) and *Kartu Rencana Studi* (Study Plan) also could be accessed online through the application of *Sistem Informasi Akademik* (System for Academic Information). In advance, the University of Teuku Umar would create *e-office* and *e-library* to facilitate the process of teaching and learning and bureaucracy.<sup>52</sup>

Meanwhile, in the field of academic, the

University of Teuku Umar had held the Entrepreneur class in the first semester for all study programs and faculties. Hence, the spirit of entrepreneurship grasped the students' interest.<sup>53</sup>

In the field of organisation, the University of Teuku Umar under the control of Jasman had earned *Organisasi Tata Kerja* (Working System Organisation). In addition, other tasks were based on the finalisation of the Statute in accordance with the vision and mission of the University of Teuku Umar.<sup>54</sup>

The University of Teuku Umar had changed quickly for a year after changing its status into a state university. Formerly, only shrubs and woods grew the campus location having long distance with the residents of local people. Now, the location had paved street facilitating people to all places. Even, the place had the University of Teuku Umar, the

pride of people settling in the Southern and Western Aceh. The campus had thousands of students studying there. In fact, the students were increased more and more.

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# THE END OF ALFIAN IBRAHIM'S CONSECRATION AS THE RECTOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEUKU UMAR

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The effort of West Aceh government to change the status of the University of Teuku Umar into a state university was not easy. It took seven years to realise the status conversion contributed by the government of West Aceh, *Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan*, the province government, and other parties. The status of being a state university towards the University of Teuku Umar was realised based on Decree of President No. 25 of 2014.

The happiest moment felt by Alfian Ibrahim as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar

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Meulaboh was the signing inscription done by the sixth president of Indonesian Republic, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The signing was conducted in *Istana Negara*, of which was concerned as a proof that the University of Teuku Umar had turned into a state university. The exhausting and relentless struggle was priceless dream for Alfian Ibrahim, who got nickname, *Ayah Alfian* (Father Alfian). He was born on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1947, in Kampung Belakang, Meulaboh.

Although his age was no longer young, he still had a passion like youths. He liked playing tennis twice a week. Besides, he also did reading in his spare time. Though he was retired, he was still active as adjunct lecturer in the University of Syiah Kuala and the University of Teuku Umar. He was married to Diwana Dawood in 1973 and he had four children (the eldest was the lecture of Civil



Engineering while the youngest was the lecture in Marine Faculty, both of them worked in the University of Syiah Kuala).

The students and his close friends considered Alfian as a wise, humble, humanist, innovative rector. In the past, he wanted to register for the Maritime Academy. However, due to the economic limitation of his parent, he had to seek a cheaper school. Alfian finished his senior high school at SMA Negeri 1 Meulaboh and registered for a higher education at the Faculty of Economics in the University of Syiah Kuala in 1966.

During his duty in the University of Syiah Kuala, he was known having a close relationship with Prof. Dr. Dayan Dawood (late), brother of Alfian's wife the former Rector of the University of Syiah Kuala. No one suspected that Alfian Ibrahim, finally, would become as Dayan Dawood's brother-

in-law. Alfian liked spicy food and vegetable stew. He disliked smoking and drinking coffee. For him, being healthy was very important thing.

Now, his devotion as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar was over. Under his leadership, the University of Teuku Umar became one of the large universities located in Southern and Western Aceh. He conveyed his gratitude and thankfulness to the President of Indonesian Republic, the Ministers, members of the People Representatives, the Governor of Aceh, the Regent of West Aceh, all regents/majors serving the Southern and Western Aceh, Organisation of Community/Student, non-governmental organisation, and all parties who had contributed to the status conversion of the University of Teuku Umar.

The University of Teuku Umar was built

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because of the leaders and government officials' initiative to address the community problem having difficulty in accessing higher education. In addition, establishing a higher education was necessary since there was no state university existing in coastal area of Southern and Western Aceh. Thus, by having one, it might accommodate the graduates from high school.

The advances in an area was not only marked by the infrastructure development, but also marked by the development of education advanced in the area. The existence of the University of Teuku Umar in Meulaboh was expected to bring a state university giving positive contribution to the development in West Aceh along with the Southern and Western Aceh.

Alfian informed that his task as the rector of the University of Teuku Umar was finished. Now,

he wanted to fill his retirement by doing good deed to the people and doing worship.

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## **INTERVIEW**

Interview Alfian Ibrahim (Rector University of Teuku Umar) April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in Banda Aceh.

Interview dengan Dr. Teuku Erwansyah April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Interview dengan Teuku Ahmad Dadek April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Interview Direktur GSF (Abdul Djalil) April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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**YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU DIRUNDENG**  
**Jalan Gajah Mada No. 1 Telp. (0655)7006001**  
**Meulaboh**

**KEPUTUSAN KETUA YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU**  
**DIRUNDENG MEULABOH**  
**NOMOR : 04/YPRM/IV/2006**

**TENTANG**

**PEMBENTUKAN TIM PENDIRIAN UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR**  
**KABUPATEN ACEH BARAT**

**KETUA YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TENGKU DIRUNDENG**

- Menimbang : a. Bahwa untuk kepentingan dan kelancaran pendirian Universitas Teuku Umar di Aceh Barat, maka dipandang perlu untuk mengangkat dan menetapkan Tim Pendirian Universitas Teuku Umar di Aceh Barat;
- b. Bahwa nama-nama sebagaimana tersebut dalam lampiran Keputusan ini dianggap cakap dan mampu serta memiliki keahlian untuk diangkat sebagai Tim Pendirian Universitas Teuku Umar di Aceh Barat;
- c. Bahwa untuk maksud tersebut, maka perlu ditetapkan dengan Surat Keputusan Ketua Yayasan.
- Mengingat : 1. Undang-undang Nomor 16 Tahun 2001 tentang Yayasan;
2. Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 60 Tahun 1999 tentang Sistem Pendidikan Nasional;
3. Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 30 Tahun 1990 tentang Pendidikan Tinggi;
4. Keputusan Menteri Pendidikan Nasional RI Nomor : 243/U/2000 tentang Pedoman Pendirian Perguruan Tinggi.
- Memperhatikan : 1. Memperhatikan hasil Rapat Yayasan pada tanggal 28 April 2006, tentang rencana percepatan Izin Operasional Universitas Teuku Umar di Aceh Barat.

**MEMUTUSKAN**

- Pertama  
PERTAMA : Membentuk Tim Pendiri Universitas Teuku Umar dengan susunan Personalia sebagaimana tercantum pada lampiran yang tak terpisah dengan keputusan ini;
- KEDUA : Tim Bertugas :
1. Melaksanakan pengumpulan data;
  2. Penyusunan study kelayakan;
  3. Mengurus Izin penyelenggaraan Pendidikan dan merancang Statuta;
  4. Merancang Peraturan Akademik dan Renstra pengembangan Institusi Pendidikan Universitas Teuku Umar di Aceh Barat; dan
  5. Merancang Struktur dan uraian tugas organisasi, peraturan kepegawaian dan keuangan Universitas Teuku Umar.



Umum Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh dan melaporkan seluruh rangkaian kegiatan sesuai dengan jadwal kegiatan yang telah dilaksanakan.

KEEMPAT : Segala biaya dikeluarkan Keputusan ini dibebankan kepada Panitia Pembangunan Universitas Teuku Umar dan sumbangan pihak lainnya yang sah dan tidak mengikat.

KELIMA : Keputusan ini berlaku Sejak tanggal ditetapkan dan masa tugas Tim berakhir setelah terbentuknya Rektorat definitif serta keluarnya Izin Operasional Universitas Teuku Umar.

Meulaboh, 28 April 2006  
YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU  
DIRUNDENG MEULABOH

Ketua Umum,

Sekretaris,

Drs. SOFYANIS

Drs. H. MOENAWAR IHA, MM

LAMPIRAN : KEPUTUSAN KETUA YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN  
TEUNGKU DIRUNDENG MEULABOH  
NOMOR : 04/YPRM/IV/2006  
TANGGAL : 28 APRIL 2006 M  
29 R. AWAL 1427 H

**SUSUNAN PERSONALIA TIM PENDIRIAN  
UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR**

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. Pengarah         | : 1. Bupati Kabupaten Aceh Barat<br>2. Ketua DPRD Kabupaten Aceh Barat   |
| 2. Penanggung Jawab | : Ketua Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku<br>Dirundeng Meulaboh;  |
| 3. Ketua            | : <b>Dr. Burhanuddin Yasin, M.Ed</b>   |
| 4. Wakil Ketua      | : Drs. Ridwan Nyak Ben   |
| 5. Sekretaris       | : T. Iskandar Daod, SE.Ak  |
| 6. Wakil Sekretaris | : Mursyidin Zakaria, S.Ag, MA  |
| 7. Bendahara        | : Yushansyah, SE   |
| 8. Anggota Tim      | : 1. Ir. T. Zainal Abidin, MT<br>2. T. Syarifuddin, SE, M.Si<br>3. Kurdi, ST, MT<br>4. Kamaruddin, SP, M.Si<br>5. Azhari, S.Ag, M.Si<br>6. Drs. T. Muslim Raden, M.Si<br>7. Bachtiar Yusuf, S.KM, M.Kes<br>8. Mahrizal Idris, SE<br>9. Drs. Said Rasyidin<br>10. Ir. Firman Haidir<br>11. T. Arnan, ST<br>12. Yosi Arianti, S.Sos<br>13. Yopi Dian Saputra |

**YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU  
DIRUNDENG MEULABOH**

Ketua Umum,

Sekretaris,

**Drs. SOFYANIS**

**Drs. H. MOENAWAR IHA, MM**







**YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU DIRUNDENG**  
**Jalan Gajah Mada No. 1 Telp. (0655)7006001**  
**Meulaboh**

Nomor : 282/YPRM/VIII/2006  
Lampiran : 1 (satu) berkas  
Hal : Penyampaian kelengkapan Bahan  
Usulan Perubahan Bentuk STIP  
Menjadi Universitas Teuku Umar

Meulaboh, Agustus 2006 M  
Rajab 1427 H

Kepada Yth.  
**Bapak Dirjend Pendidikan Tinggi**  
**Departemen Pendidikan Nasional R.I**  
**U.P. Direktuk Pembinaan Akademik**  
**Dan Kemahasiswaan**

di –  
Jakarta

1. Sehubungan surat Bapak Nomor 0763/D2.2/2006 tanggal 2 Mei 2006 dan sesuai hasil pertemuan tanggal 7 Juni 2006 di Jakarta tentang hal tersebut diatas, terlampir kami sampaikan bahan kelengkapan administrasi sebagai berikut:
  - a. Telah melengkapi **Dosen Tetap** untuk Program Studi yang masih kurang sesuai poin **1,2,3,4,5 dan 6** surat tersebut, dalam bentuk kerjasama dengan Universitas Syiah Kuala Banda Aceh;
  - b. Keputusan Bupati Aceh Barat Nomor Peg.800/1934/2006 tentang Penunjukan Pegawai Negeri Sipil Daerah Kabupaten Aceh Barat sebagai tenaga pengajar pada Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh;
  - c. Keputusan Bersama Bupati Aceh Barat dan DPRD kabupaten Aceh Barat Nomor 280 Tahun 2006 tentang Dukungan Dana dan Fasilitas Pendukung lainnya dalam rangka penyelenggaraan Pendidikan Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh;
  - d. Keputusan Bupati Aceh Barat Nomor 4 Tahun 2006 tentang Pelepasan/penyerahan Aset Pemerintah Kabupaten Aceh Barat kepada Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh Yayasan Pendidikan Tengku Dirundeng;
  - e. Kesepakatan Bersama antara Universitas Syiah Kuala dengan Pemerintah Kabupaten Aceh Barat Nomor ..... Tahun 2006 tentang penyelenggaraan Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh;
2. Mengingat animo masyarakat khususnya di pantai Barat-Selatan Provinsi Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam dibidang pendidikan sangat tinggi terutama pasca Gempa Bumi dan Gelombang Tsunami, mohon kiranya **persetujuan** dan **penetapan** Bapak terhadap **Izin Operasional Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh**.
3. Demikian harapan kami, atas perhatian dan pertimbangannya diucapkan terima kasih.

YAYASAN PENDIDIKAN TEUNGKU  
DIRUNDENG MEULABOH  
Ketua Umum,

Drs. SOFYANIS

Tembusan:

1. Bapak Kopertis Wilayah I di Medan;
2. Bapak Gubernur Provinsi Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam di Banda Aceh;
3. Rektor Universitas Syiah Kuala di Banda Aceh;
4. Ketua DPRD Kabupaten Aceh Barat di Meulaboh;
5. Bupati Aceh Barat di Meulaboh;





## BUPATI ACEH SINGKIL

### REKOMENDASI

Nomor : 420/ 700 / 2010

Anggapan dengan surat Pengurus Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan Nomor :  
TU/2010 tanggal 05 Mei 2010 tentang Sosialisasi keberadaan Universitas Teuku Umar dan  
Tinggi Agama Islam ( STAI ).

Prinsipnya kami sangat mendukung keberadaan Universitas Teuku Umar dan Sekolah  
Agama Islam ( STAI ) yang dikelola oleh Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan  
Meulaboh dan mendukung peningkatan status kedua perguruan tinggi tersebut dari  
menuju Peningkatan.

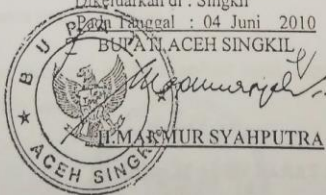
Rekomendasi ini kami keluarkan sebagai dukungan kelengkapan administrasi usulan Peningkatan  
Perguruan Tinggi tersebut diatas.

Surat dukungan ini kami perbuat untuk bahan seperlunya.

Dikeluarkan di : Singkil

Pada Tanggal : 04 Juni 2010

BUPATI ACEH SINGKIL



Disetujui:

Cetua DPR Kabupaten Aceh Singkil di Singkil

Cepala Dinas Pendidikan Kabupaten Aceh Singkil di Singkil


REKOMENDASI

NOMOR : 34 / 198 / II / 2010

TENTANG

SOSIALISASI KEBERADAAN UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR DAN  
SEKOLAH TINGGI AGAMA ISLAM (STAI)  
MEULABOH

1. Sehubungan dengan Surat Permohonan dari Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan Meulaboh Nomor : 14/YPTU/2010 tanggal 5 Mei 2010, hal sebagaimana tersebut di atas.
2. Untuk maksud tersebut pada prinsipnya kami sangat mendukung sepenuhnya sepanjang tidak bertentangan dengan peraturan dan ketentuan yang berlaku.
3. Demikian untuk dimaklumi, terima kasih.

  
PEMERINTAH KABUPATEN ACEH SELATAN  
SEKRETARIS DAERAH  
H. NASIRURRAHMAN, SH.MM.  
Pembina Utama Muda  
NIP. 19561012198412.1.001  
No. ND. 875.1/53/2010.Tgl. 03 Juni 2010



## WALIKOTA SUBULUSSALAM

### REKOMENDASI

Nomor : 420 /SH /2010

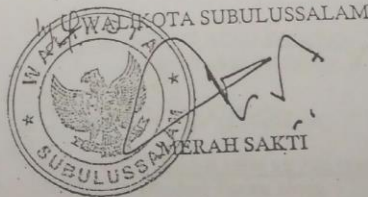
Sehubungan dengan surat Pengurus Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan Nomor : 14/YPTU/2010 tanggal 05 Mei 2010 tentang Sosialisasi keberadaan Universitas Teuku Umar dan Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam (STAI).

Pada prinsipnya kami sangat mendukung keberadaan Universitas Teuku Umar dan Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam (STAI) yang dikelola oleh Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan Meulaboh dan mendukung peningkatan status kedua perguruan tinggi tersebut dari Swasta menuju Penegerian.

Rekomendasi ini kami keluarkan sebagai dukungan kelengkapan administrasi usulan Penegerian kedua Perguruan Tinggi tersebut diatas.

Demikian surat dukungan ini kami perbuat untuk bahan seperlunya.

Dikeluarkan di : Subulussalam  
Pada Tanggal : 03 Juni 2010



DPR Kota Subulussalam di Subulussalam  
Dinas Dikbudpora Kota Subulussalam di Subulussalam



TENTANG

**PEMBENTUKAN TIM PERCEPATAN PENERANGAN UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR  
MEULABOH - ACEH BARAT**

Rektor Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh, setelah :

- Menimbang : a. Bahwa untuk mempercepat proses penerangan Universitas Teuku Umar maka dipandang perlu untuk membentuk Tim Percepatan Penerangan Universitas Teuku Umar.
- b. Untuk maksud tersebut, perlu ditetapkan dalam Surat Keputusan Rektor Universitas Teuku Umar.

Mengingat

- a. Undang-undang Nomor 07 Tahun 1956 tentang Pembentukan Daerah-daerah otonomi Kabupaten-kabupaten dalam provinsi;
- b. Undang-undang Nomor 32 Tahun 2004 tentang Pemerintah Daerah;
- c. Undang-undang Nomor 33 Tahun 2004 tentang Perimbangan Keuangan antara Pemerintah Pusat dan Daerah;
- d. Keputusan Menteri Pendidikan Nasional Nomor: 262/D/O/2009 tentang Pemberian Izin Penyelenggaraan Program-program Studi dan Perubahan Bentuk Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian /STIP Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh menjadi Universitas Teuku Umar diselenggarakan oleh Yayasan Pendidikan Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh;
- e. Keputusan Menteri Pendidikan Nasional Nomor: 200/D/O/2009 tentang Alih Kelola Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh dari Yayasan Teungku Dirundeng Meulaboh Kepada Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan di Meulaboh Aceh Barat;
- f. Peraturan Pemerintah RI Nomor 17 Tahun 2010 tentang Pengelolaan dan Penyelenggaraan Pendidikan;
- g. Undang-undang Nomor 20 Tahun 2003 tentang Sistem Pendidikan Nasional;
- h. Keputusan Menteri Pendidikan Nasional Republik Indonesia Nomor 234/U/2000 tentang Pedoman Pendirian Perguruan Tinggi;
- i. Akta Notaris Nomor 23 Tahun 2011 tentang Perubahan Susunan Pengurus Yayasan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan;
- j. Statuta Universitas Teuku Umar.

Memperhatikan : a. SK Pengurus Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan Meulaboh Nomor : 49/YPTU/2012 Tanggal 14

Desember 2012 tentang Pengangkatan Rektor  
Universitas Teuku Umar.

**MEMUTUSKAN**

- Menetapkan :**
- Pertama :** Menetapkan nama-nama yang tersebut didalam lampiran Keputusan ini sebagai Tim Percepatan Penegerian Universitas Teuku Umar Meulaboh.
- Kedua :** Tim Percepatan Penegerian dalam menjalankan tugas proses penegerian bertanggung jawab langsung kepada Rektor Universitas Teuku Umar.
- Ketiga :** Semua biaya yang ditimbulkan atas dikeluarkannya Keputusan ini dibebankan kepada Universitas Teuku Umar.
- Keempat :** Keputusan ini mulai berlaku sejak tanggal ditetapkan dan apabila ada kekeliruan didalam Keputusan ini akan diperbaiki sebagaimana mestinya

**ASLI** - dari Salinan Keputusan ini diberikan kepada yang bersangkutan untuk diketahui dan dipergunakan sebagaimana mestinya

**SALINAN** - dari Keputusan ini disampaikan kepada Yth :

1. Kopertis Wilayah I, Medan ;
2. Pengurus Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan;
3. Arsip.

DITETAPKAN DI : MEULABOH  
PADA TANGGAL : 21 Februari 2013



Lampiran : Keputusan Rektor Universitas Teuku Umar  
 Nomor : 14 Tahun 2013 Tanggal 21 Februari 2013  
 Tentang : Pembentukan Tim Percepatan Penegerian Universitas  
 Teuku Umar Meulaboh - Aceh Barat.

NO	NAMA	DIANGKAT DALAM JABATAN
1	Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, MS	Penanggung Jawab
2	Dra.Hj.Tjut Suwarni,M.Sc-Ed	Ketua
3	Syahril, SE, M.Si	Wakil Ketua
4	Ir. Rusdi Faizin, M.Si	Anggota Tim
5	Mursil, S.H	Anggota Tim
6	Drs. T. Sulaiman, MM	Anggota Tim
7	DR. Komala Pontas	Anggota Tim

DITETAPKAN DI : MEULABOH  
 PADA TANGGAL : 21 Februari 2013







PRESIDEN  
REPUBLIK INDONESIA

PERATURAN PRESIDEN REPUBLIK INDONESIA  
NOMOR 25 TAHUN 2014

TENTANG

PENDIRIAN UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR

DENGAN RAHMAT TUHAN YANG MAHA ESA

PRESIDEN REPUBLIK INDONESIA,

- Menimbang : a. bahwa dalam rangka peningkatan dan pengembangan sumber daya manusia serta pemerataan dan peningkatan mutu pendidikan tinggi di Provinsi Aceh, perlu mendirikan perguruan tinggi negeri di Provinsi Aceh;
- b. bahwa Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan telah mengalihkan pengelolaan dan aset Universitas Teuku Umar kepada Menteri Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
- c. bahwa berdasarkan pertimbangan sebagaimana dimaksud pada huruf a dan huruf b, perlu menetapkan Peraturan Presiden tentang Pendirian Universitas Teuku Umar;
- Mengingat : 1. Pasal 4 ayat (1) Undang-Undang Dasar Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 1945;
2. Undang-Undang Nomor 20 Tahun 2003 tentang Sistem Pendidikan Nasional (Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 2003 Nomor 78, Tambahan Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Nomor 4301);
3. Undang-Undang Nomor 12 Tahun 2012 tentang Pendidikan Tinggi (Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 2012 Nomor 158, Tambahan Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Nomor 5336);

4. Peraturan ...



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4. Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 17 Tahun 2010 tentang Pengelolaan dan Penyelenggaraan Pendidikan (Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 2010 Nomor 23, Tambahan Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Nomor 5105) sebagaimana telah diubah dengan Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 66 Tahun 2010 (Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 2010 Nomor 112, Tambahan Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Nomor 5157);
5. Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 4 Tahun 2014 tentang Penyelenggaraan Pendidikan Tinggi dan Pengelolaan Perguruan Tinggi (Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Tahun 2014 Nomor 16, Tambahan Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia Nomor 5500)

MEMUTUSKAN :

Menetapkan : PERATURAN PRESIDEN TENTANG PENDIRIAN UNIVERSITAS TEUKU UMAR.

Pasal 1

Dengan Peraturan Presiden ini didirikan Universitas Teuku Umar sebagai perguruan tinggi negeri di lingkungan Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan.

Pasal 2

Universitas Teuku Umar sebagaimana dimaksud dalam Pasal 1 menyelenggarakan pendidikan akademik dan dapat menyelenggarakan pendidikan vokasi dalam berbagai rumpun ilmu pengetahuan dan/atau teknologi, dan jika memenuhi syarat dapat menyelenggarakan pendidikan profesi.

Pasal 3 ...



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Pasal 3

- (1) Segala pembiayaan yang diperlukan bagi penyelenggaraan Universitas Teuku Umar dibebankan pada Anggaran Pendapatan dan Belanja Negara.
- (2) Pemerintah Daerah dapat membantu pembiayaan sebagaimana dimaksud pada ayat (1) sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan.

Pasal 4

Pada saat Peraturan Presiden ini mulai berlaku:

- a. semua kekayaan, hak, dan kewajiban dari Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan dialihkan menjadi kekayaan, hak, dan kewajiban Universitas Teuku Umar;
- b. semua mahasiswa yang semula tercatat sebagai mahasiswa Universitas Teuku Umar yang diselenggarakan oleh Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan dialihkan menjadi mahasiswa Universitas Teuku Umar.

Pasal 5

Pada saat Peraturan Presiden ini mulai berlaku, semua pegawai Yayasan Pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan yang bekerja pada Universitas Teuku Umar tetap menjalankan tugasnya sampai dengan ditetapkannya status kepegawaian yang bersangkutan sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan.

Pasal 6 ...



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Pasal 6

Penetapan status kepegawaian sebagaimana dimaksud dalam Pasal 5 dilaksanakan sebagai berikut:

- a. Pegawai Negeri Sipil Daerah yang dipekerjakan pada Universitas Teuku Umar dapat dialihkan statusnya menjadi Pegawai Negeri Sipil Pusat dan ditugaskan pada Universitas Teuku Umar;
- b. pegawai yang bukan Pegawai Negeri Sipil yang bekerja pada Universitas Teuku Umar dapat diangkat menjadi Calon Pegawai Negeri Sipil Pusat sepanjang memenuhi persyaratan sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan dan ditugaskan pada Universitas Teuku Umar.

Pasal 7

Ketentuan lebih lanjut yang diperlukan bagi pelaksanaan Peraturan Presiden ini diatur oleh menteri yang menyelenggarakan urusan pemerintahan di bidang pendidikan, menteri yang menyelenggarakan urusan pemerintahan di bidang aparatur negara, menteri yang menyelenggarakan urusan pemerintahan di bidang keuangan, dan/atau Kepala Badan Kepegawaian Negara baik secara bersama-sama maupun sendiri-sendiri sesuai dengan bidang tugasnya masing-masing berdasarkan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan.

Pasal 8

Peraturan Presiden ini mulai berlaku pada tanggal diundangkan.

Agar ...



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Agar setiap orang mengetahuinya, memerintahkan pengundangan Peraturan Presiden ini dengan penempatannya dalam Lembaran Negara Republik Indonesia.

Ditetapkan di Jakarta  
pada tanggal 1 April 2014  
PRESIDEN REPUBLIK INDONESIA,

ttd.

DR. H. SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO

Diundangkan di Jakarta  
pada tanggal 1 April 2014  
MENTERI HUKUM DAN HAK ASASI MANUSIA  
REPUBLIK INDONESIA,

ttd.

AMIR SYAMSUDIN

LEMBARAN NEGARA REPUBLIK INDONESIA TAHUN 2014 NOMOR 65

Salinan sesuai dengan aslinya  
SEKRETARIAT KABINET RI  
Deputi Bidang Kesejahteraan Rakyat,



*[Signature]*  
Iswarito Roesyidi



**PENYERAHAN CENDERA MATA:** Rektor UTU Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S menyerahkan cendera mata kepada orang tua wali yang meraih cumlaude saat yudisium fakultas. (Foto: Dok UTU News)

## Dari Universitas Tanpa Ujud Menjadi Universitas Terwujud

**D**ULU, di tempat itu hanyalah semak belukar dan rimba raya yang asing dari tempat penduduk warga, batang merante, smantok dan kayu-kayu besar lainnya hingga menyelimuti, gambut tebal seakan tak semangat untuk menebas menjadikan area pertanian, sekarang terbentang jalan lintas aspal menerobos semua, terlihatlah bangunan universitas yang akan menjadi kebanggaan Pantai Barat Selatan Aceh, tepatnya di desa Alpen alias Alu Penyareng

Saban hari dipadati berbagai roda empat dan roda dua menuju kampus yang terbentang ditengah semak belukar itu, tak ada lagi sepi, hening dan menyeramkan, semua sudah di pupuk dengan semangat untuk perubahan seiring dengan semangat hadirnya kampus Universitas Teuku Umar (UTU) ditengah hamparan gam-

but tebal yang tak mungkin ditebas dulunya

Sejak tanggal 10 November bertepatan hari pahlawan, keluarlah izin penyelenggara universitas ini dari Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pertanian (STIP) berubah menjadi Universitas Teuku Umar (UTU) melalui SK Mendiknas Nomor 262/D/O/2006 dengan bernaung di bawah yaysan pendidikan Teuku Umar Johan Pahlawan.

Sejak baru dilahirkan banyak yang menganggap bahwa kampus ini adalah kampus yang tidak jelas wujudnya sehingga sebagian dari masyarakat terpeset kata UTU adalah Universitas Tidak Berwujud, mungkin alasan saat itu sangatlah jelas karena gedung perkuliahan masih numpang pada sekolah-sekolah yang ada di Meulaboh.

Seiring berjalannya waktu, kampus ini terus berbenah dengan cepat berkat kegigihan para insan akademika dan Pemda Aceh Barat untuk mewujudkan kampus yang tanpa ujud ini menjadi kampus berwujud.

Bantuan demi bantuan terus mengalir untuk merealisasikan pembangunan gedung perkuliahan, masih berusaha belita, Universitas ini sudah mempunyai lokasi kampus yang memadai, ditambah lagi dengan bangunan gedung berlantai dua yang sudah berjejer, mahasiswa semangkin hari terus meningkat sehingga yang dulunya dikatakan tidak ada wujudnya kini sudah nampak dengan jelas wujud kampus ini.

Menurut Rektor UTU Drs. Alfian Ibrahim, M.S bahwa

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<sup>21</sup> Riski Rasnawi, *Perkembangan Universitas Teuku Umar 1984-2014*, Laporan Penelitian Tugas Akhir Program Studi Pendidikan Sejarah, Fakultas Keguruan dan Ilmu Pendidikan, Universitas Syiah Kuala, Banda Aceh, 2014, p.

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<sup>30</sup> Serambi Indonesia, *Alfian Ibrahim Kembali Jadi Rektor Universitas Teuku Umar*, Saturday Edition, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

<sup>31</sup> Prof. Dr. Ir. Achmad Jazidie, Meng., was a professor in Robotics of Electro Engineering at *Institut Teknologi Sepuluh November Surabaya*. He has served as the General Director of *Pendidikan Tinggi* (Higher Education), *Pendidikan Menengah* (Secondary Education), and *Kementrian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan* (the Ministry of Education and Culture). Currently, he is the Rector of *Universitas Nadhlatul Ulama Surabaya* replacing Prof. Dr. Rochmad Romdoni, the former Rector. His inauguration becoming as the rector was held on Sunday (5 July 2015) at the meeting room of Rumah Sakit Islam Jemursari. Source: (<http://surabaya.tribunnews.com/2015/07/05/mantan-dirjen-dikti-jadi-rektor-universitas-nu-surabaya>) accessed on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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