

Politik luar negeri Indonesia : berpacu antara kompromi dan melepaskan diri dari realitas "Weak State"

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Abstrak

Evaluation of Indonesian foreign policy leads us to assess the following: Firstly, since the Soeharto era we have had close relations with the Western countries, we have enjoyed billions US dollars on loans, held technical co-operations in various aspects, we have oil reserves, LNG and other potential natural resources; but as result of the multidimensional crisis in 1997-1999, our economic and business activities, as well as financial and banking systems, have been ruined. Secondly, the the following administrations (B.J, Habibie, Abdurrahman Wahid and Megawati Soekarnoputri, 1990 & 2004) were not able to do much, let alone restore Indonesia to its former position as a respect country among the ASEAN community. Thus, Indonesia has continued to deal mainly with id problems of internal crises and undeniably, has become increasingly dependent of the mercy Western countries (including the donor agencies and international financial institutions) regarding financial loans and other economic aids. This article is aimed to explain: (a) the meaning of the the "weak state" (b) what can Indonesia do with its foreign policy, which inevitably has to compromise with the "Weak State" condition? (c) what are the policies that should be implemented so that wet come out of the delicate situation?.