

Corona Virus, China-US Rivalry and Its Implications to Indonesia: A Preliminary Note

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Abstract

This article explains that in the midst of the widespread Corona Virus (Covid-19) outbreak, the United States accuses China of being the ringleader of the Corona spreader, and on the contrary China blames the US for making corona. The controversy about who is the spreader of the Corona pandemic, instead led to mutual suspicion between the US vs. China, while it did not solve the Corona outbreak problem that threatens the world community. Today, for the peoples in various parts of the world today, the main problem for overcoming Corona is the inability of the state to deal with the deadly virus. So that cooperation and mutual trust between nations will enable us all to overcome Corona outbreaks. Noah Harari's view should not be forgotten that the experience of the world community in eradicating the 2014 Ebola outbreak teaches us that closer, open and mutual trust in global cooperation will not only be a victory for humanity over the Corona virus, but also a victory against all pathogenic viruses in the future.

Keywords

Pandemic; Corona Virus; Covid-19; China; the US; humanity



I. Introduction

America (the USA) and China stand at the forefront of the world economy, the trade wars of the two countries give a message to the world community, that the pandemic is the biological child of the struggle for world markets and the economy between America and China today. Beijing accuses the US of making the Corona virus, citing a former military intelligence official from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and a former US counter-terrorism specialist named Philip Giraldi said the new Corona Virus, Covid-19 did not arise naturally through mutations but instead was produced in laboratories. He suspected that America and Israel were involved in the project to produce this virus as a biological warfare agent. Philip's statement was contained in an article published by the *Strategic Culture Foundation* on Thursday (5/3/2020).

In this regard, the world community does not believe the Chinese accusations, because the origin of the Corona virus actually spread from Wuhan City, following the leak of the laboratory at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV). As the name suggests, the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) was established to develop virology or the science of viruses. The institute was founded in 1956 under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), which became the first laboratory in China with level 4 security (biosafety level 4 or BSL-

4) in 2015. It was the result of collaboration with engineers from France with a value of 300 million yuan. BSL-4 is the highest security level for a laboratory.¹

The corona virus pandemic, which continues to haunt humanity, cannot be separated from the laboratory located in Jiangxi District, Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. US President Donald Trump calls it the China Virus. The Wuhan Laboratory belongs to the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV). Initially the Corona virus hit China and then drove and crashed into 200 countries, including the United States and Indonesia. There is a valuable lesson that we can learn from the "asymmetrical war" "US-China related to the globalization of the Corona virus pandemic that crushed the world.

That is, "something" that is in the laboratory can be easily transmitted through aerosols and can cause severe illness where vaccines and treatments have not been found. In general, the protocol for entering BSL-4 is very strict. Starting from the cabinet laboratory, until the workers must use personal protective equipment and must go through several stages, including decontamination before leaving. In addition, everything in the laboratory must be free of sharp edges to minimize the tearing of the gloves of the scientists.

From all the strict protocols, it seems already how dangerous "something" that is in level 4 laboratories such as WIV. Since changing from the Wuhan Institute of Microbiology to the Wuhan Institute of Virology in 1978, WIV began conducting research on types of viruses, especially insect and animal viruses, until the 1990s. From the WIV website, starting in 1998, they began to focus on microbial application research and biological high-tech innovation. Until 1999, they succeeded in developing the basic types of high technology research and development.

In 2002, they claimed to have opened a new stage in the development of innovation. And in 2003, a virus emerged called SARS-CoV-1 in China or called Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The virus is believed to originate from animals, bats in a cave in Yunnan Province. At that time, WIV had the advantage of having greater scientific discipline in insect virology, aquatic animal virology, and biotechnology analysis.²

As a result, in 2004, France and China signed a cooperation agreement to prevent new diseases. Beginning in 2005, they built the WIV which is now known for 10 years. After obtaining a certificate of recognition and authentication, in August 2016 WIV began conducting scientific research on the prevention and control of new infectious diseases. WIV continues to be developed with the aim of becoming a center for storing virus seeds and WHO reference laboratories.

About three years later, in December 2019, an pneumonia-like illness that had never existed before in Wuhan. Precisely at Wuhan Seafood Market in Jiangshan District. Until now, the disease that has the name Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) which emerged from the SARS-CoV-2 virus has infected hundreds of thousands of people in more than 150 countries. While thousands have died. It only takes about 3 months for this virus to threaten the lives of humanity.

Of course, if it's true Covid-19 first appeared in December 2019. We do not know what will happen in the next 3 months if the virus continues to spread and the vaccine has not been found. Then, why link Covid-19 with Wuhan Institute of Virology-WIV? Since Covid-19 appeared, the first allegation that emerged was that the virus was a leak from the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Of course the allegation was immediately rejected outright by China.

¹<https://konfrontasi.com/content/politik/pagebluk-beijing-asal-mula-corona-covid-19-dari-laboratorium-institut-corona-di> accessed 28 March 2020. See, *the South China Morning Post* (01/22/2020)

²<https://konfrontasi.com/content/politik/pagebluk-beijing-asal-mula-corona-covid-19-dari-laboratorium-institut-corona-di> accessed 28 March 2020.

One of them was a virologist from WIV named Shi Zhengli. Shi recently revealed the chronology of the appearance of Covid-19.

On December 30, 2019, Shi Zhengli claimed to be called to examine samples from a hospital in Wuhan where there were already two Covid-19 patients there. From the results of repeated research, found the source of the disease is the corona virus. Very similar to the corona virus that causes SARS in Yunnan. However, Shi claimed to be amazed because according to him it was impossible for regions in central China, such as Wuhan to get the virus. Because the virus originating from bats is usually located in subtropical regions such as in northern China. Like fearing a leak in the laboratory, Shi then compared the samples of the new virus with the viruses he had examined.

At that time, Shi claimed to breathe freely because there was no match there.

Unfortunately, Shi's statement sparked criticism. Many believe that Covid-19 was the result of a laboratory leak in Wuhan. Why? First, although the location of WIV and the Wuhan Seafood Market is quite far actually, which is 21 kilometers. However, some findings show that Covid-19 did not appear in December. A new study shows, the first patient or so-called "Zero Patient" Covid-19 appeared since November. Since then, the virus continues to infect other people. Considering the market is a crowded place, mass transmission of the virus occurs there.

Furthermore, Covid-19 was first identified as coming from animals, namely bats such as SARS. Although until now there has been no convincing discovery. Meanwhile, WIV itself has a discipline for insect and animal virology which is not impossible to develop this deadly virus. Moreover, WIV is a laboratory with the highest level of security.

On the other hand, browsing its website, www.whiov.cas.cn, since the outbreak of the corona virus, WIV is quite rare to publish the progress of its findings. The latest findings were uploaded in January 2020 regarding mini-ferritin-AIE and HIV. It was a few months ago from the previous study in October. Even before July, every week, WIV always uploads the progress of its findings. Maybe, since July they have found Covid-19 and focus on researching it. As a child of the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), WIV certainly has a relationship with the government.

II. Review of Literature

The maneuvers and movements of President Xi Jinping and his ranks who are considered to be always covering up information about Covid-19 also confirms that this virus is not "natural". Xi Jinping's absence and the aggressiveness of officials there when faced with criticism raises the question: "What are they hiding?" Communist China of the Xi Jinping era is indeed a mystery and suspected by the US / West to be hiding something, while millions of the world's citizens are victims of the invasion of the Corona virus pandemic. In its later development, Iran, Indonesia, Italy and other countries were the countries with the most deaths from the Covid 19 attack (See Table 1).

COVID-19 COUNTRIES RANKING / 29 th March 2020		
10 MOST SAFE COUNTRIES TO STAY	10 COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST EFFICIENT TREATMENT	10 MOST RISKY COUNTRIES TO STAY
ISRAEL	SINGAPORE	ITALY
SINGAPORE	SOUTH KOREA	INDONESIA
SLOVAKIA	HONG KONG	SPAIN
NEW ZEALAND	TAIWAN	IRAQ
HONG KONG	CHINA	IRAN
TAIWAN	JAPAN	NETHERLANDS
HUNGARY	GERMANY	FRANCE
AUSTRIA	AUTRIA	USA
GERMANY	UEA	UK
GREENLAND	BAHRAIN	PHILIPPINES

Source: WHO report, March 29,2020

So far, social scientists, especially anthropologists, have examined the extraordinary drastic changes caused by epidemics, (Atlani, 2000; Klein, 1997), pandemics (Rushing, 2018. Showalter,1997) and natural disaster, both because of human error and due to drastic and extreme natural changes.³

In this context of Corona virus, China made a total effort with high determination to fight the corona virus. In Wuhan City and a number of areas at risk of total lockdown. No residents should leave the house except for very urgent matters. Public transportation and access in / out of the area are closed. The Chinese government is also building a number of temporary hospitals to increase the capacity to handle corona patients. In Wuhan there are 15 temporary hospitals which treat around 12,000 patients. These efforts began to bear fruit. Corona cases in China are still increasing, but at a slow pace.

Even domestic transmission is arguably very minimal (or almost nonexistent), all new cases originate from foreign transmission or imported cases. Now, the number of corona cases in China is relatively stable in the range of 80,000. While in other countries increasing so that the curve that was originally very close and even nearly met now is very far away. "China has succeeded in slowing down the transmission of the virus, one peak phase has passed. Now the challenge is to prevent the emergence of new spreads," Tarik Jasarevic, a spokesman for the World Health Organization (WHO), was quoted as saying by *Reuters*⁴.

As the spread of the corona virus subsided, public activity gradually returned to normal. The lockdown in Wuhan has been lifted, and residents are returning to their activities. The economy returned to activity after about three months of hibernation. Stores and factories that had closed are now open again. Workers have returned to their respective offices and

³ Atlani, Laetitia, et al. "Social change and HIV in the former USSR: the making of a new epidemic." *Social science & medicine* 50.11 (2000): 1547-1556. See, Klein, Ethel, et al. *Ending domestic violence: Changing public perceptions/halting the epidemic*. Sage Publications, Inc, 1997. See, Oliver-Smith, Anthony. "Anthropological research on hazards and disasters." *Annual review of anthropology* 25.1 (1996): 303-328. See, Rushing, William A. *The AIDS epidemic: Social dimensions of an infectious disease*. Routledge, 2018. See, Showalter, Elaine. *Hystories: Hysterical epidemics and modern media*. Vol. 2. Columbia University Press, 1997.

⁴ *Reuters*, April 2, 2020.

factories, consumers have dared to leave the house to shop. "Thank you, Wuhan. We are back," wrote a message in a shop selling Levi's jeans.⁵

The Covid-19 epidemic was the process of rebranding the China (PRC): originally impressed as a closed, undeveloped, and threatened country, it now appeared to be a mighty positive force. Henry Kissinger's book '*On China*' quoted advice in *The Art of War* written by Sun Tzu 2,000 years ago: "*The master of all masters is not to win every battle, but to defeat the enemy without fighting.*" And that is what the PRC is now achieving: after breaking away from the Covid-19 epidemic quickly - an achievement that has received applause all over the world - China won. Its competitors, the United States under Donald Trump, is overwhelmed, ignorant, noisy with oneself. Europe is no better.⁶

III. Results and Discussion

3.1 Globalization of Corona

The international community knows that the origin of the outbreak first, as reported by *the South China Morning Post* (01/22/2020), mentions the Huanan Seafood Market, Wuhan City, is the market that is the source of this virus outbreak. There are sold 100 varieties of live animals and poultry, ranging from foxes to wolves, anteaters, masked, crabs, shrimp, turtles, snakes, rats, porcupines, birds, and many more. There are also live animals such as tiger frogs, snakes, porcupines, and other wild animals. Today, Corona cases (COVID-19) worldwide have penetrated 1.7 million cases. Even based on Worldometers data as of Saturday (04/11/2020) at 13:00 West Indonesia Time, the number of deaths reached 102,750 while patients recovered 376,529. With the Corona outbreak spreading throughout the world, what does this history teach us about today's Coronavirus epidemic?

First, this outbreak implies that you cannot protect yourself by permanently closing borders. Remember that epidemics spread rapidly even in the Middle Ages, long before the age of globalization, epidemics of this kind had already taken place.

Second, history shows that real protection comes from sharing reliable scientific information, and from global solidarity. When one country is plagued by an epidemic, it must be willing to honestly share information about outbreaks without fear of economic disaster - while other countries must be able to trust that information, and must be willing to provide assistance rather than isolating people.⁷

There are 1.2 million active cases, with 1.1 million (96%) patients showing mild symptoms and 49 thousand (4%) showing serious symptoms. There are 479 thousand cases that have been completed, with 376 thousand (79%) cured and 102 thousand (21%) died. From the same data (Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3) there are 210 countries and territories infected, with two international shipping. Here are 10 countries with the most cases:

⁵ <https://www.cnbcindonesia.com/news/20200402010415-4-149200/kala-corona-sudah-tiada-ekonomi-bakal-cetar-membahana/2> accessed 2 April 2020

⁶ Goenawan Mohamad, WEI QI, Catatan Pinggir Majalah *TEMPO*, edisi 30 Maret-5 April 2020. See, Henry Kissinger, '*On China*', Penguin Books; Reprint edition (April 24, 2012).

⁷ Yuval Noah Harari Dunia Setelah Virus Korona dari Kacamata Yuval Noah Harari <https://bebas.kompas.id/baca/bebas-akses/2020/03/31/dunia-setelah-virus-korona-dari-kacamata-yuval-noah-harari/> accessed April 9, 2020.. See, Yuval Noah Harari: Menyongsong Era Posthuman, <https://konfrontasi.com/content/budaya/yuval-noah-harari-menyongsong-era-posthuman>, accessed April 9, 2020.. See, Yuval Noah Harari: Coronavirus surveillance risks creating authoritarian regimes <https://www.verdict.co.uk/coronavirus-surveillance-yuval-noah-harari/> accessed April 9, 2020.. See, Yuval Noah Harari, In the Battle Against Coronavirus, Humanity Lacks Leadership <https://time.com/5803225/yuval-noah-harari-coronavirus-humanity-leadership/> accessed April 8, 2020.

Table 1

1.	USA	Cases :	505.876
		Death :	18.747
		Recovery :	27.314
2.	Spain	Cases :	158.273
		Death :	16.081
		Recovery :	55.668
3.	Italya	Cases :	147.577
		Death :	18.849
		Recovery :	30.455
4.	France	Cases :	124.869
		Death :	13.197
		Recovery :	24.932
5.	Germany	Cases :	122.171
		Death :	2.736
		Recovery :	53.913
6.	China	Cases :	81.953
		Death :	3.339
		Recovery :	77.525
7.	England	Cases :	73.758
		Death :	8.958
		Recovery :	344
8.	Iran	Cases :	68.192
		Death :	4.232
		Recovery :	35.465
9.	Turkey	Cases :	47.029
		Death :	1.006
		Recovery :	2.423
10.	Belgia	Cases :	26.667
		Death :	3.019
		Recovery :	5.568

3.2 Surveillance

Table 2. Countries, territories or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths. Data WHO as of 10 April 2020*

Reporting Country/ Territory/Area [†]	Total confirmed ‡ cases	Total confirmed new cases	Total deaths	Total new deaths	Transmission classification [§]	Days since last reported case
Western Pacific Region						
China	83305	56	3345	1	Clusters of cases	0
Republic of Korea	10450	27	208	4	Clusters of cases	0
Australia	6152	100	52	2	Clusters of cases	0
Japan	5347	579	88	3	Clusters of cases	0
Malaysia	4228	109	67	2	Clusters of cases	0
Philippines	4076	206	203	21	Clusters of cases	0
Singapore	1910	287	7	1	Clusters of cases	0

New Zealand	1015	23	1	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Viet Nam	255	4	0	0	Clusters of cases	0
Brunei Darussalam	135	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	5
Cambodia	118	1	0	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Mongolia	16	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Fiji	15	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	2
Lao People's Democratic Republic	15	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Papua New Guinea	2	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Territories**						
Guam	128	3	4	0	Clusters of cases	0
French Polynesia	51	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
New Caledonia	18	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	7
Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth of the)	11	0	2	0	Pending	1
European Region						
Spain	152446	5756	15238	683	Pending	0
Italy	143626	4204	18281	612	Pending	0
Germany	113525	5323	2373	266	Pending	0
France	85351	4256	12192	1339	Pending	0
The United Kingdom	65081	4344	7978	881	Pending	0
Turkey	42282	4056	908	96	Community Transmission	0
Belgium	24983	1580	2523	283	Pending	0
Switzerland	23495	785	756	51	Community Transmission	0
Netherlands	21762	1213	2396	148	Pending	0
Portugal	13956	815	409	29	Pending	0
Austria	13248	279	295	22	Pending	0
Russian Federation	11917	1786	94	18	Clusters of cases	0
Israel	9755	351	79	8	Pending	0
Sweden	9141	722	793	106	Pending	0
Ireland	7393	1169	263	28	Pending	0
Norway	6160	150	88	8	Pending	0
Denmark	5635	233	237	19	Pending	0
Poland	5575	370	174	15	Pending	0
Czechia	5569	257	112	13	Pending	0
Romania	5202	441	229	20	Pending	0
Luxembourg	3115	81	52	6	Pending	0
Serbia	2867	201	65	0	Pending	0
Finland	2605	118	42	2	Pending	0
Ukraine	2203	311	69	12	Clusters of cases	0
Greece	1955	71	86	3	Pending	0
Iceland	1648	32	6	0	Pending	0

Croatia	1407	64	20	1	Pending	0
Republic of Moldova	1289	115	29	1	Pending	0
Estonia	1207	22	24	0	Pending	0
Hungary	1190	210	77	11	Pending	0
Slovenia	1124	33	43	3	Pending	0
Belarus	1066	0	13	0	Clusters of cases	1
Lithuania	955	43	15	0	Pending	0
Armenia	937	16	11	1	Clusters of cases	0
Azerbaijan	926	104	9	1	Clusters of cases	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	875	59	36	1	Community Transmission	0
Kazakhstan	802	75	9	2	Pending	0
Slovakia	701	19	2	0	Pending	0
North Macedonia	663	46	30	0	Clusters of cases	0
Bulgaria	624	31	24	0	Pending	0
Uzbekistan	624	69	3	0	Clusters of cases	0
Andorra	589	23	26	2	Community Transmission	0
Latvia	589	12	2	0	Pending	0
Cyprus	564	38	15	1	Pending	0
Albania	416	7	23	1	Clusters of cases	0
San Marino	344	36	34	0	Community Transmission	0
Malta	337	38	2	1	Pending	0
Kyrgyzstan	298	18	5	1	Pending	0
Montenegro	252	4	2	0	Clusters of cases	0
Georgia	230	16	3	0	Clusters of cases	0
Liechtenstein	79	0	1	0	Pending	1
Monaco	54	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Holy See	8	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Territories**						
Kosovo ^[1]	227	3	7	1	Community Transmission	0
Faroe Islands	184	0	0	0	Pending	2
Guernsey	181	15	5	1	Pending	0
Jersey	170	0	3	0	Pending	2
Isle of Man	165	15	1	0	Pending	0
Gibraltar	113	0	1	0	Pending	2
Greenland	11	0	0	0	Pending	4
South-East Asia Region						
India	6412	678	199	33	Clusters of cases	0
Indonesia	3512	556	306	66	Clusters of cases	0
Thailand	2473	50	33	1	Clusters of cases	0
Bangladesh	330	112	21	1	Clusters of cases	0
Sri Lanka	190	1	7	0	Clusters of cases	0
Myanmar	27	5	3	0	Clusters of cases	0

Maldives	19	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	7
Nepal	9	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	5
Bhutan	5	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	7
Timor-Leste	1	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	20
Eastern Mediterranean Region						
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	66220	1634	4110	117	Community Transmission	0
Pakistan	4601	279	66	3	Clusters of cases	0
Saudi Arabia	3287	355	44	3	Clusters of cases	0
United Arab Emirates	2990	331	14	2	Pending	0
Qatar	2376	166	6	0	Pending	0
Egypt	1699	139	118	15	Clusters of cases	0
Morocco	1377	102	97	4	Clusters of cases	0
Iraq	1232	30	69	0	Clusters of cases	0
Kuwait	910	55	1	0	Clusters of cases	0
Bahrain	887	64	5	0	Clusters of cases	0
Tunisia	643	15	25	1	Community Transmission	0
Lebanon	582	7	19	0	Clusters of cases	0
Afghanistan	521	77	15	0	Clusters of cases	0
Oman	484	27	3	1	Clusters of cases	0
Jordan	372	14	7	1	Clusters of cases	0
Djibouti	140	5	1	1	Clusters of cases	0
Libya	24	3	1	0	Clusters of cases	0
Syrian Arab Republic	19	0	2	0	Community Transmission	4
Sudan	15	1	2	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Somalia	12	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Territories**						
occupied Palestinian territory	266	3	1	0	Clusters of cases	0
Region of the Americas						
United States of America	425889	30859	14665	1925	Community Transmission	0
Canada	19759	1326	461	60	Community Transmission	0
Brazil	15927	2210	800	133	Community Transmission	0
Chile	5972	426	57	9	Community Transmission	0
Ecuador	4965	515	272	30	Community Transmission	0
Peru	4342	1388	121	14	Community Transmission	0
Mexico	3181	396	174	33	Community Transmission	0
Panama	2528	279	63	4	Community Transmission	0

Dominican Republic	2349	393	118	20	Community Transmission	0
Colombia	2054	274	55	5	Community Transmission	0
Argentina	1795	80	67	7	Community Transmission	0
Cuba	515	58	15	3	Clusters of cases	0
Costa Rica	502	19	3	1	Clusters of cases	0
Uruguay	456	32	7	0	Clusters of cases	0
Honduras	343	31	23	1	Clusters of cases	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	264	54	18	3	Clusters of cases	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	166	0	7	0	Clusters of cases	1
Paraguay	124	5	5	0	Clusters of cases	0
Trinidad and Tobago	109	2	8	0	Clusters of cases	0
El Salvador	103	10	5	0	Clusters of cases	0
Guatemala	95	8	3	0	Clusters of cases	0
Barbados	63	0	3	0	Clusters of cases	1
Jamaica	63	0	4	1	Clusters of cases	1
Bahamas	40	4	7	1	Clusters of cases	0
Guyana	37	4	6	1	Clusters of cases	0
Haiti	30	3	2	1	Clusters of cases	0
Antigua and Barbuda	19	0	2	0	Clusters of cases	1
Dominica	15	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	2
Saint Lucia	14	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	4
Grenada	12	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	5
Saint Kitts and Nevis	11	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Suriname	10	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	6
Belize	9	1	1	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Nicaragua	6	0	1	0	Pending	3
Territories**						
Puerto Rico	683	63	33	9	Clusters of cases	0
Martinique	154	2	6	2	Clusters of cases	0
Guadeloupe	141	2	8	0	Clusters of cases	0
French Guiana	83	6	0	0	Clusters of cases	0
Aruba	82	8	0	0	Clusters of cases	0

United States Virgin Islands	46	1	1	0	Clusters of cases	0
Cayman Islands	45	0	1	0	Clusters of cases	1
Sint Maarten	43	3	8	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Bermuda	39	0	3	1	Clusters of cases	2
Saint Martin	32	1	2	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Curaçao	14	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Montserrat	8	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	8	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	2
Saint Barthelemy	6	0	0	0		10
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	5	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Anguilla	3	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	6
British Virgin Islands	3	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	9
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	2	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	6
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	2
African Region						
South Africa	1934	89	18	0	Community Transmission	0
Algeria	1666	94	235	30	Community Transmission	0
Cameroon	730	0	10	0	Clusters of cases	1
Burkina Faso	414	30	19	0	Clusters of cases	0
Niger	410	68	11	0	Clusters of cases	0
Côte d'Ivoire	384	0	3	0	Clusters of cases	1
Mauritius	314	41	7	0	Clusters of cases	0
Ghana	313	0	6	0	Clusters of cases	1
Nigeria	288	12	7	1	Clusters of cases	0
Senegal	250	6	2	0	Clusters of cases	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	215	8	20	0	Clusters of cases	0
Guinea	194	30	0	0	Clusters of cases	0
Kenya	184	5	7	1	Clusters of cases	0
Rwanda	113	3	0	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Madagascar	95	2	0	0	Clusters of cases	0
Togo	73	3	3	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Congo	60	0	5	0	Clusters of cases	1
Mali	59	3	7	1	Sporadic Cases	0
Ethiopia	56	1	2	0	Sporadic Cases	0

Uganda	53	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Gabon	44	20	1	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Zambia	39	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	7
Guinea-Bissau	35	2	0	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Eritrea	33	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Liberia	31	0	4	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Benin	30	4	1	0	Sporadic Cases	0
United Republic of Tanzania	25	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Angola	19	0	2	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Equatorial Guinea	18	2	0	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Mozambique	17	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Namibia	16	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	4
Botswana	13	7	1	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Eswatini	12	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Chad	11	1	0	0	Sporadic Cases	0
Seychelles	11	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	3
Zimbabwe	11	0	3	0	Sporadic Cases	2
Central African Republic	10	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Malawi	8	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	2
Cabo Verde	7	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	3
Sierra Leone	7	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	1
Mauritania	6	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	6
Gambia	4	0	1	0	Sporadic Cases	7
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	0	0	0	Pending	3
Burundi	3	0	0	0	Sporadic Cases	6
South Sudan	3	2	0	0	Pending	0
Territories**						
Réunion	376	14	0	0	Clusters of cases	0
Mayotte	191	5	2	0	Clusters of cases	0
Subtotal for all Regions	1520540	85054	92787	7277		
International conveyance (Diamond Princess)	712	0	11	0	Pending	25
Grand total	1521252	85054	92798	7277		

*Numbers include both domestic and repatriated casesCase classifications are based on WHO case definitions for COVID-19.

The second largest number of cases of Corona COVID-19 infection were recorded in Italy, which reached 110,574 cases with 16,847 recovering. The third largest case of COVID-19 infection was recorded in Spain, which reached 104,118 cases. While the fourth largest case was recorded in China, which reached 82,381 cases. Besides Italy, Spain and China, more than 70,000 cases were recorded in Germany, which has 77,981 cases. While the number of recovery of Corona Virus COVID-19 patients in Germany was 18,700 with 931 deaths.⁸

The Corona Virus Disease 2019 pandemic phenomenon (Covid-19) is categorized as part of contemporary global issues, it can be analyzed based on two aspects. *First*, based on aspects of low politics, Corona is part of international non conventional security that threatens human security. For example, from an economic standpoint, the Corona outbreak can be assumed to be correlated with a trade war between two economic great powers, namely the United States (USA) and China. *Second*, from the aspect of high politics it can be assumed that the spread of Covid-19 is one of the efforts taken by the USA to reduce (temporarily) the movement of Chinese aggressiveness in the South China Sea. In addition, also to inhibit the consistency of the expansion of China's economic power throughout the world in order to change the map of world trade that is dominated by China.

However, both the low and high politics assumptions of the Covid-19 outbreak are weak. Because, the facts actually indicate that the USA itself was also not free from Corona because dozens of victims have died due to the virus. If the Covid-19 pandemic is assumed to be a Biochemical Weapon in the trade war between the USA vs. China, the fact is that Corona is present precisely when the world economy is experiencing uncertainty. The emergence of Corona is clearly hampering export-imports throughout the world and hitting the tourism sector in almost all countries. Especially countries that rely

Like nuclear war, Corona's impact extends indiscriminately and strikes the economies of all countries. No country is free from Corona and no country has a safe economic sector due to the virus pandemic. Including the USA, of course, the economic sector is also dependent on world economic development.

So far, China continues to accuse the US of being the creator of the Corona virus, and the US also continues to accuse Beijing of being the culprit, the two countries accusing each other. If it is true that Corona is indeed a "grand design" of China, it means that China has made a 'blunder of its own' because it turns out Corona also spread there. Moreover, victims with large numbers also befall a number of European Union countries, such as, Italy, Germany, and France which incidentally are also close allies of the USA in the economic and international politics, the main foreign exchange earnings from the tourism sector.

In this regard, a number of economic analysts say that in recent days, China has broken many records, won everything, bought \$ 20 billion in initial news, and bought about 30% of Western company shares in China.

Xi Jinping has surpassed intelligent Europeans and American Democrats. He played an extraordinary game before the eyes of the whole world. Because of the situation in Wuhan, the Chinese currency began to decline, but the Chinese central bank did nothing to prevent this collapse. There are also many rumors that China doesn't even have enough masks to fight the corona virus. This rumor, and Xi Jinping's declaration that he was ready to protect the residents of Wuhan by blocking the border, had caused a sharp decline in share prices (44%) in Chinese technology and the chemical industry.

⁸. <https://newsaf.feednews.com/news/detail/81b14a8a38c5848b6fe3a1b346483803?client=news>

Financial sharks start selling all of China's shares, but no one wants to buy it, and they are really devalued. At that moment, Xi Jinping took a big step, waited a week, and smiled at the press conference as if nothing special had happened.

And when the price falls below the permitted limit, he orders the purchase of ALL European and American shares at the same time! Then the "financial shark" realized that they were cheated and bankrupt. But it was too late, because all shares had been transferred to China, which not only made \$ 2,000 billion at the time, but also became the majority shareholder of the company that was built by Europeans and Americans thanks to simulations.

The shares now belong to their company and have become the owners of the heavy industry on which the European Union, America and the rest of the world depend. From now on, China will determine the price, and the company's revenue will not leave the Chinese border, but will remain at home and hold all of China's gold reserves. Some analysts said, that is why American and European "financial sharks" are stupid, and within minutes the Chinese collect most of their shares, which now make billions of dollars in profit!

There is no win-win solution or zero sum game in the 'intentional' spread of Covid-19 if it is done intentionally as part of the USA grand design strategy to hit China. There is no one country that benefits. Because, all countries actually harmed simultaneously as a result of the widespread Corona pandemic. On the other hand, the blunder could have been created due to the USA's miscalculation of the impact of the spread of Covid-19 which turned out to be not only endemic or even epidemic. But the fact is that its spread has developed into a pandemic, even though a few weeks ago the UN was still shy and considered it merely an epidemic.

Meanwhile, based on its nature, Covid-19 is a molecule that can be categorized as a combination of living things like bacteria because of their natural self-replication, as well as inanimate objects that remain alive without the need for oxygen. If it is associated with assumptions that contain elements of high politics, then based on its nature "between life and death, Corona can I term as the latest" Biochemical Weapons "that emerged after the era of Anthrax Virus, SARS, MERS, and so on. Covid-19 proved to be the deadliest weapon of soft war weapons in this century.

Although China has recently claimed its victory over Covid-19 which was demonstrated through President Xi Jinping's visit to Wuhan, the world must remain vigilant. Because after all, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will say anything to the outside world to look good for their national interests. Especially related to the Chinese economy which is now threatened with bankruptcy due to the Corona pandemic.

Because of the nature and dimensions of the spread of outbreaks across national borders, even though some countries have been locked down, the handling of Corona still requires cooperation between countries around the world. Namely, together trying to find a vaccine to overcome Covid-19 coordinated by WHO so that the benefits can be felt by all humanity.

Thus, in our opinion, the Corona pandemic in the perspective of international relations is part of contemporary global issues that threaten human security. So, if it cannot be resolved quickly, Covid-19 has the potential to hamper the process of human development which will indirectly also threaten sustainable development globally. And in the long run, it might threaten human civilization. The Globalization of Corona Virus Covid-19 has caused panic in the world. These micro organisms infect 200 countries without being prevented. Data as of today, after the emergence of Covid in Wuhan China, recorded world cases of 642,741 people infected and 29,908 killed. All

countries, including super power, cannot prevent it, they only try to take preventive measures and save lives.

The World Death Rate on March 28 is 4.5%, meaning that every 100 people are infected, between 4-5 people die. This virus is called smarter than the SARS type, capable of evolving and mutating. Goldman Sach calls this type of flu, but it turns out this flu is the most virulent and highly contagious. Medical measures noted that of 642,741 infected in the world, only 23.16% recovered.

3.3 US Competition with China

In 2009, the United States (The US) decided on a 'rebalancing' policy to shift its Foreign Policy and Defense policies from the Middle East to the Asia Pacific region. The US has assessed China since 2007, starting to seize control of the South China Sea, issuing the concept of One Belt One Road (**OBOR**) and The Belt and Road Initiative (**BRI**). The Bank of China plans US \$ 4.2 trillion to achieve hegemony with the power of money. Not talking about the military but playing Private Security Contractor. While the BRI concept was prepared with a budget of US \$ 8 trillion.⁹

The concept of China in 2007 with a strategy to control two oceans has been carried out in 2015. Ready to fight in the Gray Area by preparing 33,000 500-ton ships that are guarded by the Coast Guard weighing 13,000 tons. The State of China (China) affirms *"You fight your way, I fight my way"*. The description is clearly addressed to the US and its allies.

China then tried to find friends, namely Japan, India and South Korea. The US's dislike of the Chinese concept continued into the trade war with President Trump's slogan "Make American Great Again", where the US relied on maritime power. The concept of defense is divided into three defense areas, namely Indopac, Africom and Sencom. Then in 2019, the US launched Higher Road (similar to China's OBOR).

In essence HR is, Uninterrupted Commerce, Freedom of Navigation, Connectivity and Maritime Domain Security. Here the question arises which countries in the three Wilhan want to join or not? Most specifically in the Indo Pacific region. Therefore the US last month reassessed the political position and foreign policy of four countries, namely Japan, South Korea, India and Indonesia.

There was a change from the concept of globalization to regionalization. India got a plus, expressed support, so President Trump visited India. While the other three countries have not yet been assigned status. In relation to US competition with China, in essence this is hegemony competition, where China is trying and judged to be successful in approaching three countries that are considered important and strategic namely Indonesia, Japan and South Korea. In addition, the US is troubled by the actions of China trying to control the LCS as a SLOC (Sea Lane of Communication) channel which is the main pulse of US trade.

As we know, the US since 911 always counter potential direct threats to the country (mainland). China and Russia have been designated as their main enemies. From case data and history, the US has always neutralized the threat of Nubika, for example North Korea and Iran continue to be pressured because of the issue of Iran's nuclear expert assistance to North Korea. In addition, North Korea is considered by US intelligence to have a chemical poison VX that was put up during the murder of Kim

⁹ Marsda Pur Prayitno Wongsodidjojo Ramelan, Mengukur COVID-19 Dari Persepsi Intelijen, Bagian Dari Biowar? <https://www.harianterbit.com/opini/read/119957/Mengukur-COVID-19-Dari-Persepsi-Intelijen-Bagian-Dari-Biowar> accessed April 10,2020.

Jong Nam at Sepang Airport in Malaysia. They estimate the amount of VX poison weighing 5,000 tons.¹⁰

While President Trump stressed that this is a "Chinese virus". Logically in the perception of intelligence, the US was very afraid of the threat of Covid -19, knowing that this was a new type of flu which was vicious, contagious and there was no vaccine. The author estimates from some information, this is a virus engineered by Chinese experts as a preparation for biological weapons.

Considering that China has always been brave enough to fight the US, it seems that there was a clandestine intelligence operation, the virus was leaked in Wuhan as a proof, as well as the concept of destroying the image and strength of the Chinese economy which was always fed against the US. It seems that there is indeed a leak of this virulent virus at the end of 2019, by utilizing the characteristics of the five million residents of Wuhan who are always on vacation at the end of the year as carriers. As a result, China isolated 18 regions and 56 million inhabitants were locked. The spread of Covid has been calculated, China will be isolated and ostracized. The chain effect undermines China's image and the impact of China's economic damage which is a force towards the dream of world hegemony is automatically eroded.

From the recorded data, on March 28, 2020, the number of US citizens exposed to Covid-19 has surpassed China and Italy. Total cases (positive) in the US are 105,015, China 81,394 and Italy 86,408 cases. While the total death rate on the same day, the highest is Italy 9,134, the second is China 3,295 and the third US is 1,1717 inhabitants. To safeguard its economy, President Donald Trump to anticipate the impact of Covid, has signed a stimulus package as strong as US \$ 2.2 Trillion.

In order to stem the spread of the corona virus (Covid-19), New York and Illinois from Friday (3/20/2020) began lockdowns. While President Donald Trump is still confident by declaring the United States has "won" the war. The steps of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago shut down in the states of New Jersey and Connecticut. But Trump insisted there was no need for a national lockdown. The reason is the spread of the corona virus in several US states is not as much as the densely populated hospitals

Americans report increasingly overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. While 40 percent of cases are in areas that have been locked down, the US has succeeded in suppressing the death rate. This proves the ability of the US in the health sector.

There is an interesting part as the writer said in a previous article, Goldman Sach. On Thursday (03/12/2020) a press conference was chaired by its chief economist, Jan Hatzius, and the head of its medical department, Michael Rendel. It was said that 50% of Americans would be infected with the virus (150 million people) because it was very contagious. It was said that this virus is equivalent to the common cold (Rhinovirus) and there are about 200 strains, of which most Americans will be exposed to 2-4 per year. About 70% of Germans will be affected (58 million people).

3.4 The Impactfor Indonesia

The impact of the Corona pandemic and the US-China hard rivalry on Indonesia from the economic, political and socio-cultural side was very real, even before the Corona outbreak hit, in fact the economic crisis had hit Indonesia under President Jokowi who failed economically. In Indonesia, based on the latest data, the

¹⁰Marsda Pur Prayitno Wongsodidjojo Ramelan, Mengukur COVID-19 Dari Persepsi Intelijen, Bagian Dari Biowar? <https://www.harianterbit.com/opini/read/119957/Mengukur-COVID-19-Dari-Persepsi-Intelijen-Bagian-Dari-Biowar> accessed April 10,2020

corona virus has spread to 32 provinces in Indonesia. Provinces with the most cases were DKI Jakarta, West Java, Banten, East Java and Central Java. (See Table 3)

Table 3. Distribution of patients infected with corona virus on April 1, 2020

Cases	Recovery	Death
1.677	103	157

No.	Province	Cases	Recovery	Death
1.	Jakarta	808	50	85
2.	Jawa Barat	220	11	21
3.	Banten	152	7	14
4.	Jawa Tengah	104	0	7
5.	Jawa Timur	104	17	9
6.	Sulawesi Selatan	66	0	5
7.	Yogyakarta	28	1	2
8.	Bali	25	10	2
9.	Sumatra Utara	22	0	3
10.	Kalimantan Timur	21	0	1
11.	Kalimantan Barat	10	2	2
12.	Papua	10	2	0
13.	Kalimantan Tengah	9	0	0
14.	Kalimantan Selatan	8	0	0
15.	Lampung	8	0	0
16.	Sumatra Barat	8	0	0
17.	Kepulauan Riau	7	0	1
18.	Nusa Tenggara Barat	6	0	0
19.	Aceh	5	0	0
20.	Sumatra Selatan	5	0	2
21.	Sulawesi Utara	3	1	0
22.	Sulawesi Tenggara	3	0	0
23.	Riau	3	1	0
24.	Jambi	2	0	0
25.	Kepulauan Bangka Belitung	2	0	1
26.	Kalimantan Utara	2	0	0
27.	Papua Barat	2	0	1
28.	Sulawesi Tengah	2	0	0
29.	Maluku	1	1	0
30.	Maluku Utara	1	0	0
31.	Bengkulu	1	0	1
32.	Sulawesi Barat	1	0	0
33.	Gorontalo	0	0	0
34.	Nusa Tenggara Timur	0	0	0

Corona's negative impact on the Indonesian economy is obviously real. To answer this question of why it could happen, we consider some of these unfamous remarks: *First*, The government announced the worst scenario in the domestic economy due to the spread of the corona virus. One of them is economic growth that grew negative 0.4 percent this year. This figure is much lower than the previous worst scenario up to 0 percent. While

for the severe scenario, the domestic economy is estimated to only grow 2.3 percent this year, lower than the previous projection of 2.5 percent. These projections are even far below the target in the 2020 APBN of 5 percent. "We expect economic growth to fall to 2.3 percent, even worse scenario minus 0.4 percent," Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said. In addition, the rupiah exchange rate is predicted to reach Rp 20,000 per US dollar in a very heavy scenario. While the exchange rate weight scenario could reach Rp 17,500 per US dollar this year.

The projection is also higher than the target in the 2020 APBN which is only Rp 14,400 per US dollar. Inflation is projected to increase to 5.1 percent this year for very heavy scenarios and 3.9 percent for severe scenarios. This figure is also far above the target of 3.1 percent in the 2020 APBN. Nevertheless, the government ensures that it will continue to work to reduce the spread of the corona virus in the country. The latest, Jokowi announced the total budget of Rp 405.1 trillion. Specifically, IDR 75 trillion will be used for the health sector, IDR 110 trillion for social safety nets, IDR 70.1 trillion for tax incentives, and a budget for the People's Business Credit (KUR) stimulus of IDR 150 trillion.¹¹

Second: there is still room for Bank Indonesia to reduce interest. We see that the Fed might also reduce interest if the situation gets worse. Apart from that we still have fiscal space for expansion.¹² Therefore, economist Dr Chatib Basri suggest on to do a counter cyclical. We think what the government and Bank Indonesia have done is right in terms of fiscal and monetary policies. But as we said above, a counter cyclical policy by encouraging demand amid supply disruptions, will lead to price increases. This is a characteristic of supply shock.¹³

Third, The Center of Reform on Economics (CORE Indonesia) said the spread of COVID-19 in the country would also hit a number of expenditure components on economic growth. Even the domestic economy is estimated to be minus 2 percent this year, lower than the government's worst case scenario of 0 percent. The ongoing COVID-19 outbreak has changed the direction of the country's economy, with deteriorating external environmental conditions and weakening domestic demand,¹⁴

Therefore we think the counter cyclical policy must be accompanied by a supply side policy. The main thing is to look for sources of raw materials, components from other countries that have not been infected or are relatively more capable of providing supplies than China. The most ideal is if the supply from China can be replaced by local supply, because this will increase domestic production through import substitution. We can imagine that component products or capital goods that were previously unable to compete with China can now survive. It may cost more, but this is better than not available.

Therefore, Indonesian companies must get ready to look for new supply chain sources to anticipate if the Covid-19 outbreak lasts long. The government must also ensure that food stock is safe. This is very important. In terms of the production network, we know this is not easy, because the production network cannot just be replaced. If supply disruption occurs and price increases cannot be avoided, the government must be prepared to provide assistance to the poor, especially in relation to Non-Cash Food Assistance

¹¹<https://kumparan.com/kumparanbisnis/imf-hingga-sri-mulyani-beberkan-dampak-corona-bikin-ekonomi-ri-babak-belur-1tAUt4KcP1p>

¹²Muhammad Chatib Basri : *Perekonomian dan Virus Corona*, <https://www.feb.ui.ac.id/blog/2020/02/28/muhammad-chatib-basri-perekonomian-dan-virus-corona/> accessed April 10, 2020

¹³ Muhammad Chatib Basri, *Perekonomian dan Virus Corona*, *Kompas daily*, February 28, 2020

¹⁴<https://kumparan.com/kumparanbisnis/imf-hingga-sri-mulyani-beberkan-dampak-corona-bikin-ekonomi-ri-babak-belur-1tAUt4KcP1p>

(anticipation if food prices rise). The most important thing is to ensure that food stock and prices are controlled. This poor group is very vulnerable to price increases.¹⁵

Overcoming supply shock due to disruption in the global production chain is not easy. Will supply shock occur? Of course this all depends on how long this outbreak lasts. We hope that like SARS, this outbreak does not last long, so that the impact of supply shock does not occur. But if it happens in a long time, then the anticipation as above needs to be done.¹⁶ Economically, China is one of the centers of the production network or hub of the production net-work. Not only that, China also produces auxiliary materials or capital goods for many countries in the world. Disruption of the Chinese economy due to Covid-19 will disrupt the global production chain (global supply chain).

The outbreak of this virus has an impact of a nation and Globally (Ningrum *et al*, 2020). The presence of Covid-19 as a pandemic certainly has an economic, social and psychological impact on society (Saleh and Mujahiddin, 2020). Covid 19 pandemic caused all efforts not to be as maximal as expected (Sihombing and Nasib, 2020).

Disruption in China will make raw materials, auxiliary materials, capital goods or components not needed by other countries including Europe, Asia and Indonesia. In this condition, the production will be disrupted. This is what we call supply shock. On the other hand the weakening of China also means reducing the demand for raw materials, raw materials or components for finished goods manufactured in China.¹⁷

If Covid-19 subsides in a short time, about 3-4 months, the amount of raw material stock, components etc. may still be sufficient, so that the impact of supply disruption will not occur. But if this goes on for a long time, the company will run out of raw materials, capital goods, components for production. The result is a disruption in production. Supply shock occurred. The implication of supply shock, aggregate supply or production will decrease. A decrease in production will encourage price increases.

If aggregate supply decreases, the implication is that output will decrease and prices will rise. In economics, this phenomenon is known as Stagflation. A combination of stagnation and inflation. This means that economic growth decreases but the price increase (inflation) increases. If the government or the Central Bank does nothing, stagflation will occur. If the government and the Central Bank anticipate by encouraging demand - through counter cyclical policies or counter cycles - so that the economy runs (as the Indonesian government and Bank Indonesia do now), there is hope that demand will rise and the economic slowdown can be overcome.¹⁸

Regarding health issues, Corona Virus raises the issue of cross-border health threats. The Corona Virus threat is very different from the provocation of the China coast guard and its fishing vessels in Natuna in the form, nature, way of responding, parties who respond, the object of the threat, and its consequences. In security studies, Corona viruses can be included as non-traditional security threats. In that category, the state needs to collaborate with various non-state actors (both civil and military) to ensure national vigilance. Even Indonesia also needs to cooperate with other countries (including ASEAN or Southeast Asian countries) to exchange the latest information.

Cooperation between domestic and inter-state actors is very urgent because the object of the attack is a person or citizen. Health threats are felt directly by the community,

¹⁵ Muhammad Chatib Basri, *Perekonomian dan Virus Corona*, *Kompas daily*, February 28, 2020

¹⁶ *ibid*

¹⁷ *Ibid*

¹⁸ **Muhammad Chatib Basri : Perekonomian dan Virus**

Corona, <https://www.feb.ui.ac.id/blog/2020/02/28/muhammad-chatib-basri-perekonomian-dan-virus-corona/> accessed April 10, 2020

especially those who have inter-state mobility. In non-traditional security, the focus of attention is more on human security. Whereas in traditional security threats, the state is the only actor who responds to security threats. This state actor is a military party. Because the vital objects of the target country represent national interests, the military is also the most authorized to carry out this national security role.

3.5 The 'Biological Child' of Globalization and Interdependence

Corona Virus or Covid-19 is the 'biological child' of globalization. The rapid spread of Covid-19 to more than 90 countries outside China has turned out to be causing tension in the dynamics of globalization at this time. Globalization has provided a way for the virus to "breed" beyond national borders.¹⁹

Globalization displayed in the face of freedom of mobility of goods, services, capital, and people between countries is a vehicle for the global spread of the virus outbreak. The Covid-19 outbreak has spread a global threat. Countries must adopt policies to prevent further spread of the virus. There are joint efforts (orchestrated) from various countries under the 'command' of the World Health Organization (WHO) to prevent globalization in order to put the brakes on the continued spread of Covid-19. Various countries are forced to close their international gates at airports and seaports from migrants.

Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi announced a policy of closing the door for migrants who came from or had been to Iran, South Korea, and Italy from Sunday 5 March 2020. This followed the previous policy, namely the temporary suspension of flights from Indonesia to various cities in China. Some countries even stop flights to and from non-Chinese countries as the initial epicenter of this virus.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian government issued a tougher policy, namely to temporarily close all autogate and e-gate systems at all entrances throughout the country starting Wednesday (3/4/2020). Temporary closures are conducted to autogate Malaysian citizens, foreign e-gates (NERS) and Malaysian Automated Clearance System (MACS) e-gates at all entrances throughout the country.

Such policies seem to be an international protocol that is also applied by various countries with similar goals. For the sake of national security, the protection of citizens is a priority for a country. The enemy that must be prevented from entering the territory of a country is not terrorist, military or other countries, but human beings or citizens who are ridden by Covid-19.

The effort became legitimate when considering the rate of distribution and the growing number of cases of Covid-19. Until now, Covid-19 has confirmed positive reaching more than 2 millions cases worldwide with the largest number in mainland China.

Now the 'biological child' of globalization has transformed into its biggest enemy. The spread of Covid-19 to various countries actually takes place by riding the globalization process. The journey of people across borders has to be restricted. Direct interaction between people from various countries in the form of multilateral activities (religious worship, sports competitions, meetings of state leaders) had to be canceled, postponed, or moved to another place without guarantee that it would actually be carried out.

¹⁹123 new coronavirus deaths in Iran; toll rises to 1,556 <https://www.gulftoday.ae/news/2020/03/21/123-new-coronavirus-deaths-in-i>. diakses 23 Maret 2020 pukul 24.01. See, G. Kampf , D. Todt , S. Pfaender, E. Steinmann, "Persistence of coronaviruses on inanimate surfaces and their inactivation with biocidal agents", *Journal of Hospital Infection*, 104 (2020)pp. 246-251

Until now, we do not know when the Covid-19 outbreak can be overcome and give the green light for the course of various activities such as before the virus outbreak. Even the development of the virus is feared to be a pandemic.

Globalization is dealing directly with the urgency of human security for all countries. Covid-19 does not attack state symbols or strategic places for a country's national security. Covid-19 directly attacks humans who are citizens of a country. This human can be anyone who is near us, unexpectedly beforehand. As a result, every country feels the need to 'close' its territory from the potential spread of this virus.

Whereas citizens do not only live in their own country, but some live temporarily in other countries, for example in the context of learning. As a result, the protection of citizens of a country in another country is also an important concern for various countries. Various countries must evacuate as soon as possible their respective citizens from the city. Moreover, the Chinese government closed (lockdown) the city for the protection of public health at large.

The wide spread of Covid-19 shows that this virus is not just a health problem for local people in Wuhan City, China. The large number of migrants from various countries has made the Covid-19 epidemic have a global dimension. No doubt, the country must be present in order to inhibit the global spread of this virus.

Another interesting issue of coordinative and orchestrated international efforts in slowing globalization is the increasing role of the state in dealing with Covid-19. The role of the state is often a source of debate in discussions about globalization.

The basic argument of globalization, the state must be reduced to the freedom of mobility of goods, services, capital, and people without barriers between countries. When globalization is rampant asking for freedom of traffic in and out, the state weakens its strength (weak state).²⁰

The Covid-19 outbreak reversed this trend of globalization. The state shows its power in creating (state capacity) and carrying out its policies (state capability). The state also seems to have increased its power (strong state) after gaining legitimacy in inhibiting the spread of Covid-19. Moreover, the increase in the strength of this country was legitimized by global rules made by the World Health Organization (WHO). The state is asked to take a big role by mobilizing all of its resources. The state is indeed not the only actor in protecting human security from non-traditional security threats, including Covid-19. The state must be able to cooperate with all health and health security stakeholders at the national and international level.²¹

Strong countries refer more to the ability of states to make and implement policies, especially in the handling and handling of Covid-19. The concept of a strong state does not necessarily have to be linked to authoritarian tendencies. A strong nation in the framework of a democratic Indonesia is more demanding 'the state is present' in the protection of Indonesian citizens in the face of Covid-19.

Corona virus is not just a health problem of China and the US. There is an important lesson about how globalization has left us all in an interdependent condition in various fields. Globalization which demands reduction of national boundaries has spread Covid-19 globally. One way out is to ask the country to close the 'doors' in and out to prevent the globalization of Covid-19. This condition of interdependence at global level

²⁰ Ludiro Madu, Virus Corona, Globalisasi, Dan Negara Kuat <https://geotimes.co.id/kolom/virus-corona-globalisasi-dan-negara-kuat/> accessed April 11, 2020.

²¹ Wiboonthukul S, Manosuthi W, Likanonsakul S, Sangsajja C, Kongsanan P, Nitiyanontakij R, et al. Lack of transmission among healthcare workers in contact with a case of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection in Thailand. *Antimicrob Resist Infect Control* 2016;5:21.

should encourage the entire international community and the United Nations to strengthen a joint humanitarian program to combat the Corona outbreak. The face of competition as a reflection of market fundamentalism is filled with damaging competition. Mohammed Cherkauoi's report (*Coronavirus Geopolitical Shift and the Demise of Neoliberalism*, 2020), borrowing Immanuel Kant's view of morality, referring to Kant, said that modern humans, no longer use moral values in navigating towards the political economy. Covid-19 outbreak is the face of human modernity that has lost its morality, as it prioritizes individual interests rather than common interests of humanity.²²

Since the spread of the Corona virus depends on human contact, preventive efforts to reduce direct contact with individuals are indicated to be one of the urgent policies of a country. In the context of security studies, the Corona virus requires the participation of various national and cross-country, state and state actors.

ASEAN member countries need to be invited to work together in exchanging information regarding the development of the spread of the virus in their respective countries, national policies on prevention and rapid response mechanisms if there are indications of contracting the Corona virus. If possible ASEAN needs to build a regional cooperation framework on health threats, including the Corona virus, at the regional level.

In that context, the handling of the Corona virus is no longer only a concern of various countries separately within their respective territorial borders. Cross-country cooperation is urgently needed to respond quickly to cross-border health threats, including the Corona virus.

IV. Conclusion

For the time being, in the asymmetric war using biological weapons "Corona virus", China is superior to the US / West, but the battle between the two camps is not final, the road is still long and winding, all possibilities are still happening in the future. Certainly, for Indonesia and ASEAN (Southeast Asian countries), the impact of asymmetrical war between China and the US through biological war this time, is really painful and detrimental, as if Indonesia and ASEAN became the horns between two proud, greedy and unmatched elephants.

The rise of China shows that once the spread of the corona virus is successfully suppressed even if it can disappear altogether, public activity will return to normal and the economy's wheels will turn fast again. Because once the virus problem is finished, it's finished. There is no tail anymore. In contrast to for example the US vs. China trade war which became the biggest risk in the world economy last year. Washington and Beijing had indeed signed a trade peace agreement in mid-January 2020, but that was only Phase I.

Various import duties imposed during the trade war period also remained, only tariffs were reduced. The tail is still long, the problem is not 100% complete. In this regard, the corona outbreak provides a valuable lesson that conditions of interdependence between nations are increasingly inevitable and this should encourage the entire international community and united nations to strengthen a joint humanitarian program to combat the Corona outbreak.

²² Allen Wood, *Kant's Moral Religion*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1970. .. Allen Wood, *Kant's Ethical Thought*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. Allen Wood, *Kantian Ethics*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. See, Mohammed Cherkauoi, *Coronavirus Geopolitical Shift and the Demise of Neoliberalism*, Aljazeera Centre for Studies, 2020

Therefore, now the world economy (including Indonesia and ASEAN/Southeast Asian countries) may be ill first. Even contractions and recessions seem to be a very real threat. But believe us, when the corona virus starts to weaken, the economic change will be strong without conditions and the burden of the pandemic again!

In the field of culture, education and politics between nations, conditions are immortal; improve when the Corona virus is weakened or destroyed, and thus the road ahead is wide open to the nations of Southeast Asia. Regarding the world community's war against Corona, our experience of eradicating the 2014 Ebola outbreak teaches us that closer, open and trusting global cooperation will not only be a victory for humanity over the Corona virus, but also a victory against all pathogens/parasites in the future.

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