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## **ADMIRAL MUHAMMAD ALI**

The Chief of Indonesian Navy

Admiral Muhammad Ali Assumed charge as the Chief of Indonesian Navy on December 28, 2022. He is alumnus of Indonesian Naval Academy, Surabaya and Commissioned into the Indonesian Navy (TNI AL) in 1989. After successfully completing Professional Submarine Training, The Admiral qualified as the submarine officer in 1991.

In his career spanning over 34 years, Admiral Ali has a combination of the submarine officer positions and shore-appointments. In the submarine tour of duty, He served on board various submarine assets between 1991 and 2006. For his good performance and experiences, Admiral Ali privileged to commanded KRI Nanggala-402 (*Diesel Electric Attack Submarine*) from July 2004 to January 2006.

Ashore, Admiral Ali has served as staff officer in Naval Planning and Budgeting, (2006-2008). And he then, in 2009, assigned to be Assistant of Operation in Makassar Main Naval Base. A year later, he assumed as the Commander of Submarine Squadron (2010), and he then was

appointed to be the Commandant of Dumai Naval Base (2011-2012). The Admiral also served as *The Aide for the Vice President of Republic of Indonesia*, H.E. Prof. Dr. Boediono from 2012 to 2014.

On his promotion to Flag Rank, during 2015-2017, Admiral Ali held command of the Maritime Security Task Force of the Western Fleet, and latterly, he assigned to be the deputy of Assistant for Naval Planning and Budgeting of Chief of Navy (2017). On his promotion to Rear Admiral Rank, he held some prestigious assignments for a period of four years. In 2018, the Admiral assumed as the Governor of Indonesian Naval Academy, and followed by tenure as the commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> fleet Command from 2019 to 2020. Afterward, Admiral Ali was appointed to be the Assistant of Chief of Navy for Naval Planning and Budgeting from 2020 to 2021. He was promoted to Vice Admiral, and appointed as The Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Defense Joint Command, since August 2021 prior to be promoted as the Chief of Navy.

The Admiral completed his education at Naval Staff and Command College in 2003 and National Resilience Institute in 2017. He also holds Bachelor and Master Degree in Management Science, Master Degree in Naval Operations Science, and Doctor in Management. Admiral Ali has also served as a speaker at various international forums, seminars and symposiums, particularly those focused on maritime security. Some of the forums he has participated in include the Asia Pacific Submarine Conference (APSC) 2017, the Indian Ocean Rim Association Seminar and the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) 2023. One of the





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quotes that frequently shared by Admiral Ali on various occasions is “United by the Sea, Strengthen by Collaboration”, which means only collaboration at sea that could unite different interests.

For his meritorious service, Admiral Muhammad Ali is the recipient Bintang Dharma Medal and Bintang Jalasena Utama Medal, awarded by his excellency the President of Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Joko Widodo.

Admiral Ali married to Fera, and they have two lovely sons, Rafli and Evan.