

ABSTRACT

Allegations of human rights violation in Indonesia have always drawn criticism from the international society, especially the United States. Before the Indonesian army was allegedly committed such violation, there was a 'golden age' of U.S.-Indonesia military relations. However, since then tensions have risen and numerous military cooperations were annulled. As a consequence, Indonesia's military have suffered from the deprivation of training and education in the International Military Education and Training (IMET). This also resulted in more distance between both nations, minimizing chances for American influence towards Indonesia's human rights record. In conditions of dire crisis where the U.S. needs Indonesia's assistance, cooperation could be more difficult to achieve.

This *skripsi* aims to understand the dynamics of military relations between both countries as they have been influenced by the allegations. It includes the history of bilateral military relations before the revelations of the allegations until recent development of the military relations. It also provides analysis of the incidents that created most impact and the harmful effects that follow. In spite of the effects, the *skripsi* finds that the rewards outweigh the consequences. Both nations have mutual interests to fulfill that ranges from security, politics, economics, diplomatic and defense. Moreover, the U.S. and Indonesia are democratic nations and will work together towards a common goal. Therefore, even with the allegations of human rights violation, they will always need each other, especially in the military affairs.