

# VICE ADMIRAL ACHMAD TAUFIQOERROCHMAN

*Vice Chief of the Indonesian Navy*



VADM Taufiq, a native of Sukabumi, was commissioned as an Ensign in the Operation Corps of the Indonesian Navy in 1985 following his graduation in the 30<sup>th</sup> Batch of the Indonesian Naval Academy.

Spending the majority of his early career afloat in different classes of ships, including corvettes, ASW Fast Patrol Boat, and frigates – VADM Taufiq gained experience as division, department heads, and Executive Officers, leading up to appointments as Commanding Officer of minor and major combatant ships as well as Frigate Squadron in the Fleet.

In June 2004, during his tenure as the Commanding Officer of the frigate Karel Satsuit Tubun, he successfully lead the ship's team in taking down an armed group of pirates that took control of the tanker MT Pematang in the Straits of Malacca.

This experience proved valuable when in 2011 as a First Admiral, he was appointed as the Joint Task Force Commander comprising of warships, organic helicopter, and Special Operations Forces to retake the merchant ship MV Sinar Kudus that was hijacked in the Gulf of Aden. The complex

operations far away from Indonesia concluded with success as the ship and all the crews were freed safely.

VADM Taufiq concluded his operational experience with his appointment as the Commander in Chief of the Indonesian Navy Western Fleet in 2015. During his time in office, VADM Taufiq initiated the forming of Western Fleet Quick Response (WFQR) Teams to tackle the challenges of armed robbery at sea that plagued the Malacca and Singapore Straits. The initiative, along with ongoing cooperation with navies from neighboring countries, successfully brought down the number of attempts to nil within six months.

In between his tours at sea, VADM Taufiq also served in shore appointments, mostly in education and training. These included Command of the Eastern Fleet Training Command and Governor of the Indonesian Naval Academy.

In June 2016, VADM Taufiq was appointed as the Assistant for Planning and Budgeting of the Indonesian Navy, responsible for long-term strategic planning that sets the direction for developing the capabilities and structure of the Indonesian Navy.

His most recent appointment as the Vice Chief of the Indonesian Navy was officiated in 20 January 2017.

VADM Taufiq is a graduate of various professional courses, including ASW Specialization Course, Advanced Officer's Course, Command and Staff College, and National Resilience Course.

He is happily married to Mrs. Ina Dwianasari with two children, two grandchildren and enjoys long-distance running and reading on military history in his free time.

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