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An act of terrorism is an act that threatens the security and peace of the state and creates fear in society. The terrorist act in the form of a mass shooting occurred at the Al Noor mosque and the Linwood Islamic Center mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand at 13.40, March 15, 2019. After the shooting, Brenton Tarrant was detained by Christchurch police to be tried further with these charges and was charged with 51 counts of murder, 40 attempted murders, and one count of acts of terrorism which left him in prison for life without appeal or release. The shooting action carried out by the perpetrator was accompanied by the use of social media to spread the act of terrorism. The use of the internet provides the potential for other extremist actions, the New Zealand government has made a policy regarding this problem. After the terrorist attacks, the government made a policy as a response to combating acts of terrorism, namely the formation of the Christchurch Call to Action which was pioneered by New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, after the Christchurch mosque shootings on March 15, 2019. This paper examines what underlies the formation of the Christchurch Call to Action as part of the policy to combat terrorist and violent extremist content online by the New Zealand government and will discuss how the mass shooting incident in Christchurch became a threat to global security. The use of the internet provides the potential for other acts of terror, therefore the government needs to make policies related to this security issue. Christchurch Call to Action is expected to bring problems closer to resolution by utilizing more parties who will jointly realize goals to 'unite countries and technology companies to end the ability to use social media to organize and promote terrorism and violent extremism'. The formation of the action plan is because there is a common security threat for all parties who take part in the cooperation by establishing a safe and free and open internet. This cooperation is the result of changes in security in the digital era that shape interactions between actors in dealing with a global security.

Keywords: Christchurch Call, New Zealand, Christchurch Shooting, Terrorism

## **ABSTRAK**

Tindakan terorisme adalah tindakan yang mengancam keamanan dan ketentraman negara serta menimbulkan ketakutan di masyarakat. Aksi teroris berupa penembakan massal terjadi di masjid Al Noor dan masjid Linwood Islamic Center di Christchurch, Selandia Baru pada pukul 13.40, 15 Maret 2019. Pasca penembakan, Brenton Tarrant ditahan oleh kepolisian Christchurch untuk diadili lebih lanjut. dengan dakwaan ini dan didakwa dengan 51 dakwaan pembunuhan, 40 percobaan pembunuhan, dan satu dakwaan aksi terorisme yang membuatnya dipenjara seumur hidup tanpa banding atau pembebasan. Aksi penembakan yang dilakukan pelaku disertai dengan penggunaan media sosial untuk menyebarkan aksi terorisme. Penggunaan internet memberikan potensi tindakan ekstremis lainnya, pemerintah Selandia Baru telah membuat kebijakan terkait masalah ini. Pasca penyerangan teroris tersebut, pemerintah membuat kebijakan sebagai respon pemberantasan aksi terorisme yaitu pembentukan Christchurch Call to Action yang dipelopori oleh Perdana Menteri Selandia Baru, Jacinda Ardern, pasca penembakan masjid Christchurch pada 15 Maret 2019 lalu. Makalah ini mengkaji apa yang mendasari pembentukan Christchurch Call to Action sebagai bagian dari kebijakan untuk memerangi konten teroris dan ekstrimis kekerasan secara online oleh pemerintah Selandia Baru dan akan membahas bagaimana insiden penembakan massal di Christchurch menjadi ancaman bagi keamanan global. Penggunaan internet memberikan potensi aksi teror lainnya, oleh karena itu pemerintah perlu membuat kebijakan terkait masalah keamanan ini. Christchurch Call to Action diharapkan dapat membawa masalah lebih dekat ke penyelesaian dengan memanfaatkan lebih banyak pihak yang akan bersama-sama mewujudkan tujuan untuk 'menyatukan negara dan perusahaan teknologi untuk mengakhiri kemampuan menggunakan media sosial untuk mengatur dan mempromosikan terorisme dan ekstremisme kekerasan'. Terbentuknya action plan tersebut karena adanya ancaman keamanan bersama bagi semua pihak yang melakukan kerjasama dengan membangun internet yang aman dan bebas serta terbuka. Kerja sama ini merupakan hasil dari perubahan keamanan di era digital yang membentuk interaksi antar aktor dalam menghadapi keamanan global.

Kata Kunci: Christchurch Call, Selandia Baru, Penembakan Christchurch, Terorisme

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