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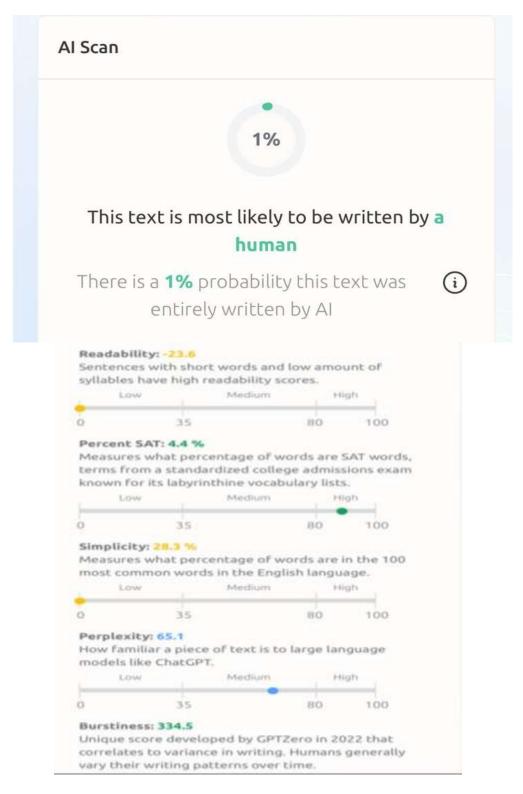
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Indonesia in the era of President Joko Widodo's administration had a vision of building national infrastructure with the aim of achieving national interests in the hope of driving the nation's economy and to make this happen, Indonesia really needed investment funds from China. However, China continues to expand its political and economic influence in the Southeast Asian region by claiming most of the South China Sea based on the Nine Dash Line. As a result of this, relations between Indonesia and China experienced tension and caused a sovereignty conflict due to Indonesia's territory being included in the Nine Dash Line claim. This research aims to find out the factors behind why Indonesia did not sever relations with China when a sovereignty conflict occurred. The research method used in this paper is a qualitative research method in analyzing the problems studied, using data obtained from; official state data, online media, books, articles, and news. To analyze this research, we use an understanding of the main theories, namely interdependency theory and national interest. This study shows how the national interests of Indonesia and China create a strong interdependence relationship so that relations between the two countries discontinue cooperation, even though on the other hand there is a crucial sovereignty dispute.

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Indonesia pada era pemerintahan Presiden Joko Widodo mempunyai visi untuk membangun infrastruktur nasional dengan tujuan mencapai kepentingan nasional dengan harapan dapat menggerakkan perekonomian bangsa dan untuk mewujudkan hal tersebut Indonesia sangat membutuhkan dana investasi dari Tiongkok. Namun Tiongkok terus memperluas pengaruh politik dan ekonominya di kawasan Asia Tenggara dengan mengklaim sebagian besar Laut Cina Selatan berdasarkan Sembilan Garis Putus. Akibat hal tersebut, hubungan Indonesia dan Tiongkok mengalami ketegangan dan menimbulkan konflik kedaulatan karena wilayah Indonesia termasuk dalam klaim Nine Dash Line. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui faktor-faktor yang melatarbelakangi mengapa Indonesia tidak memutuskan hubungan dengan Tiongkok ketika terjadi konflik kedaulatan. Metode penelitian yang digunakan dalam penulisan ini adalah metode penelitian kualitatif dalam menganalisis permasalahan yang diteliti, dengan menggunakan data yang diperoleh dari; data resmi negara, media online, buku, artikel dan berita. Untuk menganalisis penelitian ini kami menggunakan pemahaman teori-teori utama yaitu teori interdependensi dan kepentingan nasional. Hasil riset ini menunjukkan bagaimana kepentingan nasional Indonesia dan Tiongkok menciptakan hubungan saling ketergantungan yang kuat sehingga hubungan kedua negara terputus dari kerja sama, padahal di sisi lain terjadi sengketa kedaulatan yang krusial.

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I conducted this research based on my interest in international issues and as a regional child who was born on the Indonesian border, namely the Natuna Islands, which is directly confronted with the dispute in the South China Sea. Therefore, I am interested in taking this title as research material to explore further why when there was tension between Indonesia and China, economic cooperation relations continued to increase and were not affected during the era of President Joko Widodo.

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