

BAB IV

PENUTUP

Negara memiliki hak kedaulatan untuk memerintah secara penuh dan bebas dari campur tangan pihak luar. Berdasarkan hukum internasional, hak kedaulatan sudah seharusnya dipatuhi dan dihormati oleh seluruh negara. Namun, pada kenyataannya, Federasi Rusia telah melakukan intervensi atas wilayah Republik Georgia dan menyebabkan pecahnya Perang Lima Hari di bulan Agustus 2008. Dengan itu, terumuskan sebuah pertanyaan penelitian **“Apa faktor yang mendorong Federasi Rusia melakukan intervensi militer ke Republik Georgia pada Perang Lima Hari di bulan Agustus 2008?”** Untuk menjawab pertanyaan penelitian yang dimaksud, peneliti menggunakan konsep Dilema Keamanan dan pendekatan Realisme Ofensif.

Penelitian ini telah menemukan faktor-faktor yang mendorong intervensi Federasi Rusia ke wilayah kedaulatan Republik Georgia. **Faktor pertama adalah keberpihakan Republik Georgia terhadap Barat dan aspirasinya untuk bergabung ke dalam keanggotaan NATO dan Uni Eropa sebagai ancaman eksternal yang pertama.** Sejak *Rose Revolution* dan terpilihnya Mikhail Saakashvili sebagai Presiden di tahun 2004, Republik Georgia secara terbuka mendeklarasikan keberpihakannya terhadap Amerika Serikat dan negara sekutu Eropa lainnya. Di era pemerintahan yang baru ini, Republik Georgia melakukan penerapan sistem liberal dan demokrasi. Presiden Mikhail Saakashvili memprioritaskan integrasi keanggotaan NATO dan Uni Eropa sebagai kebijakan luar negeri yang utama. Hubungan di antara Republik Georgia dengan NATO dan

Uni Eropa mengalami penguatan dengan kontribusi ketiganya dalam kerja sama keamanan dan ekonomi.

Faktor kedua adalah dominasi NATO dan Uni Eropa di kawasan Eropa Timur sebagai ancaman eksternal yang kedua. Runtuhnya Uni Soviet mengakibatkan Federasi Rusia kehilangan statusnya sebagai salah satu kekuatan utama di dunia. Pengaruh kekuatan Federasi Rusia telah tergantikan dengan kehadiran pengaruh NATO dan Uni Eropa melalui kerja sama dan perluasan keanggotaannya di kawasan Eropa Timur. NATO dan Uni Eropa menawarkan pilihan yang “lebih tepat” yaitu sistem liberal dan demokrasi yang sangat bertentangan dengan prinsip Federasi Rusia yang ortodoks dan sosialis.

Kedua faktor tersebut sebagai penyebab Federasi Rusia mengalami situasi Dilema Keamanan. Federasi Rusia tidak yakin secara 100% mengenai motif, niat, atau tujuan dari: (1) Republik Georgia berpihak kepada Amerika Serikat dan negara sekutu Eropa lainnya, (2) Republik Georgia mencalonkan diri untuk bergabung ke dalam keanggotaan NATO dan Uni Eropa, dan (3) perluasan keanggotaan NATO dan Uni Eropa di kawasan Eropa Timur. Moskow memiliki ketakutan bahwa NATO dan Uni Eropa akan meningkatkan kapabilitas militer Republik Georgia, mengisolasi, dan mencegah Federasi Rusia untuk melakukan kerja sama dengan sekutunya di kawasan. Maka, Federasi Rusia mengalami dilema interpretasi.

Ancaman dominasi NATO dan Uni Eropa telah hadir sejak runtuhnya Uni Soviet. Namun, Federasi Rusia kurang merespon hal tersebut. Akibatnya Estonia, Latvia, dan Lithuania menjadi anggota resmi dari NATO dan Uni Eropa di tahun 2004. Kurangnya respon dari Moskow menyebabkan tergantikannya pengaruh

Federasi Rusia dengan pengaruh NATO dan Uni Eropa. Di sisi lain, apabila Federasi Rusia merespon ancaman, terdapat kemungkinan konsekuensi yang harus dihadapi, seperti konflik yang tidak kunjung terselesaikan atau besarnya tekanan dari dunia internasional (contoh konflik Krimea di Ukraina). Maka, Federasi Rusia mengalami dilema respon.

Intervensi militer sebagai strategi ofensif untuk mempertahankan status Hegemoni Regional. Eksistensi dominasi NATO dan Uni Eropa di kawasan Eropa Timur, khususnya Republik Georgia, menyebabkan keamanan Federasi Rusia dipertaruhkan. Moskow tidak dapat mentoleransikan aspirasi Republik Georgia untuk bergabung ke dalam keanggotaan NATO dan Uni Eropa, sehingga strategi ofensif menjadi jawaban dari situasi dilematis. Pada tanggal 7 Agustus 2008, Federasi Rusia melakukan intervensi atas wilayah kedaulatan Republik Georgia yaitu Ossetia Selatan. Intervensi ini merupakan sebuah bentuk strategi ofensif untuk merespon hilangnya status Hegemoni Regional yang disebabkan oleh dominasi NATO dan Uni Eropa di kawasan Eropa Timur dan aspirasi Republik Georgia untuk bergabung ke dalam kedua organisasi tersebut.

Runtuhnya Uni Soviet memposisikan Federasi Rusia dalam ketidakamanan dan kerentanan. Untuk mengembalikan dan mempertahankan status Hegemoni Regional, Federasi Rusia memberikan dukungan dan bantuan kepada wilayah separatis di Republik Georgia, yaitu Abkhazia dan Ossetia Selatan. Bahkan, dengan cara yang “paling agresif” (perang) untuk mewujudkannya. Federasi Rusia memaksimalkan kekuatannya untuk bertahan hidup di tengah sistem internasional yang anarki, besarnya ketidakpastian, dan keharusan untuk *self-help*. Maka, Moskow bersama dengan ambisi Vladimir Putin, “...Russia needs to be strong and

competitive,” berupaya untuk mengembalikan dan mempertahankan statusnya sebagai hegemon di kawasan Eropa Timur dengan melakukan intervensi atas wilayah kedaulatan Republik Georgia dalam Perang Lima Hari di bulan Agustus 2008.

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