

Indonesian Council Refuses Ahmadiyah for Having Changed Concepts of Islam



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The Advisory Council of MUI or the Indonesia Ulema Council [Wantim MUI] has refused against the judicial review filed by the Ahmadiyah community. They disagreed with PNPS or the Presidential Decree No.01/1965 on Religious Blasphemy.

According to the Chairman of Wantim MUI, cleric Prof Din Syamsuddin, his office respects the religious freedom, but the community has, indeed, changed the basic concepts of Islam. The Council has decided, therefore, to reject their demand.

His statement was delivered during the 24th plenary meeting of Wantim MUI in MUI Jakarta headquarters on Wednesday (31 January).

Mentioning the community's refusing the basic principles of Islam, the cleric said that they had got no rights to claim themselves as Islam. To him, their acts is similar to commit religious blasphemy.

He also said that his office would not have any objection at all if they would establish another religion. It would be, indeed, exercising the religious freedom. They should not, however, call their religion Islam.

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