

Council To Hold Meeting on Peaceful Afghanistan



The Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI has initiated a meeting of Ulema from three countries, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Pakistan, to discuss peace in Afghanistan. The meeting would be held in Jakarta on 26-28 March.

The idea of the meeting was taken place during a dialogue between MUI and the delegation of the High Peace Council or HPC of Afghanistan at the Vice-President Office, Jakarta, on Monday (12 February).

The meeting was attended by, among others, the vice-General Chairman of MUI, cleric Yunahar Ilyas, cleric Muhyiddin Junaidi, and cleric Zaitun Rasmin. The delegation of HPC consisted of Ataullah Lodin, Khudabakhsh Mohseni, Abdul Khair Uchqoon, Aminuddin Muzatari, and Mohamad Qasim Halimi.

Accompanied by the Indonesian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Roya Rahmani, the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi warmly welcome the Afghanistan High Peace Council to the Vice-President office. Both representatives of the Vice-President Office and Foreign Affairs Ministry also attended the meeting.

Mentioning that the meeting was the follow up of their previous visits [in November and December 2017], the chairman of HPC Delegation Ataullah Lodin said that their main mission was to ask for MUI becoming the mediator of a dialogue between the ulema of Afghanistan and Pakistan that should be held as soon as possible.

According to him, MUI's position in the International world is one of the main factors of the belief that the dialogue would successfully produce peace in Afghanistan.

He also explained about the important findings that most suicide bombings and jihad actions taking place in Afghanistan were masterminded by those important figures living in Pakistan. It would be very important, therefore, to invite Pakistani ulema in the dialogue.

The High Peace Council or HPC of Afghanistan did not mean to corner Pakistan, but would like to make sure that certain Pakistani ulema associated with Taliban would come to realize and stop their calling to conduct jihad in Afghanistan.

In the meantime, the Indonesian cleric Yunahar Ilyas said that by following the renowned advocacies given by President Jokowi, MUI would be well prepared for bridging the triple partisan dialogue for concretely creating peace in Afghanistan.

Supporting the idea of holding a triple partisan dialogue, in his MUI office Jakarta on Tuesday (13 February), the General Chairman of MUI, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, said that Afghanistan could, indeed, establish a special council similar to MUI in Kabul. It would function as an Islamic institution accommodating all different Islamic communities there.

Mentioning that Indonesia MUI comprises of 70 different Islamic community organizations in the country, the cleric said that MUI was expected to appropriately manage all the existing differences.

In the meantime, after warmly welcoming the HPC of Afghanistan to Indonesia, Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi said that at present the Indonesian government was processing two main activities to help create peace in Afghanistan. First, convincing its sincerity and ability to contribute to

the goal, and secondly making its best efforts to conduct intensive communication with all parties in question.

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