

Cleric Ba'asyir's Lawyer Calls Australian Minister Arrogant



An important member of the lawyer team of cleric Abu Bakar Ba’asyir, Guntur Fattahilah, has expressed their strong objection against the disagreement of Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Wiranto with the idea of putting the cleric under house arrest.

The minister said that the cleric would stay in jail.

According to the lawyer, however, the cleric deserves more lenient sentence. After all, not only is it due to the cleric’s old age (80), but it is also due to his being weak and sick all the time.

Mentioning that Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop was very arrogant, he accused her for having demanded the Indonesian government not to change the cleric’s present status into more lenient one.

Guntur also said that unless the Indonesian government managed to prevent Australia’s political intervention to Indonesia from taking place, he stated that it would destroy the sovereignty of the Unitary Republic of Indonesia.

He further said Wednesday (on 7 March) that the Indonesian government should have refused and strongly fought against Australian political oppression.

Explaining the cleric’s being innocent, he said that if only the government were suffering from paranoid feelings, they would, indeed, carry a stigma of radical to ulema.

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