Indonesian Organization's Lawyers Says 27 Islamic Activists Criminalized



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The Advocacy team of the (conservative) GNPF Ulama or the National Movement to Save Ulema's Edicts has released its findings on the aftermath of the Indonesia Muslims' string of rallies (also called Defending Islam Actions). The statement was said Friday (on 22 December), explaining that there were 27 activists of the rallies been criminalized.

[The first rally started on 2 December 2016, triggered by the blasphemy case against the former Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama, demanding his prosecution.]

According to the press release, one year after the string of rallies on Fridays, the team or TAGNPF Ulama has recorded criminalizing cases faced by Islamic activists. There have been as many as 46 cases taking place since December 2016.

Mentioning that the primary "rank" was experienced by Habib Rizieq Shihab, the team said that the Al-Habib [descendant of Prophet Muhammad], who is also the Great Imam of the Defenders of Islam Front of FPI, had been reported to the police for 15 different cases such as being accused for insulting the state symbols; illegally occupying the state's land; violating ITE or the Indonesian Electronic, Information and Transactions Law; and many more.

The next victims [less frequent than those of the Al-Habib] are Muhammad Al-Khaththath, Irwansyah, Ratna Sarumpaet, Firza Husein, and Rachmawati Soekarnoputri. Most of them have been allegedly violating Article 107 and 110 of KUHP or Criminal Code on coup d'état and evil movements.

The team also said that 23 victims out of the 27 Islamic activists had been named suspects. In the meantime, two of them, Jamran and Rizal Kobar, had completed their court sessions and sentenced to six months and 15 days in prison.

In the meantime, Buni Yani, who had been sentenced to 18 months in prison, was filing a judicial review.

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