Indonesian Lawyer of Legal Aids Institute Refuses Ahok's Christmas Remission



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Many different Indonesian media have carried information about this year Christmas remission granted to former Jakarta governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama. If it is true, he will receive a 15-day sentence remission on Dec. 25.

[Ahok has been imprisoned at a jail in Mako Brimob or the Police's Mobile Brigade Command Headquarters in Depok West Java since May 9. It was the day when the judges in a highly controversial blasphemy trial found him guilty of blasphemy against the Koran (and the ulema). The judges sentenced him to two years in prison.]

In response to such an information, a popular lawyer of LBH or the Legal aids Institute "Street Lawyer", Mohammad Kamil Pasha, strongly objected to the remission.

According to him, Ahok does not deserve such sentence cuts. It is only factual that Ahok has only stayed in Cipinang prison for not even one day since he was immediately moved to Mako Brimob in Depok.

He said Thursday (on 21 December) in his letter that a jail in Mako Brimob could not be categorized as a prison. He insisted that Ahok did not deserve his Christmas remission.

Mentioning Law No. 12/1995 on correctional sentences, Mohammad Kamil Pasha said that the remission was granted when the inmates had been behind bars or in prison for 6 months. He further said that Ahok had stayed at a jail in Mako Brimob not in a prison.

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