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Six LGBT People Arrested in Aceh for Having Allegedly Violated Islamic Sharia

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An Islamic organization together with a youth group of Peunayoung village in Aceh, have arrested six transgender people, taking them to the office of the Aceh Public Order Agency and the traditional *Wilayatul Hisbah Aceh* [Aceh Islamic security officers]. The chairman of the youth group, Saimun, said that they allegedly violated Islamic Sharia by having held a beauty contest at a hotel in Lampineung, Banda Aceh, Aceh, on Saturday night (16 December).

He also said that as soon as there was a report about their activities at a star hotel in Banda Aceh, his group together with an Islamic organization went to the hotel. Their activities had been, however, completed. They could not find any transgender people in the hotel.

Searching for them outside the hotel, the members of the Islamic organization found six of them enjoying their late night at a warung or small restaurant not far from the hotel.

They admittedly said that they held a birthday party not a beauty contest at the hotel. The party was attended by 55 transgender people.

Believing that the six LGBT people had allegedly violated Islamic Shari'a, they were, then, taken to the office of *Wilayatul Hisbah Aceh* who also functions as the Aceh Public Order Agency.

Mentioning that further investigation would be conducted, one of the members of the Agency said that the six of them would be temporarily detained at the Agency office.

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