

## Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals' Association against Rallies Defending Palestine



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Unlike the Indonesia Ulema Council or MUI, the Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals' Association or ICMI [and NU, the Largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia] has got different ways in dealing with Palestine crisis. The General Chairman of the Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals' Association or ICMI, Professor Jimly Asshiddiqie, for example, has suggested that ICMI members not to participate in staging rallies refusing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

According to Jimly, all members of ICMI are expected to take their different steps in voicing their refusal to the US decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Jimly, who is also a former chief of the Constitutional Court, said Friday (on 15 December) that feeling disappointed with Trump's one sided claim should be appropriately expressed without having to disgrace Islam.

It was reported earlier that the General Chairman of MUI, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, had called on Indonesian Muslims to stage a rally protesting against the Jerusalem Move. The rally would take place in Monas [National Monument] Jakarta on Sunday (17 December).

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