

# Indonesian Ulema Council To Issue Religious Ruling on Shi'a Islam in 2018



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The chairman of the Priority Programme of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Ahmad Zubaidi, has said that MUI in its 3rd National Work Conference agrees to issue a fatwa (religious ruling) that Shi'a Islam is a deviant Islamic sect.

The also said that the Council would better monitor the activities of the Indonesian Ahmadiyah Congregation or JAI.

[JAI is an Islamic sect deemed deviant by many Muslims for its divergent view on Islamic prophets.]

According to the cleric, other priority programmes carried out in 2018 are to improve its programmes aired in TV MUI and to strengthen the co-ordination of the national da'wah activities especially in protecting Indonesian Muslims from becoming apostates or being religiously misled.

In the meantime, the chairman of MUI Chapter East Java, cleric Abdusshomad Buchori, said that his office had already issued the same fatwa on JAI. He further said that all MUI Chapters in all Indonesian provinces had been strongly recommended to do the same thing.

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