

Indonesian Balinese Senator Refuses Cleric's *Da'wah* Tours in Bali



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An Indonesian Senator or member of the Regional Representatives Council (DPD) of Bali, Dr Arya Wedakarna, has strongly refused cleric Abdul Somad's da'wah [Islamic missionary work] tours in Bali (on 8 - 10 December). He said that most of the cleric's sermons and views tend to be against the principles of state philosophy Pancasila.

According to Arya, everyone is warmly welcome to Bali, which is also called the island of Thousands of Temples. Let it be known, however, Bali needs to be free from any promoting sectarianism campaign. Rejecting Khilafah Agenda for being disseminated in Bali is, therefore, unavoidable.

He also said that the refusal to accept the cleric's coming to Bali to carry out his da'wah tour was not originally from him. It is the aspiration of the people of Bali. Their refusal had been days virally disseminated in social media. They all had even declared to guard NKRI [the Unitary Republic of Indonesia] and to reject cleric Abdul Somad's da'wah [Islamic missionary work] tours in the island of Thousands of Temple.

Talking about those online users, the Balinese Senator mentioned one of them, @creme_de_violette who called on all Balinese not to let Bali suffer from being poisoned with conservative ideology. Not to let Bali become another Majapahit. [Majapahit was one of the Indonesian greatest Hindu kingdoms which had fallen due to the arrival of Islam in Java centuries ago.]

In his @dr.aryawedakarna, Arya said Friday (on 1 December) that he would also like to express his gratitude to Bali's NGOs [Non-Governmental Organizations] and Bali Hindu groups for having voiced their refusal to let cleric Abdul Somad deliver his sermons and da'wah in Bali.

Saying that it was about time for Balinese to be united guarding and preserving Bali, he demanded that the National Police (Polri) investigate the motivation of the local committee for having organized the da'wah tours of cleric Abdul. The committee should have known very well that the majority of the people of Bali were not very sympathetic about the cleric.

He also reminded Polri of two previous cases of Hindu abuse which seemed to be no follow-ups at all.

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