

Indonesian Minister Questions Aims of 212 Alumni's Grand Reunion in Jakarta



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The Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister, General (ret.) Wiranto, has planned to invite the leaders of the organization of the so-called 212 Alumni Presidium. He said that he wanted to know their objectives for holding grand reunion actions both in Monas (National Monument areas) and Istqlal Mosque, Jakarta.

[The 212 Alumni Presidium is the management of the conservative Muslim groups staging a string of rallies (called Defending Islam Actions) demanding the prosecution of former Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama due to a blasphemy case against him. The rally taking place on Friday (2 December 2016 or the 212 rally) has been considered as the noted and phenomenal one. Having been successfully managed to "remove" and send Ahok to jail, the leaders of the rallies set up a new Islamic organization named Alumni 212 or 212 Alumni Presidium.]

"I would like to meet the leaders of 212 Alumni Presidium, asking them on the aims of their grand reunion activities in Jakarta next Saturday (2 December)," he said in Jakarta on Wednesday (29 November).

According to him, at present Indonesian societies need to focus their activities on prospering and developing the nation by establishing peaceful situation and political stability within the country.

[Being the former General Chairman of a political party, Wiranto implicitly said that it would be inappropriate or illegal if the events were having to do with the 2018 and 2019 elections.]

"I am inviting and calling on all Indonesians not to forget that the focus of our attention now is to participate in developing the country by maintaining the present peaceful and conducive situation," Wiranto said, adding that the government would really need the support from all Indonesian societies to develop the nation.

He also said that the existing energy would be best used to conduct positive actions in order to win the present hard global competitions.

In the meantime, the regional Jakarta police have prepared for guarding and maintaining the security during the grand events. They have assigned as many as 85,000 police officers to do so.

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