

Indonesian Conservative Group Holds National Congress To Gather Islamic Power



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The [conservative] Presidium Alumni 212 organization has planned to hold their National Congress (on 30 November-1 December) at Pondok Gede Hajj Boarding, East Jakarta.

[Presidium Alumni 212 organization is the management of the conservative Muslim groups staging a string of rallies (also 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.]

"The aim of their first National Congress is to co-ordinate and reunite any aspects of Indonesian Muslims' power and to remind them of the beauty of having one united strong spirit as seen in their action on 2 December 2016 at Monas Jakarta," said the chairman of the congress committee, cleric Bernard Abdul Jabbar, during a press conference held ag Agung Mosque, Central Jakarta on Sunday (26 November).

The cleric also said that its special goal was to internally consolidate all elements within Presidium Alumni 212.

According to him, the congress would discuss the attitudes to take concerning with the present political, social, legal condition in the country including the many different latest development.

"Every Muslim in Indonesia should participate in dealing with any life aspects especially about the future of Muslims in the county," the cleric said, adding that it was important to guard NKRI [the Unitary Republic of Indonesia].

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