

On Waiting for Indonesian Council To Issue Fatwa on Media to Stop Islamophobia



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Believing that to be able to comprehend media is not as easy as to that of halal [permitted] food, one of the Indonesian experts in communication, Roni Tabroni, has stated that one's awareness might be awakened through logical reason. He further said that the fatwa [religious ruling] on halal [permitted] food issued by the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI would be easily digested by the people deemed to a logical approach of naming foods prohibited to consume.

According to him, the similar approach is applicable to all fatwa on economics such as on Shari'a banking and on ideology such as secularism and pluralism since they may all be confronted with those of Islamic teachings.

He also said, however, that it was difficult to convince MUI to issue fatwa on massive da'wah [Islamic public speaking]. In the meantime, at present the da'wah in media (or da'wah bil qalam) was still weak.

Mentioning that MUI and Indonesian Muslims have been the victims of media, he described about Indonesian Islam with its negative image because of the so-called framing process conducted by powerful foreign media with their suffering from islamophobia. Indonesian Islam has been, therefore, portrayed and identified as being radical.

According to him, Indonesia has got the problem to show and expose the true Indonesian Islam due to having no such a strong and influential media which is powerful enough to do so.

It would not be exaggerated, thus, to expect MUI issue a fatwa on developing the awareness of Indonesian Muslims on supporting the da'wah movements in Media. Such a fatwa would, indeed, enable to unite Indonesian Islamic media. When the Indonesian Islamic media become powerful, they would not only carry those benefitting Muslims, but also those dealing with humanitarian and universal civilization.

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