

Indonesian Cleric Demands Police Chief Apologize for His Defining Terrorists



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Indonesian Islamic activists and online users in social media have strong reactions to a controversial live interview of an Indonesian private TV station, TV One, to the regency police chief [*Kapolres*] of Dharmasraya, West Sumatra, Grand Commissioner Adjutant Roedy Yulianto. The interview took place not long after the arson attack on his police station on Sunday, 12 November.

The reactions were due to his repeated statements, saying that the perpetrators were indicated as terrorists and members of a terrorism network, since they kept on shouting Islamic takbir or “*Allahu Akbar*” and condemning “*thogut*” or idolatry while conducting their actions, attacking police officers using arrows and knives.

One of the activists and online users [netizens] is Vice Secretary General of the Indonesian Ulema Council or *Wasekjen MUI*, cleric Tengku Zulkarnain.

In his Twitter (*@ustadtengkuzul*), the cleric said that *Kapolres* Grand Commissioner Adjutant Roedy Yulianto had, indeed, hurt Indonesian Muslims.

According to the cleric, Roedy should immediately apologize to them.

“I demand that the regency police chief of Dharmasraya apologize to Indonesian people especially Indonesian Muslims,” said the cleric.

He further said that if Roedy refused to do so, it would be best that *Kapolri* [the Indonesian National Police Chief] call for his resignation.

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