Indonesia Council to Lead Grand Rally Defending Palestine on 17 December

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The General Chairman of the (conservative) National Movement to Save Ulema's Edicts or GNPF Ulama, cleric Bachtiar Nasir, has said that the Indonesia Ulema Council will lead a grand rally in the US Embassy Jakarta on Sunday (17 December). He said that the demonstration would be very special.

Mentioning that the name of the action is "The united Indonesian action to defend Palestine", the cleric said Tuesday (on 12 December) that the General Chairman of MUI, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, would be there directly leading the rally.

[The National Movement to Save Ulema's Edicts or GNPF Ulama is the new name of GNPF-MUI or the National Movement to Save the Indonesian Ulema Council's Edicts. This "conservative" Islamic organization has organized all the string of rallies on Fridays (the biggest one took place on 12 December 2016). The rallies were originally meant to demand the prosecution of former Jakarta Governor Basuki "Ahok" Tjahaja Purnama due to a blasphemy case against him.]

The cleric also said that the action was another response to President Trump's Jerusalem Move.

According to him, the main aim of the rally is to show the true meaning of Ukhuwah Islamiyah or the Islamic brotherhood. The brotherhood of Muslims should not only take place in Indonesia, but also all over the world especially in Palestine.

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