Cleric Abdul Somad Has To, Again, Cancel His *Da'wah* in Jakarta



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One of Indonesian noted clerics, Abdul "UAS" Somad has been, again, rejected to deliver his Islamic da'wah. He was supposed to do so at Nurul Falah Mosque, Gambir, Central Jakarta on Thursday (28 December). Without being told earlier, jowever, the event was suddenly cancelled.

The mosque belongs to PLN or the state-owned electricity company.

[The cleric had to, earlier, experience the similar thing in Bali on 8 – 10 December. Then, he could not deliver his da'wah [Islamic missionary work] activities in Hong Kong since he was deported as soon as he arrived at Chek Lap Kok Airport [Hong Kong International Airport] on Saturday (23 December).]

Clarifying the cancellation of the event, the spokesperson of PLN, I Made Suprateka, said Thursday (on 28 December) that the committee had to face the unexpected problems, especially in dealing with the recent prediction on the numbers of the people who would attend to the religious meeting. [The prediction was based on the very big issues on the cleric's being rejected both in Bali and Hong Kong.]

He said that there would be, at least 5,000 people who would come to listen to the cleric's sermon, in the meantime, the Mosque and its surrounding area has a "seating" capacity of 1,000.

As it would not be possible to move the event to other Mosques in such a short period of time, then, the only way is to reschedule the event.

Not only did I Made Suprateka apologize for having to reschedule the cleric's sermon, but he also said that PLN would never ever discredit any one.

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