

Indonesian Council Agrees with Beheading as Penalty in Aceh?



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The Chairman of the Da'wah Commission of MUI or the Indonesian Muslim Council, cleric Cholil Nafis, has agreed with the idea of beheading as penalty for murder in Aceh. The Shariah Law and Human Rights Office of Aceh province is still processing the final steps on the implementation of such a penalty.

Mentioning Aceh is a Special Province [the other two special ones are Jakarta and Yogyakarta], the cleric said Thursday (on 15 March) that if the penalty was agreed by the people, then it would be fine if it was also mentioned in their bylaws.

According to the cleric, not only is the penalty in line with Islamic law, but it will also cause a deterrent effect.

In the meantime, the General Chairman of MUI, cleric Zainut Tauhid Sa'adi, said that the Council would monitor and be concerned with the development process of implementing qishas or beheading as penalty for murder in Aceh.

He also said that he would not comment much as MUI should first of all have got a confirmation about the aims of implementing it in the province from MPU or the Aceh Ulema's Consultative Assembly.

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