

## Indonesian Police To Process Actors Banning Adzan in Papua



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The vice-Chairman of the Law and Human Rights Department of Muhammadiyah (the second largest Islamic community organization in the country), Maneger Nasution, has said that the demand of PGGJ or the Communion of Churches in Jayapura District that adzan or the Islamic call for prayers that voiced through the loud speaker should be directed into the mosque instead to the public is, indeed, violating the people constitutional rights. He said Monday (on 19 March) that the police should process the intellectual actors behind it in no time.

According to him, the freedom of religion is everybody's constitutional rights. Not only is it mentioned in Article 28E/1 and 29 of the 1945 Indonesian Constitution, but it is also pointed out in Article 22 of Law No. 39/1999 on Human Rights. All Indonesian people including in Papua province have got those rights.

He stated, therefore, since the demand of PGGJ has threatened the constitutional rights, the Indonesian National Police need to professionally conduct the legal process against the actors behind the demand.

Maneger Nasution, who is also the former commissioner of Komnas HAM or the National Commission on Human Rights, also called on all Indonesians not to be easily provoked by irresponsible person in dealing with the case and to prevent themselves from both conducting violent actions and taking the law into their own hands.

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