

Social Injustice Produces Hoax Issues -- Indonesian Council



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The chairman of the Department of Information and Communication of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Masduki Baidlowi, has said that hoax issues in the country are due to the existing social injustice.

During a discussion held by ISPPi or the Indonesian Police Profession and Scholar Association in Jakarta on Wednesday (21 March), he said that the effective way to handle, or rather muffle hoaxes [in the sense of making libellous accusations, informing fake news, producing hate speeches] should be started from the upper end (by exposing fatwa and regulation) to the downstream (by enforcing law and literacy).

The theme of the discussion was “On Freedom of Speech, Hoax, and Hate Speech.”

Mentioning about the social media playing as the stowaways ruining the present Indonesian democracy, he said that Indonesian democracy was a liberal one filled up with hoax issues.

According to him, the social media companies with their dominating and controlling information have, however, denied their being in charge of preventing the communities from being split up. They should have, indeed, established and developed the people’s literacy.

Insisting that the Indonesian government issue regulations on social media companies, he said that, after all, the majority of social media in the country do belong to foreign companies. The point is that the government should take legal actions against both those producing hoaxes in any social media and the very social media owners or companies.

Cleric Masduki Baidlowi admitted that there were also hoaxes dealing with political identity where certain politicians would attack and even defame each other by making use of fake information.

According to him, not only are hoaxes from communities and the people, but they are also from those social injustice policies made by some leaders in the government.

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