

Instead of Facebook Indonesian Muslims Have Their Own Platform



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Regarding that Facebook has not been able to protect its customers' privacy data and that it has also managed to pit Americans against each other, an Indonesian Islamic expert on **information technology**, Ismail Fahmi, has warned that Indonesian people should not, thus, let the media do the same thing in the country.

He said Wednesday (on 28 March) that the very Facebook's scandalous misuse of data should enable Indonesian Muslims to decide making their own platform.

His statement was also due to the recent government's calling on the people to guard their data in Facebook.

According to him, not only should the government enforce education to Indonesian people, but it should also call on them, for example, not to easily spread up valuable information by the internet or on social media. He added that many other governments have, indeed, provided their people with such an education in their schools.

Mentioning that Indonesian people should come to realize that all they carry on social media would be easily detected and stolen, he demanded that the government should be in no time provide the people with particular educational programmes on the internet, cyber and technology.

According to him, as there are already too many Indonesian children with their own cell phones, the government has got no other choices but to hold such programmes.

He also explained that relying on the government's regulation on guarding the data in Facebook, would only end up with the government's position being in a weak position. This could be seen from the government's problem in trying to tax Facebook.

The current issue on the alleged misuse of data in Facebook by Cambridge Analytica, should be made use by Indonesian Muslims as a momentous decision for them to make their own platform and it should not be as precisely as that of Facebook.

Ismail Fahmi also said that within the platform, there could be seen, among others, the Indonesian Muslims, pesantren or Islamic boarding schools, and hundreds of Islamic community organizations. There could, definitely, be developed many different network such as that of economy, news and information, da'wah, and many more.

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