

Indonesian Legislator Demands Police Impartial on Hate Speech Regulations



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An Indonesian member of the commission III [on Law and Regulations] of the House of Representatives [DPR], Nasir Djamil, has questioned the police's [Polri] performance in dealing with hate speech cases. He said that there should not be any inappropriate ways in enforcing the law in the country.

Without mentioning that the majority of Indonesian people are Muslims, the legislator from the [Islamic] Prosperous Justice Party (PKS) said that Polri had seemed to have been very critical when they were dealing with the violations against the hate speech regulations committed by Islamic activists. On the other hand, they had done otherwise when dealing with those who were non-Muslims.

"Polri seemed to be very slow when dealing with non-Muslims allegedly violating the hate speech regulations," Nasir Djamil said during the DPR's hearing with Polri in DPR building on Thursday (12 October).

According to him, the successful judicial review on the hate speech case faced by Ade Armando is only one of those examples. Ade's case has ended up with unclear decision, without further follows up being taken at all.

[Ade Armando is a professor of the University of Indonesia. His case is dealing with his saying in his social media account "Allah kan bukan orang Arab. Tentu Allah senang kalau ayat-ayat-Nya dibaca dengan gaya Minang, Ambon, Cina, Hiphop, Blues (or Allah is not an Arab. Allah would certainly be happy if His verses were read in Minangnese, Ambonese, Chinese, Hiphop, Blues...." The police issued, then, a decree saying that Ade was a suspect (violating hate speech regulations) on 25 January. However, the court decided to issue SP3 (not guilty and the case was closed).]

Mentioning that hate speech cases should be carefully investigated, Nasir Djamil said that Polri should have been more neutral in conducting their investigation on them.

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