

# Indonesian Cleric: Not To Separate Military from Muslims



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The former general chairman of Muhammadiyah (the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia), who is also the chairman of the Advisory Council of MUI (the Indonesian Ulema Council), cleric Din Syamsuddin, has expected that every Indonesian military (TNI) chief would really have a close relation with Muslims. He said that the successors of the present TNI chief, Gen. Gatot Nurmantyo, would remain closed to Muslims.

According to the cleric, Indonesian Muslims and TNI should have a close relationship. It would be inappropriate if there are high walls between them, and let alone to be hostile to each other. However, it would be depending on the very TNI chief.

“If the attitudes of the TNI chief is not the same as those of Gen. Gatot, then, Muslims would be, indeed, ignored and neglected,” Din Syamsuddin said during a monthly religious meeting of Muhammadiyah held in Jakarta on Friday (6 October).

Mentioning that Gatot would be retired on 13 March 2018, the cleric said that the General successor has not been informed yet. He also said that Indonesian Muslims should be appropriately treated.

The cleric said that Gatot had expected that as the majority in Indonesia, Muslims should protect the minorities. This way, Indonesian people would remain united.

“As long as Indonesian Muslims stay united, Indonesian nation would stay strong,” said the General.

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