

# Indonesian Council's Contradictory Opinions on Sukmawati's Case



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The General Chairman of MUI or the Indonesian Ulema Council, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, has forgiven and even forgotten the allegedly blasphemous poem of Sukmawati Soekarnoputri. However, a member of Legal Commission and Regulations of MUI, Dr Abdul Chair Ramadhan, has said otherwise.

According to Abdul Chair, a blasphemous case does not need to produce neither detrimental effects nor victims, but the Islamic teachings.

He called on the police (on 6 April), therefore, that they ignore the demand of cleric Ma'ruf Amin to close the case.

Mentioning that not only is he a member of MUI management but he is also an MUI expert in Criminal Code (KUHP), he says that he cannot accept such a demand and that he is prepared for having a grand debate about it with anyone at all.

Abdul Chair also said that the cleric's statement is not worth discussing in front of the law. He once again demanded that the police continue conducting the legal process of Sukmawati's case.

It was earlier reported that in response to Sukmawati's apology, cleric Ma'ruf Amin had demanded those making legal reports to the police withdraw and forget the case.

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