

Indonesian Groups Demand Police Immediately Process Sukmawati



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Ignoring Sukmawati's apology, some Islamic hard-line groups [dominated by PA 212 or the 212 Alumni Brotherhood] have staged a rally in Jakarta demanding the police to process a legal action against Sukmawati Soekarnoputri for having allegedly committed blasphemy. The demand was repeatedly stated during the protest march (on 6 April), walking from Istiqlal Mosque in Central Jakarta to the police office in Gambir.

According to PA 212 spokesperson and Secretary General of FPI [the Defenders of Islam Front], Habib Novel Bamukmin, the police do not seem to be sympathetically processing the legal aspects of the case.

He said that not only had they refused to talk about when they would call and summon the very daughter of President and founding father Soekarno, but they had also given a no comment on investigating and questioning her. So let alone making her a suspect or detaining her.

Habib Novel and other participants of the rally hoped that the police would, indeed, enforce the law. They insisted that the police arrest her and detain her for having allegedly insulted Islamic Shari'a, cadar or the burqa, and adzan or the Islamic call for prayer.

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