

Indonesian Group Accepts Apology but To Punish—Sukmawati’s Case



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The Chairman of Muhammadiyah (the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia) Chapter Pakistan, Hafidzh El-Hudzaifie, has said that his organization in Islamabad acknowledges Sukmawati’s apology.

He insisted Thursday (on 5 April), however, that the court punish her since her action had potentially disintegrated the unity of the Indonesian nation.

According to him, Sukmawati’s poem entitled “Ibu Indonesia” or “Mother Indonesia” has depicted her allegedly violating Article 156a of the Criminal Code (KUHP) on religious blasphemy as well as Article 16 of Law No. 40/2008 on hate speech and SARA [the sentiments against tribal affiliation, religion, race and societal groups].

Hafidzh hoped that Sukmawati would not repeat and make the similar mistakes in the future. He also expected that all parties especially some Islamic communities in the country be calm down, avoiding from conducting violent actions in order to maintain the conducive situation in the country.

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