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The Chairman of Legal Department of FAPA or the Indonesian Anti-Blasphemy Forum, Deni Lubis, has said that although Sukmawati has publically apologized, his Forum will not revoke its legal action against her.

He said that FAPA's Chairwoman, Mursal Fadhilah, had come to the headquarters of Jakarta police on Wednesday (4 April), filing a report against Sukmawati's allegedly committing blasphemy against Islam.

Looking into Sukmawati's poem which she read at the Indonesia Fashion Week 2018 and the 29th celebration of Anne Avantie as a designer in Jakarta on Sunday night (1 April), he said that the daughter of first President and founding father Soekarno did violate the law on SARA or hostility based on ethnicity, religion, race or societal group.

Ignoring her apology, Deni demanded that the police process the Forum's report, enforcing the law as quickly as possible.

[It was reported that Sukmawati happened to have reported firebrand cleric Rizieq Shihab, who is also the important figure of FAPA, to the police in October 2016. Not only had the cleric been accused for having spread up hate speeches, but he had also insulted Pancasila.]

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