

Muslims and Christians in Papua Reach Agreement About Mosque



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The chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI Papua, cleric Saiful Isam Al Payage, has convincingly said that the team set to solve the disputes over the ongoing construction of Al-Aqsha Mosque in Sentani (Jayapura, Papua) has successfully given the solutions. One of them is that the Muslims would neither demolish the towers of the Mosque nor continue constructing them taller [not exceed the height of the existing church building in Jayapura].

The cleric also said that it was impossible to make sure that adzan or the Islamic call for prayers that voiced through the loud speaker should be directed into the mosque [making it not too loud].

According to him, the Communion of Churches in Jayapura regency or PGGJ can also accept that Muslims in Papua would not be able to stop conducting da'wah [Islamic missionary work] and constructing mosques.

On the other hand, Muslims in Papua completely support PGGJ to construct bigger churches or bigger than Al-Aqsha Mosque in Sentani.

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