## Indonesian Group To Withdraw Its Report Due to Sukmawati's

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The vice-coordinator of GMII or the [conservative Islamic group of] National Movement to Save Ulema and Activists, Azzam Khan, has demanded that the police accept all reports filed on Sukmawati's case. He said Wednesday (on 4 April) that the Movement had, indeed, accepted Sukmawati's apology and would withdraw its report.

Sukmawati's poem entitled *Ibu Indonesia* [Mother Indonesia], which depicts her restlessness on how the Indonesian rich and gracious traditional and historical costumes such as *sari konde* are currently neglected, while those of the Middle Eastern and conservative Islamic ones such as *cadar* [the burqa] are widely adopted in the country. She also describes the differences between *kidung* or the incredible spiritual Indonesian traditional hymn and that of *adzan* or call for prayer.

According to Azzam Khan, Sukmawati has committed blasphemy. She can be accused for having allegedly violated Article 156a of the Criminal Code (KUHP) on religious blasphemy.

He also said that to Muslims, anything dealing with Islamic Sharia should not be questioned and let alone insult and compare it with anything at all.

Expecting that her apology had been made sincerely, Azzam said that his Movement would withdraw its report that had been submitted to the police.

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