

Indonesian group calls on Muslims to monitor Abraham's blasphemy case



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The Secretary General of the Youth Wing of Muhammadiyah, Pedri Kasman, has called on Muslims to closely monitor the trial for a hate speech case conducted by Reverend Saifudin Ibrahim alias Abraham ben Moses in Tangerang Court. He said Monday (on 9 April) that the case was more serious than that of Ahok and Sukmawati.

According to Pedri, who is also one of those reporting the case to the police, Indonesian Islamic activists in general and members of Alumni 212 in particular, should have paid close attention to Abraham's case. They should have guarded and monitored the blasphemy case committed by the Reverend so that the judge's sentence would be objective and just.

The case deals with a video carried on Abraham's Facebook account, showing his having a dialogue with a driver of taxi on line. Having been told that the driver is a Muslim, Abraham quotes one of Koran's verses usually used in the rituals of Islamic marriage. Not only does the Reverend abuse Prophet Muhammad, but he also incites and instigates the driver to become a Christian (Protestant).

The police arrested Reverend Abraham ben Moses in his house, Tangerang, on 5 December 2017. Not only was he accused for having allegedly violated Article 156a of the Criminal Code (KUHP) on religious blasphemy, but also broken Article 16 of Law No. 40/2008 on hate speech and SARA or the elimination of sentiments against tribal affiliation, religion, race and societal groups.

His offence carries a 6-year sentence.

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