

Indonesian Council Not To Fire Its Member over Sukmawati's Case



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General Chairman of MUI or the Indonesian Ulema Council, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, has said that the recent speech of a member of the Legal Department of MUI, Abdul Chair Ramadhan, does not bother him.

[During a rally staged Friday (on 6 April) in front of the police office Jakarta, Abdul Chair strongly called on the police to ignore the demand of his boss, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, to close the case of Sukmawati's allegedly committing blasphemy. He even said that he would challenge anyone supporting the cleric's decision.]

Mentioning that having a different opinion is acceptable, the cleric said Tuesday (on 10 April) that there should be ethical mechanism to follow in any professional organization. He added that such a mechanism procedure would be taken care by MUI's Legal Commission.

According to the cleric, he would not fire Abdul Chair Ramadhan since such an action is only applicable to those violating Islamic Sharia.

[MUI Secretary General cleric Anwar Abbas also said Tuesday (on 10 April) that instead of summoning Abdul Chair Ramadhan, he would hold a tabayun or inviting him to clarify about his speech and let him decide whether or not his action was against organizational ethics.]

In the meantime, Secretary General of MUI, cleric Anwar Abbas said that although cleric Ma'ruf Amin would not fire Abdul Chair Ramadhan, he expected that all members of MUI respect the ethics, rules of organization, and exercise the organizational self-discipline.

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