

Jokowi's Meeting with Ulema Suggests His Panicky Form?



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In response to a meeting taking place between Jokowi and the important (radical) ulema of Alumni 212, one of the opposition's leaders from PKS or the (Islamic) Prosperous Justice Party, Mardani Ali Sera, has said that the meeting is a panicky form of Jokowi in facing with the 2019 Presidential elections.

He said Thursday (on 26 April) that the meeting had been made use by Jokowi to make an impression, or, rather perception that Indonesian important ulema figures support him.

According to Mardani, however, unless the meeting is followed by concrete steps such as a presidential decree [on stopping criminalization against some ulema of Alumni 212] and/or a real programme for the people, then such a meeting will not be beneficial to the people.

He insisted that not only should Jokowi issue a policy that the government would not only have a five per cent of market share in Sharia Banking, but the President would also be more concerned with religious education with modern and religious characteristic approaches.

Source: Teropongsehay.com/berita/nasional/ketemu-alumni-212-pks-sebut-jokowi-panik.htm. "Ketemu Alumni 212, PKS Sebut Jokowi Panik (Prosperous Justice Party calls Jokowi's meeting with ulema of Alumni 212 suggesting his panicky form in facing with the 2019 Presidential elections)", in Indonesian, 26 April 18.

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