

Indonesian Council Rejects Perppu on Eradicating Child Marriage



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The vice-General Chairman of MUI or the Indonesia Ulema Council, cleric Zainut Tauhid Sa'adi, has questioned the plan of the Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Minister or PPPA, Yohana Susana Yembise, to issue Perppu or the **government regulation in-lieu of the law on preventing child marriage from taking place in the country.**

[The Minister said Monday (16 April) in Jakarta after having a hearing with the Commission VIII of DPR or the House of Representatives that instead of 16 (for woman) and 19 (for man) - as stated in the Law No. 1/1974 on marriage - the Perppu would limit marriage of girls to the age of 21 and 22 (for man).]

To the cleric, marriage affairs are not only about socio-economy and health, but they also deal particularly with religious aspects since getting marriage is part of religious commandments.

Cleric Zainut said Sunday (on 22 April) that the Minister should have already considered those religious aspects while planning to issue the Perppu. This way, whether or not a marriage is official and legal would also be based on religious teaching values.

According to him, the Law No. 1/1974 on marriage is very monumental with strong emotional and historical ties for Indonesian Muslims. Not only is the Law in line with their aspiration and Islamic Sharia, but it is also in accordance to the spirit of Pancasila and the 1945 Indonesian Constitution.

The cleric demanded that the government consult and co-ordinate with MUI and other religious communities before deciding to issue Perppu against the Law No. 1/1974 on marriage.

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