

Indonesian Group's To Be or Not To Be against Court's Verdict

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A judicial panel of Jakarta State Administration Court or PTUN has rejected a legal attempt filed by HTI or the Indonesian (Islamic group) Hizb ut-Tahrir to overturn a ministerial decree disbanding the group.

The ruling (on Monday, 7 May) upheld the decision that the government had acted according to procedure and that Hizb ut-Tahrir runs counter to Indonesia's state ideology by seeking to establish a caliphate in Indonesia.

[The ministerial decree (issued on 13 October 2017) was based on Perppu or a regulation in lieu of law No. 2/2017 on Mass Organizations which was signed by President Joko Widodo on 10 July 2017.]

According to the Chairman of HTI, cleric Muhammad Shiddiq Al Jaw, his group's activities are nothing else but conducting da'wah [Islamic missionary work by, among others], establishing an Islamic caliphate. This should be noted out that such activities are not due to human verdict, but that of Allah [There are more than 10,000 members excluding those in many different university campuses in Indonesia].

The cleric said Monday (on 7 May) that there were only two options, namely achieving [the court's ruling] or fighting against it to the end. HTI would, obviously, uphold its principle to keep on fighting in accordance to Allah's commandment.

In the meantime, HTI's spokesperson, Muhammad Ismail Yusanto, said that the court's ruling was, indeed, cruel and tyrannical. It was, indeed, the fruit of a tyrannical regime enforced by a tyrannical court. HTI should, therefore, reject the verdict.

Source: [Ameera, arrahmah/2018/05/07/ketua-hti-khilafah-kewajiban-dari-allah-kita-jalankan-hingga-berhasil-atau-binasa/](#), "Ketua HTI: Khilafah Kewajiban dari Allah, Kita Jalankan Hingga Berhasil atau Binasa (HTI Chairman: Establishing caliphate to meet Allah's commandment; to do it or to die)", in Indonesian, 7 May 18.

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