The (hard-line Islamic) Crescent Star Party or PBB has held its National Congress. It took place in Jakarta on 4-6 May.

The General Chairman of the Party, Yusril Ihza, said Friday (on 4 May) that the meeting was meant to discuss the strategies to face with the general and presidential elections in 2019.

According to him, it is also meant to talk about which presidential candidate that the Party would support.

Mentioning that PBB had been ignored and abused during the last three Indonesian regimes, he said that the Party had not had any representatives in neither the legislative nor the executive. The party had been, indeed, marginalized and completely looked down.

He also said that this year, after having constitutionally struggled for being admitted to participate in the elections, PBB and all of its cadres including those Islamic important political figures who had been recently joining PBB, should work hard to strongly re-establish the Party with its representatives in both the legislative and the executive.

Mentioning about the different (hard-line) Islamic community organizations in the country such as the Defenders of Islam Front or FPI and the (former) Indonesian Hizb ut-Tahrir or HTI, and many more, he invited them all to join with PBB, working together to make it a big political party in order to fight for the people especially Muslims’ aspiration.

Source: Adhila, suara-islam/2018/05/05/pbb-ajak-ormas-islam-bergabung/ "PBB Ajak Ormas Islam Bergabung (PBB invites (hard-line) Islamic community organizations to join with it)", in Indonesian, 5 May 18.