## Indonesian Islamic Organizations Condemn Surabaya Bombings

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Not only have all important Islamic figures such as cleric Said Aqil [Siroj the General Chairman of NU, the largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], Buya Syafii (former general Chairman of Muhammadiyah), Saad Ibrahim of East Java Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in the country], and many more, condemned the deadly suicide bombing attacks at three churches in Indonesia's city of Surabaya, but they have also demanded that the government take strong measures against radicalism. They insisted not to accuse Islam as the perpetrators of the cruel actions of terrorism at Santa Maria Catholic Church, Pentecostal Church (GPPS), and GKI or Indonesian Protestant Church.

According to the National Indonesian Police Chief, General Tito Kurniavan, the IS has claimed to be responsible for the bombings, killing 13 people [so far] and injuring more than 41 people including police officers. He also said that there were at least 500 Indonesians returning home after joining the IS in Syria.

The perpetrators of the bombings are the Dita Upriyanto's, a family of six members, namely, Dita Supriyanto and his wife Puji Kuswati; their two daughters, Fadila Sari (12) and Vamila R (9); their two sons, Yusuf Fadil (18) and Firman H (16).

Driving his car to bomb Pentecostal Church (GPPS) in Arjuno Street on Sunday early morning (13 May) at 07:53 a. m. (local time), Dita Upriyanto first of all dropped his wife Puji Kuswati and their two daughters, Fadila Sari and Vamila R at GKI or Indonesian Protestant Church in Diponegoro Street to bomb it at 07:15 a.m.

In the meantime, earlier, riding on their motorbike towards Santa Maria Catholic Church in Ngagel Madya Street, their two sons, Yusuf Fadil and Firman H, exploding their bomb at 06:30 a.m. (local time).

Dita Upriyanto is the chairman of JAD or the Jemaah Ansharut Daulah Surabaya. Both JAD and Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid or JAT [which was founded by cleric <u>Abu Bakar Ba'asyir</u> on 27 July 2008 and perpetrating the 2002 Bali bombings] support the IS.

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