Four commissions of MUI or the Indonesian Muslim Council (namely, the Commission of Infokom, Fatwa, Dakwah, and that of Kajian & Pendidikan) have monitored as many as 15 Indonesian TV stations during the first ten days of the holy fasting month of Ramadhan.

Mentioning the sixth features to follow and implement in their Ramadhan programmes, the secretary of Research and Educational Commission of MUI Rida HR Salamah said Tuesday (on 6 June) that MUI had urged three Indonesian TV stations to stop airing their Ramadhan Programmes.

According to her, the three stations have violated one or more features to follow such as to follow broadcasting regulations, to be in line with related MUI’s fatwa [religious rulings], to have appropriate communication and da’wah, and to highlight Islamic moral values.

She also said that MUI had recommended that some programmes be stopped and that some stations be imposed strong sanctions.

Explaining that some stations had, indeed, come to MUI office, discussing their Ramadhan programmes weeks before Ramadhan, she said, however, that some of them had still carried their programmes against the so-called Ramadhan spirit.

She also mentioned some of the inappropriate programmes such as “Ramadhan di Rumah Uya or Spending Ramadhan at Uyah’s home” (Trans 7), “Brownis Sahur or Brownis Style of Having Break Fast” (Trans TV), “Ngabuburit Happy or Waiting for Break Fast” (Trans TV), “Sahurnya Pesbukers or Perbukers Break Fast Style” (ANTV), and “Pesbukers Ramadhan or Ramadhan of Pesbukers” (ANTV).