

Habib Rizieq Suggests Tommy Soeharto's Party Join Islamic Parties



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The General Chairman of Berkarya Party, Tommy Soeharto [the son of former President Soeharto) has met [the radical ulema] Rizieq Shihab in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Tommy said Friday (on 6 July) that he was suggested that in dealing with the coming General elections [in April 2019], his Party establish a coalition with other five Islamic political parties, namely, PKS, PAN, Gerindra, PBB and Idaman Party.

According to him, his Berkarya Party is a Nationalist and Pancasilaist political party. He also said that it would co-operate with any political parties belonging to the Oppositions.

During his meeting with Chinese Indonesian activist Lieus Sungkharisma, he said that he agreed with Rizieq Shihab's recommendation that his party join with the existing five Islamic political parties in the country.

Tommy also said that he supported Rizieq Shihab's argument that the coalition of six Islamic political parties would be possessing a strong position in facing with the racing of the 2019 general elections.

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