

Cleric Ma'ruf Demanded To Resign His Post as the Highest Leader of NU



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In response to Joko Widodo's official decision to choose the General Chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Ma'ruf Amin, as his running mate in the coming presidential elections, a noted cleric Ahmad Mustofa Bisri or Gus Mus has demanded that cleric Ma'ruf should resign his post as Rais Aam [the spiritual adviser and supreme governing council] of NU (the largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia).

According to cleric Ahmad Mustofa Bisri, who is also the leader of Raudlatul Thalibin Leteh pesantren [Islamic boarding school] in Rembang, Central Java, it is important for cleric Ma'ruf to do so. Otherwise, Jokowi would control NU.

As the chairman of Shari'a Council or Rais Syuriah of NU, Cleric Ahmad said Thursday (on 9 August) that it was impossible for President Jokowi to control the supreme governing council of NU or NU's Rais Aam. The only option was, then, that cleric Ma'ruf Amin should resign from his post as the NU's Rais Aam.

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