

Indonesian Cleric Rejected To Conduct Da'wah in Jepara, Central Java



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Although both the Indonesian government and the Indonesian National Police (Polri) have no objection for the (radical) cleric Abdul Somad to deliver his sermons, but there are still some Indonesian (Islamic) communities who would deny him.

The cleric was, for example, scheduled to deliver his sermons in Al-Husna Mayong pesantren (Islamic boarding school) in Jepara, Central Java, on Saturday (1 September). To his, surprise, however, Baser and Anshor NU or the Youth Wings of NU (the largest Islamic community organizations in the country) denied him, asking him for doing so in other places but Jepara.

[It was also reported that in response to such an unexpected denial, the cleric decided that he would cancel conducting his da'wah in Malang, East Java the following week.]

According to the chairperson of Anshor Chapter Jepara, Syamsul Anwar, cleric Abdul Somad, who is from Riau, has been controlled by the (defunct) Indonesian Hizbut Tahrir (HTI).

He also said that the followers of HTI would tend to make use of the ulema of Sunni Islam (Ahlussunnah Wal Jamaah), spreading up the urgency of establishing khilafah in Indonesia. Not only is such a religious campaign endanger NKRI [the Unitary Republic of Indonesia], but it is also against the Indonesia Pancasila.

Other clerics who are denied by Anshor NU are, among others, cleric Khalid Basalamah and cleric Felix Siauw.

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