

# Indonesian Ulema: Should Children Wearing Burqa Be Related to Terrorism?



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The Secretary General of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Anwar Abbas, has questioned about the many Indonesians' disagreement with the children of kindergarten in Probolinggo wearing burqa with the replicas of machine guns in small hands, joining the local carnival of celebrating the 73th Indonesian Independence Day.

According to him, their response is exaggerating.

Mentioning that people have got their right to make their own interpretation, he asked whether or not it was wrong for little girls to wear their cadar [the burqa]?

He also asked Monday (20 August) the same question on whether or not it was wrong for children holding toys or the replicas of machine guns.

Anwar Abbas, who is also one of the leaders of Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], said that it was unacceptable to categorize that these kindergarten kids had got to do with terrorism. Besides, the management of the school had said that they did not have any special motivation in doing so, but to participate in the carnival by making use of the already available facilities [the burqa and the replicas of machine guns] so that their parents did not need to spend extra money for conducting such a social activity.

The cleric also wondered what would happen if those children wore casual customs instead of burqa? Would they be related to terrorism, too?

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