Indonesian Council Demanded To Deal with Deviant Islamic Sect

The co-ordinator of the anti-heretical sect movement) or GERAK, Edi Prayitno, has filed a report to MUI [the Indonesian Ulema Council] on the deviant teachings of an Islamic sect named Jamaah Nubuah Sangga Buana.

He said Thursday (on 13 September), however, that MUI Chapter Bekasi was the only one responded to his action. He regretted that the central office of MUI had not given any comment on it.

According to Edi, who used to be the member of the sect, he is only concerned with the misleading Islamic teachings spread up by the sect.

Mentioning that his organization, GERAK, was prepared for co-operating and helping to process the sect’s cases, Edi insisted that there were, at least 6 (six) inappropriate Islamic teachings taught by the sect.

The leader of the sect, Sangga Buana or Epen Jahrudin, has claimed to be a prophet, a messenger sent by God.

He changed the Syahadat Rasul (the credo of Muhammad or wa Asyhadu anna Muhammadan Rasulullah) into that of Sangga Buana, namely wa Asyhadu anna Sangga Buana Rasulullah. Sangga Buana or Epen Jahrudin considers himself as Prophet Muhammad.

He teaches his followers that any animals slaughtered by non-followers of Jamaah Nubuah Sangga Buana are haram (prohibited) to consume. Sangga Buana also said that those non-members of the sect are kafir or the infidels.

The prayer saying “Allahumma Sholli ‘Ala Muhammad” has been changed into Allahumma Sholli ‘Ala Sangga Buana.

Epen Jahrudin has insulted Islamic ulema, both Salaf and Kalaf ulema, by saying that their interpretations of Koran are wrong and very subjective.

Sangga Buana has named some food and drink products are haram (prohibited) although they are considered halal (permitted) by the mainstream Islamic ulema.

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