

Indonesian Cleric, Muslim Lawyer Talk about Revising Law on Terrorism



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A member of the Muslim Lawyers Team (TPM), Ahmad Michdan, has visited cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir in Gunung Sindur prison on Nusa Kambangan Island, in Central Java.

His coming to see the cleric Friday (on 5 October) was another routine visit to, among others, monitor the cleric's health.

Mentioning the cleric's normal health condition, Ahmad said Saturday (on 6 October) that during their two hours' meeting, the cleric asked about, among others, the present situation of Indonesian Muslims.

Explaining about the numbers of Islamic groups that TPM had recently taken care of and the other problems faced by Indonesian Muslims, Ahmad Michdan said that there were new regulations preventing some Muslim prisoners [including those imprisoned in Gunung Sindur prison] from being able to be visited by their families. He also talked about some of TPM clients who were seriously ill in their prison(s).

He also reported to the cleric that TPM was still processing to make some inquiries to have a hearing with the House of Representatives [DPR] in dealing with filing a judicial review on the present Indonesian Law on Terrorism.

According to TPM there are articles and verses in the law such as those dealing with the ways to arrest the alleged terrorists which should be amended or erased. There should also be articles on the rights of the alleged terrorists to have lawyers of their choice.

To the team, it is a must for having transparent reports and monitoring on the implementation of the very law on terrorism.

In the meantime, the cleric calls on all Indonesian Muslims to keep conducting da'wah [spreading up Islamic teachings] and demanding Indonesian leaders to sincerely shoulder their amanah [carrying out their mandates]. This way, the people's prosperity and justice may be established.

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