Indonesian Cleric Talks about the Reasons of Earthquakes in Palu

The General Chairman of the Defenders of Islam Front (FPI), cleric Sobri Lubis, has said that the recent natural disasters in Indonesia are due to the government’s policy to criminalize ulama. He insisted that it was God’s punishment.

According to him, the earthquakes with tsunami in Palu, Donggala, and Sigi in Central Sulawesi province are caused by the court’s verdict against cleric Sugi Nur Raharja alias Gus Nur. The court’s decision states that the cleric is a criminal suspect for having libelled Ansor [the youth wing of NU (the largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia)].

During a grand prayer for the National safety and cleric Rizieq Shihab’s welfare held at Jakarta National monument Monas Saturday (on 29 September), he said that God had directly responded to such an inappropriate Indonesian court’s verdict against cleric Gus Nur.

He also called on the government to stop criminalizing Indonesian ulama. Otherwise, Indonesia would face other natural disasters similar to those taking place in Lombok and Central Sulawesi.

Cleric Sobri Lubis also said that criminalizing ulama means receiving God’s punishment.

It was reported earlier that Gus Nur’s case took place in Surabaya last January and that the cleric had apologized to Ansor. However, the legal process could not be prevented from taking place.