

Indonesian Council Hopes BAZNAZ Only Use Its Fatwa

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The General Chairman of MUI or the Indonesian Ulema Council, cleric Ma’ruf Amin, has said that his office supports the idea that BAZNAS or the National Board of Zakat (Islamic tithe) co-operates with some LAZ or the Mosque Zakat Institutions run by many different Islamic community organizations.

The cleric said Monday (on 19 February), however, that MUI’s fatwa [namely, the religious ruling on zakat] should be the only one followed by BAZNAS.

According to him, MUI is the representative of Islamic community organizations in the country [MUI comprises of 70 out of hundreds of different Islamic community organizations in Indonesia].

In the meantime, the Chairman of BAZNAS, Bambang Sudibyo, said that his office has, so far, co-operated with five different LAZ run by the five main Islamic community organizations, namely, NU, Muhammadiyah, DDII, Baitul Maal Hidayatullah, and Persis, respectively.

He also said that in doing so, BAZNAZ had provided the co-operation established with as many as IDR 5 Billion [USD 370,000].

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