

Highlighting Strategic Issues, Muhammadiyah Criticizes Jokowi's Administration



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The General Chairman of Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], cleric Haedar Nashir, has stated in his Twitter account that there are many different ways for Indonesians to express their caring and concern with the country. He also said that such an expression could be in the form of constructive criticism.

According to him [without saying that his organization supports Prabowo], it is exactly his organization has done to the country, criticizing the government by saying that there are many “bad” things taking place in the country. Not only has the government failed to stop the Indonesian rupiah’s depreciation [as it dropped to record low of 15,200 against the US dollar last month] which might end up with having economic crisis, but there are other terrible things such as the government’s political attitudes which have created inappropriate political atmosphere; the cases of making the wrong use of the state’s companies; there have also come the mushrooming importers operating in the country; that the government has, indeed, failed to deal with the terrifying illegal drugs; that there are more and more corruptors ruining the country; and many more.

Mentioning that both the government and the people should have been well united, he said that it would make Indonesia really prosperous. When they do love Pancasila [the Indonesian ideology], then, Indonesia would, indeed, become an ideal country.

He also said, however, that it would be bad if the love to Indonesia became exclusive with extreme nationalism, since it would only establish the ultra-nationalism ideology as that taking place in Italy, Germany, and Japan during the First and Second World War.

It should be avoided, therefore, to love Indonesia more than to love Allah. Otherwise it would be against Verse 24 of the Koran. To him, it is a must to be in line with Islamic teachings. One should, among others, be always on balance in everything.

According to cleric Haedar Nashir, all Muhammadiyah’s criticism against Jokowi’s administration deals with saying that it is unwise to take radical path in loving Indonesia within the iron cage of the rotten ultra-nationalism.

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