

# Indonesian Groups Call on Disbanding Political Party Withdrawing Sharia Bylaws



[Antonius Herujiyanto AH10\_151118]

The only political party of Indonesian youth, PSI or the Indonesia Solidarity Party, has been bombarded with strong criticism by many different hard-line Islamic groups. Their strong reactions are triggered by the speech of PSI's General Chairperson, Grace Natalia.

During the commemoration of its 4th anniversary Sunday (on 11 November), she said that one of the main tasks of its cadres managing to become legislators would be to refuse discussing and let alone issuing religious bylaws such as those of Sharia or biblical. She even said that PSI would reject. According to her, not only may the religious bylaws potentially produce discrimination and deep senses of injustice, but they may also create intolerant actions.

She said, therefore, that her party would reject and try to withdraw the existing Sharia (and Biblical) bylaws in the country. In responses to her speech, most hard-line Islamic groups have said, among others, that the brand new party aims to be an anti-religious political party hero; PSI is to occupy the room of secular political party which is voiced by those with no-knowledge of the Indonesian national history; it suggests its feeling secure due to its belief in being supported and guarded by the ruling regime.

They also strongly criticized PSI as being inappropriately talking, or rather, dealing with Muslims' sensitive issues, namely, the nature of Islamic religion and its Sharia. PSI's attitudes impliedly showed their ignoring religions were the same as despising the Indonesian ideology, Pancasila. Such a political party should be disbanded.

According to Eggi Sudjana, the politician from PAN [the (Islamic) Mandate Party], PSI should be strongly opposed and disbanded since it is against Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution.

**Source:**

MRH/Syahid,voa-islam/read/citizens-journalism/2018/11/15/60954/partai-anti-agama-bubarkan/#sthash.FmkcQlx2.dpbs, "Partai Anti Agama Bubarkan (Anti-Religion Political Party should be disbanded)", in Indonesian, 15 Nov 18.

Broadcast Date/Time	Headline	Source	Status	Country	Word Count	Creating User	Date/Time Submitted	
0000 GMT, 15/11/18	<a href="#">Indonesian groups call on disbanding political party withdrawing Sharia Bylaws</a> [AntoniusHerujiyanto_AH10_151118]	INSEM1	EDT	INDONESIA	318	Antonius Heru...	1048 GMT, 16/11/18	<a href="#">Clone</a>