

Indonesian Group Declares Statements on Islamic Flags Burning



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Both the General Chairman and Secretary General of Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], cleric Haedar Nashir and cleric Abdul Mu'ti, have attended a special meeting between Vice-President Jusuf Kalla and the country's leaders of Islamic organizations in Jakarta on Friday (26 October).

It was meant to discuss the burning of "Islamic" flag [the flag with Islamic tenet or "Laa Ilaaha Illa Allah" written on it]. The incidence took place during the commemoration of National Santri [students of Pesantren] Day in Garut, West Java on Monday (22 October).

In the meeting, cleric Haedar pointed out three different statements.

To highlight that the burning of the flag bearing the Tauhid, an Islamic concept affirming that there is only one God, in Limbangan Garut, has been widely and strongly reacted by Muslims all over the country. Not only should there be immediate and appropriate approaches made to calm them down, but there should also be best solutions to the incidence.

To make sure there are official institutions assigned to handle the spreading up of the symbols and attributes of prohibited organizations in the country.

To demand that the case of the flag burning be appropriately processed in accordance to the law.

According to cleric Haedar, Indonesian Muslims are very sensitive with the respectful Islamic tenet "Laa Ilaaha Illa Allah". Muhammadiyah would, therefore, express their deep regret at the flag burning incidence.

The meeting was also attended by State Secretary Pratikno, Minister of Religious Affairs Lukman Hakim, and both the Indonesian Military (TNI) chief and National Police Chief. In the meantime, the important Islamic leaders attended the meeting were, among others, Din Syamsuddin, Said Aqil Siradj, Komaruddin Hidayat, Azyumardi Azra, Nazaruddin Umar and many more.

Source:

muhammadiyah.or.id, suara-islam/di-depan-wapres-ketum-muhammadiyah-sampaikan-tiga-sikap-terkait-pembakaran-bendera-tauhid, "Di Depan Wapres, Ketum Muhammadiyah Sampaikan Tiga Sikap Terkait Pembakaran Bendera Tauhid (In front of Vice President Jusuf Kalla, General Chairman of Muhammadiyah reads three statements)", in Indonesian, 27 Oct 18.

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