

Indonesian Party Supports Blind Judoka's Resistance To Put Off Her Hijab



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The last important noted of the recent Asian Para Games 2018 in Jakarta is dealing with the (Islamic) Prosperous Justice Party (PKS) which has quickly decided to grant an Indonesian Judoka, Miftahul Jannah, with a free hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

It was the Party's strategic response to the decision of the Referee to disqualify the blind Indonesian Judoka, Miftahul, for having resisted to release her hijab when she entered the arena.

According to the chairman of PKS Fraction at the House of Representatives, Jazuli Juwaini, the grant was to symbolize their feeling touched and proud of her resisting to release her hijab. He also said Tuesday (on 9 October), however, that it was the regulation in both the International Blind Sport Federation (IBSA) and the International Judo Federation (IJF) that hijab is prohibited when entering the arena.

In the meantime, when the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) asked the person in charge of the Judo match, Ahmad Bahar, about the detail of the Miftahul Jannah's disqualification, he stated that, it was about the rule of the Judo's match. He also said that the athlete, who is from Aceh, had refused to accept the gentle persuasion of the local Indonesian officials. Miftahul would not put her hijab off during the match.

According to Jazuli Juwaini, Miftahul has set an example on having a good strong personality. She has, indeed, been refused to play her match, but actually she has already obtained her gold medal in the heart of all Indonesian Muslims. Crying for the refusal, she said that she was proud of herself for having managed to fight against her own will as she would prefer to be regarded as the best in the eye of Allah instead of that of the world.

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