

# Responding to Survey on Ulema, FPI Calls It An Evil Modus Operandi



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The spokesperson of the Defenders of Islam Front (FPI), Munarman, has strongly reacted to the findings of a survey conducted by the noted LSI’s survey on the influence of Indonesian ulema to the coming general elections. He seems to be unhappy that FPI’s leader, cleric Rizieq Syihab (a.k.a. HRS), has been considered as not as powerful as expected, although the cleric has been considered as one of the five powerful ulema in Indonesia.

According to Munarman, the ulema’s grade as depicted in the survey findings of LSI (the Indonesian Survey Circle) with its famous Chairperson Denny JA should not be considered as a reference—and let alone as the basic concept of thought—since FPI and HRS would only look for the grade made by Allah.

He said Thursday (on 15 November) that LSI’s survey was simply human work. The findings were, therefore, unimportant at all.

Munarman, who is also one of HRS’s lawyers, called on Muslims and members of FPI to ignore the survey. To him, the result of the survey is nothing else, but a trap for FPI to produce a controversial statement. Besides, it is inappropriate to compare HRS with other Indonesian ulema.

Mentioning that it is an evil modus operandi of attempting to pit ulema against each other, he said that each ulema would play his own role in inviting the people to look for the blessings of Allah.

It was reported earlier that LSI Denny JA had conducted a survey on the influence of Indonesian ulema to the coming general elections in the country. The findings say, among others, that Indonesian ulema would influence the people’s writing their vote on the ballot paper as many as 51.7 per cent.

According to the survey, the Indonesian important figures would influence the people’s decision as many as 20 per cent; politicians 11 per cent, while political observers would influence them 4.5 per cent.

The findings read that there are at least five (5) ulema influencing the people’s decision: cleric Abdul Somad, cleric Muhammad Arifin Ilham, cleric Yusuf Mansur, cleric Abdullah Gymnastiar, and cleric Rizieq Syihab (HRS). It is also mentioned in the findings that HRS has got his power to influence the people’s decision as many as 17 per cent.

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