

Indonesian Council: Not To Vote Political Parties Refusing Sharia Bylaws



[Antonius Herujiyanto AH14_201118]

The General Chairman of MUI (the Indonesian Ulema Council) Chapter West Sumatra, cleric Gusrizal Gazahar, has said that it is haram (prohibited) for Muslims to vote any political parties and the presidential hopeful with their idea of removing and withdrawing the existing Sharia Bylaws.

The cleric’s statement carried Sunday (on 18 November) on his social media account was his response to the speech delivered by the General Chairperson of PSI (the only Indonesian political party for Indonesia Youth, the Indonesia Solidarity Party), Grace Natalie.

[During the commemoration of PSI’s 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 the present existing religious bylaws potentially produce discrimination, deep senses of injustice, and create intolerant actions.]

According to the cleric, the existing Sharia Bylaws have made a better situation in the regions all over the country. Besides, not only are they in line with the existing laws, but also they are not to the detrimental of those non-Muslims.

Explaining the true meaning of Sharia, he is convinced that the Islamic Sharia Bylaws are some good steps to take, enlivening and reviving the moral values within the Indonesian nation.

Source: Sjaf,<http://www.voaislam.com/read/politik-indonesia/2018/11/20/61008/ketua-umum-mui-sumbar-haramkan-muslim-pilih-partai-penolak-perda-syariah/>, “Ketua Umum MUI Sumbar Haramkan Muslim Pilih Partai Penolak Perda Syariah (MUI West Sumatra: Muslims banned to vote political parties which refuse Sharia bylaws)”, in *Indonesian*, 20 Nov 18.

| Broadcast Date/Time | Headline | Source | Status | Country | Word Count | Creating User | Date/Time Submitted | |
|---------------------|--|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 0000 GMT, 20/11/18 | Indonesian Council: Not to vote political parties refusing Sharia bylaws [AntoniusHerujiyanto_AH14_201118] | INSEM1 | EDT | INDONESIA | 278 | Antonius Heru... | 1740 GMT, 20/11/18 | Clone |