The spokesperson of Jakarta Attorney Office, Nirwan Nawawi, has stated that the authority to name one’s heretical and deviant sect is clearly stated in the Law on Attorney Affairs.

His statement Monday (on 26 November) was in response to the strong criticism against its new office’s application, named *Smart Pakem*. It deals with monitoring the local Indonesian “religions” or indigenous faiths or “Believers of the Faith”.

According to him such a monitoring act is to anticipate the “danger” of such indigenous faiths towards committing religious blasphemy.

The very application is based on first, the Law on Attorney Affairs No.16/2004, Article 30/3 d and e. It says that the Attorney office is to monitor and prevent the activities of the Indonesian Believers of the Faith from committing blasphemous acts.

Secondly, it is based on the Attorney General’s decree No: PER – 019/A/JA/09/2015 on establishing and implementing the integrated, efficient and accountable Smart Pakem Team Management.

Mentioning that the aim of the Smart Pakem Application is to provide the people with anything dealing with indigenous faiths in Indonesia, Nirwan said that the application is one of the efforts to sharpen the people’s mind so that not only can they be prevented from the inappropriate doctrines and ideologies, but they can also be exposed to peaceful situation where they would respect to each other with their interfaith harmony.

He also said that the application is both, in line with the spirit of Law No. 16/2004 and the actualization of the so-called digitalization of Jakarta Attorney Office which is oriented on providing the people with good public services.