Indonesian Islamic Groups Stage ‘121 Actions’ against Facebook Indonesia

Some Islamic community organizations called the Alliance Refusing Tyrannical Facebook are to stage a rally named “121 Actions” in front of the Indonesia Facebook Office in Gatot Soebroto Street, Jakarta, on Friday (12 January). The actions are meant to protest against Mark Zuckerberg’s Facebook social media for having blocked many accounts belonging to the country’s Islamic community organizations.

According to the spokesperson of the Defenders of Islam Front of FPI, Slamet Maarif, his organization is one of the Alliance’s member holding the actions.

He said Wednesday (on 10 January) that FPT’s Facebook account was one of those being blocked by the very Mark Zuckerberg’s Social Media Company.

Mentioning that the rally was co-ordinated by Ali Al’Aths, he said that other Islamic organizations participating in “121 Actions” were, among others, SAPA Islam or Greeting Islam, Kaum Umat Islam or the Muslims, Generasi Ibu Negara or the State Mothers Generation, and Hasmi.

According to Ali Al’Aths, not only has Facebook blocked the accounts of many different Islamic community organizations in the country, but it has also blocked those of Islamic important figures including clerics and ulema.

Explaining that he had earlier complained to the social media about it, he said that the situation was getting worse. The media continued blocking their other accounts: the da’wah, social, humanitarian, and other Islamic ones without providing with any explanations and reasons.

He also said that soon after signing up the new ones, they would also be blocked not long after that.

“We are really perplexed. Soon after sending an Islamic Koran verse, for example, the account would be blocked right away,” he said, adding that the rally would be started from Al-Azhar Mosque, Jakarta. Performing the Friday prayers, the people would march into the building of Facebook Indonesia.

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