

Responding to Yahya Cholil Staquf, Fahri Asks MUI to Issue Fatwa Banning Visit to Israel

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JAKARTA, NNC - The polemic over the visit by President Advisory Council (Wantimpres) member Yahya Cholil Staquf during the annual conference of the American-Jewish Committee (AJC) Global Forum in Jerusalem, Palestine, has recently continued to come into spotlight. Yahya is considered to have tarnished the consistency of Indonesia's support for Palestinian independence since 1947.

In response, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Fahri Hamzah proposed to the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) to issue a fatwa banning Muslims, especially Muslims in Indonesia, from coming to the territory occupied by Israel.

"In order to avoid the same incident, then MUI needs to issue a fatwa banning a visit to Israel. Because, it violates our national commitment to liberate Palestine," said Fahri Hamzah in a statement through a short message received by reporters on Thursday (6/14/2018).

According to him, the arrival of Indonesian citizens to areas controlled by Israel is always used by them as an excuse as if in that country the Palestinians are protected, and as if they are promoting peace.

"In fact, every day they commit crimes and conduct colonialism and oppression," he said.

Therefore, continued Fahri, even though going to Al-Aqsa or Aqsa Mosque, if it appears peaceful it is the situation that is falsified by Israel; it is just as an image.

"Because in fact they commit daily humanitarian crimes to the Palestinians," he explained.

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