

RAMADHAN: BLESS OR DISGRACE?

In Ramadhan 1439 H/2018 M, Islamic preacher said that Ramadan as a month full of blessing, forgiving, month of knowledge, another spell that lead Moslem people to act wisely. Nowadays, two important events came as government mirror. Both of them occurred in mass media even debated either social or electronic media.

First, related to academic freedom when a lecturer in some universities were accused as anti-The Unitary Stat of Republic Indonesia (NKRI, Red.), anti-Pancasila, and supporting Khilafah. This event actually showed that academic freedom, a foundation of campus intellectuals for conveying the sound of truth, was reduced by the government to control the aspiration that preventing the truth itself. The government policy even till inspecting lecturer communication through hand phone showed a panic feeling if there are campus power against the government. Assuming that the regime doing over protective action, so this is like we are going back to new order era, even worse than them. However, this attitude should be understood because the government approach to their people nowadays is infrastructural approach, not academic, or even intellectual.

Second, when the government are intense of developing infrastructure, disgracing event hapened to the top regional leader. A lot of regional leader caught on hand-catch operation by Corruption Eradication Commission. Regent/Mayor of Purbalingga, Blitar, Tulungagung, Jombang, and other was hand-caught receiving bribe or gratification from project auction winner of infrastructure development. Most of that regional leader are also the leader of ruling party or the coalition. Political education was successful in making them the regional leader, but fail in carry out the mandate of people in running the bureaucracy and increasing the people welfare.

That is two main events occurred in Ramadan this year, both of them can be as mirror to government and to people as reading material to enrich their national insight. The direction of government policy looks clearly in facing the opponent, using power of problem resolve; However, actually, the government also having trouble with their party cadres that creating another problem (corruption). Ramadan which should bring security and comfort along with devils are handcuffed by Allah SWT, but the served thing in front of us are the rumble that lead to disaster. Hopefully, there is still rest of bless in Ramadan this year after the disgrace exposure.

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