

Appendix 6: Document from the Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (PBNU)

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PBNU'S ATTITUDE AND TAUSHIYAH REGARDING STRAYING SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS AND TREATMENT

Islam is a religion that is harmonious with the nature of humanity and places the protection of offspring (*hifzhun nasl*) as a very important part. Institutions for *hifzhun nasl* ensure that it is through the institution of marriage between men and women with the conditions and pillars of marriage. Sexual activity outside of marriage is forbidden, and is considered a crime (*jarimah*). The tendencies of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) are a form of perversion and the practice of LGBT is a desecration of human dignity. Lately, there has been a systematic campaign against the activities of the LGBT perpetrators and LGBT support groups, including financial support and resources. Therefore, PBNU conveys the following attitudes:

1. PBNU refuse to recognise movements that allow or acknowledge the existence of LGBT. LGBT denies human nature. PBNU confirms their belief that LGBT behaviour is incompatible with human nature. Thus, LGBT tendencies are distorted, and the people who have it should be rehabilitated. The process of rehabilitation to be carried out will be in accordance with the factors that cause LGBT.
2. There should be a mobilization of resources for the rehabilitation of every person who has LGBT tendencies:
 - a. PBNU requests serious government action to provide rehabilitation and make it a requirement.
 - b. PBNU appeals to all preachers, PBNU members in particular, and the Indonesian people in general to work together to provide rehabilitation services for them and assist in their recovery.

- c. Undertake various efforts for the prevention and recovery that aims to help fellow human beings, and in order to return human dignity to nature.
 - d. Strengthen the resilience of families with a pre-marriage education including consultations for the perpetuation of religious weddings.
 - e. Requests all parties to provide assistance to people who have LGBT tendencies in order for them to be able to live a straight life (righteous life) in accordance with religious, social and cultural norms. One of their rights is the right to obtain rehabilitation and education. There is a need for proselytizing measures using wisdom, goodness, gentleness, care, love, clearly and firmly handling it.
3. PBNU evaluation, the campaigns against LGBT activity are unlawful measures that need to be sanctioned. For that PBNU request:
- a. The Government takes immediate measures to stop all propaganda against LGBT normalisation and deviant activities; and ban parties campaigning for LGBT.
 - b. Ask the public, NGOs and LGBT activists who have been undertaking LGBT normality propaganda to allow rehabilitation and to campaign for the halt of activities.
 - c. Ask the Parliament, particularly from NU members, to fight for the drafting of laws that essentially:
 - 1) Confirm the ban on LGBT and these behaviours as a crime;
 - 2) Provide rehabilitation for every person with LGBT tendencies to return to normal;
 - 3) Impose penalties for individuals who continue to propagate and campaign for LGBT normalisation and ban their activities.

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