

AHMADIYYA IN WEST NUSA TENGGARA

Mass Attack to Ahmadiyya community in Some Villages

Because of the difference in understanding the advent of Imam Mahdi, Indonesian Ahmadiyya Community especially in Lombok Island West Nusa Tenggara has got violence and suffering. Indonesian Moslem Council issued fatwa that Ahmadiyya is not Islam supported by circular and letter from Ministry of Religion as government institution. This is also supported by ulama who blowed up slander and provocation that Ahmadiyya is unbeliever, astray and mislead, damaging Islamic belief and etc. in various their speech in memorizing Prophet Day or giving lecturer on meeting to hate Ahmadiyya. These resulted in excessive violence action which organized by a group people. The Attack is conducted by tens and hundreds people.

Since 1998 there have been burnt and destruction on houses, a mushola and a mosque and also plunder assets/property of Ahmadiyya as institution or individual member. It started on Pemongkong village, subdistrict of **Keruak**. After the attack, 6 families (24 persons) should have left their home with sorrows and anxiety, only with the their clothes on to Pancor. While the other Ahmadi people had been not known their existence. These all because of threats to slaughter Ahmadi people if they did not quit Ahmadiyya. The attack also was continued three days later toward Ahmadiyya people in Ekas, Pemongkong vilage, subdistrict Keruak so that 4 families with 17 persons evacuated.

In **Sambielen**, the attack and the burnt occurred several times, it occurred in year 1997, 1999 and 2000. In year 2001 an attack re-occured against Ahmadiyya which 14 houses burnt down, belonged to 9 families, 39 persons, a mushola and a mosque with total loss Rp. 115.000.000,- in Sambielen area, Loloan village, Bayan subdistrict, Lombok Barat district. **One member of Ahmadiyya was murdered** in the attack, and his wife suffered serious injuries in as she was stabbed from behind. 39 persons were evacuated to county's office of Bayan and then evacuated to Medas, as there was no safety guarantee, later spent the night in Pancor and finally to Mataram. After three months six of nine families moved to Empan Sumbawa, but were chased away so they came back to Mataram, the other went to Lombok Tengah and Lombok Timur.

On 11 September 2002 Ahmadiyya people's houses in **Pancor** and Selong and Mosque in Pancor were destroyed simultaneously during one week so that 81 houses, 8 shops, 1 mosque and 1 mushola were destroyed and 383 people evacuated to Lombok Timur District Police Headquarters. The attack occurred after Islamic Teacher/Leader in Pancor delivered his speech in their religious meeting that it was forbidden have contacted and trading with Ahmadiyya members. Therefore the people avoided to get communication, and followed by intimidation in pamphletes and propaganda in wall and provocative pamphlet as well as an article in Sabili magazine.

In Police District Headquarters, they also get oppression from The Police Chief, even 6 Ahmadiyya local office bearers were locked up in police office and forced sign letter to quit Ahmadiyya. They were exiled from their hometown. During in Police District Headquarters, they received only raw instant noodle and raw rice without cooking tools, and nobody sell rice/meal to them. After one week, they were evacuated to transito barrack in Mataram leaving their birthplace/hometown and their property. Two weeks later they occupied several houses which bought by Ahmadiyya board

which have not been occupied for 8 years. But after two years they had been expelled again and returned to Transito Barrack until now.



The destroying of 4 houses in **Semalun Lawang**, Sambelia County, Lombok Timur District, where 70 persons were forced to quit Jamaat or left the village.

Because a threat of attack toward **Medas area**, Lombok Timur, 5 families left their native village.

On 12 May 2003 40 persons of 14 families Ahmadiyya were driven out from **Empan village, Badas subdistrict, Sumbawa**, they were evacuee from Sambien. Earlier, they could not obtain ID-Card with reason the local government regarded Ahmadiyya as deviate. They also received inhuman treatment from community who put human feces in the water line of Ahmadiyya people. Regent of Sumbawa planned to return them to Lombok Timur but rejected by Regent of Lombok Timur, and then the Ahmadiyya people were evacuated to Pilgrim Barrack of Sumbawa and finally evacuated to Mataram and got a rented house.

Dusun Ketapang, Gegerung village, Lingsar subdistrict, Lombok Barat District suffered two attacks. First in Islamic Holy Month (Ramadhan) (19 October 2005) 3 units of houses of Ahmadiyya people were destroyed, this incident caused a pregnant woman had a miscarriage. Three months later they were attacked again, where Ahmadiyya people including women, children, elderly people, invalid child and blindman, were gathered by officer in an unused land at 1.30 – 2.30 pm. However at 3.00 pm people attack equipped stone, machete, stick, jerrycan contained petroleum. Ahmadiyya people then was forced to evacuate, 6 houses had been burnt down, 18 houses were destroyed, 2 motorcycles and 1 bicycle had been burnt down and they plundered property and livestock owned by Ahmadiyya people with total lost Rp. 400.000.000,-. Several hours later Ahmadiyya people was brought to West Nusa Tenggara Province Police Headquarters and placed on Transito Barrack at Mataram.

The attack in Ketapang area spread to **Praya**. On 17 March 2006 Ahmadiyya people live in Praya, Lombok Tengah were driven out. Earlier they suffered intimidation, such as a lady had the table in her shops contaminated with human feces, her shops was destroyed and she got threats from Islamic teacher (Ustad). Head of village and his staffs visited Ahmadiyya people and asked them to leave their resident, and frightened the owner of houses where Ahmadiyya lived would be destroyed by mass. Before attack, the Ahmadiyya Office Bearers had reported to Lombok Tengah District Police Headquarters and made report to Regent, council of local government and District Assembly to get protection because of any threats from a group people. However at D day, The Chief

of District Police ordered that they should be taken away without any assurance for their assets. Four days later they were moved from District Police Hall to KNPI Building in front of the Police Office. This is an old Building which is not suitable for living because of dirty, leak of roof, only one bathroom with small basin and limited water, no water, no lighting and damaged books scattered around. Local government promised to repair leak of roof as requested from Ahmadiyya office bearer before they moved, but they did not do that. The building consisted of 5 rooms which filled by 2-3 families each room. Each room divided in 2-3 parts, where the women cooked. After three months they were moved to building of ex Public Hospital Praya which were not used and not cleaned so that even the local government staff who accompanied them, did not dare to stay longer in the room because afraid of virus and bacteria.

Condition of Evacuees in *Transito* Barrack, Mataram

Transito Barracks was a huge room without bed. The evacuees of Ahmadiyya have been living there since 2006. The condition of evacuees in Transito Barrack were in poor condition. At the first time, they got a meal from Province/District Social Office just for eating. When they took the aid in Social services, they got unpleasant treatment, they sent them from one person to another and back again, after they exhausted then the aid were given. Moreover since 2007, Province/District Office had not given the aid. There were few lamps. The room was divided with pieces of sarong or ex banner that tied by plastic cord, become plaited screen. The children were malnutrition. Some of them dropped from their school, even some got stress and got mental disorder, therefore one was treated in sanatorium.



The government does not pay attention and the case was unsolved. The mastermind and the doer of destruction let wander off without fair legal action.



Ahmadiyya people who live in Transito Barrack at present (April 2012) are 33 families, 170 persons consist of 64 men, 54 women, 52 children. During the evacuation, 19 children were born, 11 couples were married and 4 persons passed away. They occupied 35 rooms, with each room is 2x3 square meter so 1,5 square meter per person.

Evacuees' Hope:

Until now we live in uncertainty especially on legal aspect, there is no ID card and definite resident. We hope the government of Indonesia can return us to our own house and give legal protection and security so we can live peace and our children can live freedom like other Indonesian children.

Condition of the evacuees in Praya public hospital

The evacuees have been living in Praya public hospital since 29 June 2006 after the hospital cleaned by themselves. Until now, although living in camp, they feel fear and anxiety, because of pressure, threats that often received. Beside that living with poor condition and limited donation from government via social office. It seemed the government ignored them, and does not care about them, regardless government officer like regent of Lombok Tengah, members of District Representatives, etc often visited the location several times.

At present (April 2012) Ahmadiyya people in Praya public hospital are 7 families, with 38 persons consist of 14 men, 12 women, and 12 children. Since 2006 5 children have been born, and 2 persons have passed away. They live in 10 rooms which area 3x3 square meter each room.