



## Set My People Free Intervention

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The case of the governor of Jakarta

I wonder how many are aware of the case of the the governor of Jakarta?

He was tried for Blasphemy for saying that the hadis (saying of Mohmad), “that non muslims should not rule over muslims”, is a weak hadis. He was found guilty in court and sentenced for 2 years imprisoned.

He was thinking of appealing his case but he was advised not to do so because he may get worse sentence. [link...](#)

This was a clear sign that in Islam there is no freedom of expression and that Islam is above questioning and above any critics. Any challenge to it's authenticity is considered Blasphemy.

Also that non-muslims can not rule over muslims. Which means that non-muslims in Islam are second class citizens. Clear discrimination against non-muslims in Islam.

Freedom of speech and equality are basic values for democracy, without it there is no democracy, which means Islam is not compatible with democracy.

Yesterday criticism of central Asian republics with a goal of having democratic states while at the same time we are supporting islamic religious parties which in it's charter does not respect freedom of expression and equality between citizens.

We have not learnt from history the mistake we did in the West with Khomeini, who was rehabbed in France and who was sent back and started a theocracy worse than the dictatorship of the Shah.

The second story is from Tunisia story; [link...](#)

The president of Tunisia pushing to legalise marriage of muslim women outside the faith and that women will have equal inheritance as men. Now they receive half of what the man receive.

Al Azhar\*, rejected that. [Link...](#) Some countries wanted to expel Tunisia from the Arab league.

This shows clear gender inequality as men can marry non muslim women

Segregation of women from men is anther sign of inequality for women

As segregation impact women the same way it impacted African American in the US during the time of segregation between whites and blacks.

It causes inferiority complex among women. It also makes women second class.

*\*Al-Azhar (Jamiat al-Azhar in Arabic) is today the most important religious university in the Muslim world with as many as 90,000 students studying there at any one time. It is arguably one of the chief centres Islamic learning and the greatest and the most influential in the Sunni Islamic world.*