

## **Muhammadiyah regrets attack on Christians**

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Muhammadiyah chairman Din Syamsuddin said the Muslim organization regretted an attack on HKBP church congregation in Bekasi, West Java by members of hard-line Islamic groups Islam Defenders Front (FPI) and Islamic Community Forum (FUI) recently.

Din said the attack was a violation of freedom of religion, which Islam promotes.

“I am among those who are concerned about the fact that Christian brothers could not profess their belief. Such an incident should have not happened,” Din told tempointeraktif.com after receiving representatives of the Indonesian Communion of Churches (PGI) and the Indonesian Bishops Council (KWI) who donated 500 Korans for Indonesian citizens imprisoned in Australia.

Din said Muhammadiyah was studying what caused the attack. “Actually Islam that I believe does not teach violence against people of other faiths,” he said.

He suggested that the government help find a solution through a dialogue involving local Muslim and Christian communities.