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Party Platforms

Partai Matahari Bangsa is a Party of Islam Berkemajuan, [Progressive Islam] which laid the foundational struggle for the Islamic principles lil 'alamin, [for this world and the next] openness to progress, love, peace and the respect for religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity. Partai Matahari Bangsa believes that Islam can bring Indonesian society material (lahiriyah) and spiritual (bathiniyah) prosperity. Therefore, the political struggle of Partai Matahari Bangsa is directed towards maintaining the glory of Islam and meeting the needs of people in various sectors of life (harasat al-din wa siyasat al-dunya). In order to build the strength to achieve these objectives, Partai Matahari Bangsa has the following platforms:

1. NATIONAL INTEGRITY (AL-WAHDAH AL-WATHANIYAH)

Partai Matahari Bangsa believes that all the issues that this nation faces can be solved only when all components of the nation participate on a national level. Differences of religion, ethnicity, race, and customs should not become obstacles and problems, but instead can potentially become part of the solution to achieve the common good (al-maslahah al-'ammah). It is time for the nation of Indonesia to break away from primordial, local and sectarian ties. National integrity should be put forward as the main capital to achieve the development of the nation and state.

2. DEMOCRACY (AL-DIMUQRATHIYYAH)

Partai Matahari Bangsa has always consistently strived for democracy. Democracy is a foothold to achieve freedom, justice, equality, and sovereignty for all people. Democracy is believed to have universal humanistic values which are contained in the integral teachings of Islam. The Islamic teachings which are aligned with the principles of democracy include, among others, al-musawah (egalitarianism), al-hurriyah (independence), al-ukhuwwah (brotherhood), and al-syura (consultation).

3. JUSTICE (AL-'ADALAH)

Partai Matahari Bangsa strives to achieve the values of justice for all people in society. Justice is perceived to be the main principle in efforts to improve social, economic, and political inequality. Justice belongs to all people without exception, and should be strived for and grounded in amar ma'ruf nahi munkar [commanding good and forbidding evil]. With justice, the ideals of political Islam (baldatun thayyibatun wa rabbun ghafur) can be achieved.

4. SUPREMACY OF LAW (TAFAWWUQ AL-HUKMI)

Partai Matahari Bangsa strives to uphold the supremacy of law in Indonesia, so that the principle of equality before the law, which is the right of every individual, can be realized. Therefore, the law must serve truth and justice, and not power.

5. ENFORCEMENT OF HUMANITARIAN VALUES (QAMAT AL-HUQUQ AL-INSANIYYAH)

Partai Matahari Bangsa strives for the establishment of humanitarian values in society. These need to be protected and secured in order to respect the existence of a human as a whole. Enforcement of humanitarian values is aligned with Islamic principles that guarantee and protect the right to life (hifdz al-nafs), religion (hifdz al-din), freedom of thought (hifdz al-'aql), and ownership (hifdz al-mal).

6. WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE (AL-MASHLAHAT AL-IJTIMA'YAH)

Partai Matahari Bangsa strives for the welfare of the entire society of Indonesia. As such, Partai Matahari Bangsa always submits to the creation of a political and economic system that is just. Partai Matahari Bangsa always strives to fulfil the needs of food, clothing, and shelter for all Indonesian people. Furthermore, Partai Matahari Bangsa has always strived for the establishment of quality educational opportunities (tarbiyah) and health services ('afiyah).

The platform for Partai Matahari Bangsa is thus structured as a statement of attitude and thought, and acts as a stepping stone for the party's cadres in realizing the vision and mission of the party.