

Indonesians Regard Harun Yahya As A Hero

The Jakarta Post

In a report titled "Harun Yahya: Muslims Creationism and Pluralism" dated 28 July, 2008, *The Jakarta Post*, Indonesia's largest English-language daily, discussed the admiration for and interest in Harun Yahya in Indonesia.

For years now, Indonesians have demonstrated enormous interest in 57 books, 56 documentaries and a large number of articles by him. Indeed, Indonesians are setting up new web sites based on the works of Harun Yahya on an almost daily basis. [Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono](#) has made clear his admiration for Harun Yahya, extracts from whose works he has quoted in speeches. *The Jakarta Post* report provided the following information about Harun Yahya:

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"That unity must rest on the principles of love, respect, tolerance, understanding, harmony and cooperation. We must bear in mind the urgency of the situation, and factors likely to give rise to conflict, argument and division must be scrupulously avoided," he writes on his website, [www.harunyahya.com](#).

Harun Yahya: Muslim creationist and pluralist

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Harun Yahya believes the three faiths are in harmony "on matters of faith" as well as "on moral matters". Moreover, ... **Yahya believes that, like Christians, the second coming of Jesus Christ, or Isa Almasih, on earth is crucial to world peace.**

<https://www.harunyahya.info/en/articles/indonesians-regard-harun-yahya-as-a-hero>