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Pence & Johnnie Moore Meet Leader of Indonesia's Largest Muslim Group Days After ISIS Church Bombings



Just days after the spate of deadly suicide bombings targeting three churches and a police station in Surabaya, Indonesia, Vice President Mike Pence met with the leader of the world's largest Islamic organization to stand in solidarity for religious freedom and peaceful coexistence.

At the White House on Thursday afternoon, Pence met with Kyai Haji Yahya Cholil Staquf, leader of the Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) Supreme Council, an Indonesian-based Sunni Islamic education organization that funds schools and hospitals throughout the country and also promotes religious tolerance in the world's largest Muslim country.

"It is quite an amazing thing to see the vice president of the United States and the leader of the largest Muslim organization in the world who is very intent on the promotion of religious liberty and the combating of extremism," Johnnie Moore, an evangelical communications executive and international religious freedom advocate involved in Thursday's meeting, told *The Christian Post*.

"The timing couldn't be more appropriate given the events of this past weekend. Obviously, there is spiritual significance with this Muslim leader in the Muslim world with it being Ramadan."

The meeting lasted about 20 minutes and included Moore, the vice president, Yahya, and one of Pence's senior advisers. A pre-meeting included other staffers.

Moore said that Pence even greeted Yahya with a traditional Ramadan kareem greeting.

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