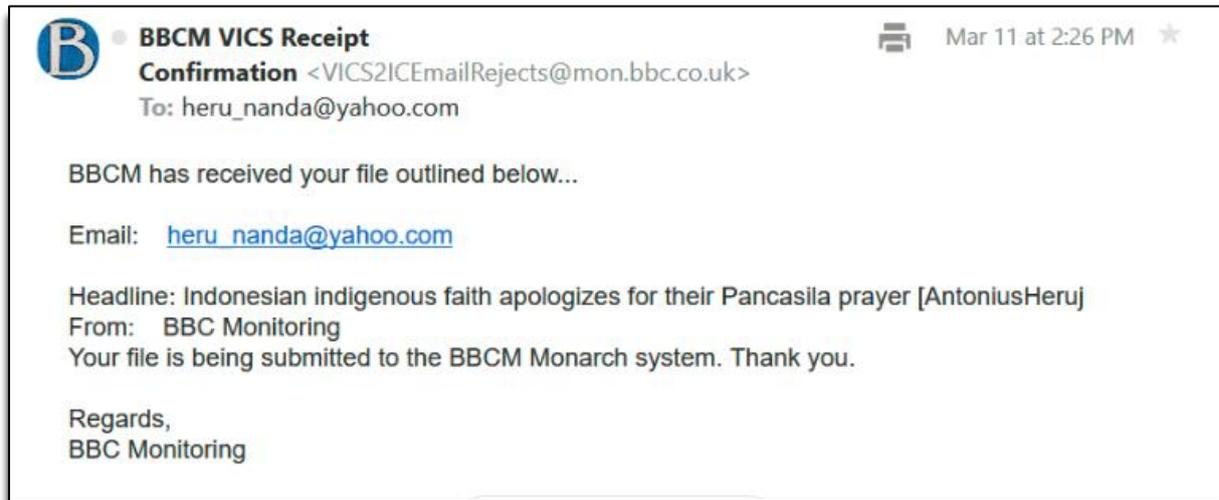


Indonesian Indigenous Faith Apologizes for Their Pancasila Prayer



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As seen in a five minutes' video spreading up on Indonesian social media, one of the Indonesian indigenous faiths, Paguyuban Sawunggaling, is conducting a ritual called “*Selawat Pancasila*” or Pancasila invocation.

Circling an Indonesian Red and White flag which is surrounded by candlelight, they all together repeatedly recite their Islamic prayer version by changing its original Arabic words “Shallallahu 'Ala Muhammad” into “Shallallahu 'Ala Pancasila”, “Shallallahu 'Ala Nusantara, and “Shallallahu 'Ala Indonesia”.

The action was held at a house in the area of Laskarsantri or “santri [students of Islamic pesantren] soldiers”, Surabaya, East Java.

Having got a report from ulema in Laskarsantri complaining about such an un-Islamic ritual, the sub-district police chief of Laskarsantri, Commissioner Dwi Heri Sukiswanto, quickly summoned those involved in the making of the video on Tuesday (6 March).

The meeting was attended by members of the sect and many different local authorities and ulema in the district.

According to the police chief, not only has the sect promised not to repeat conducting such a ritual, but they have also openly apologized to the audience in the meeting.

He also said that the video would potentially create a religious conflict. The meeting was, therefore, meant to prevent it from taking place.

Source: Ameera, arrahmah/2018/03/09/kelompok-paguyuban-sawunggaling-minta-maaf-terkait-selawat-pancasila/, “Kelompok Paguyuban Sawunggaling Minta Maaf Terkait “*Selawat Pancasila*”(Sawunggaling sect apologizes for their Pancasila prayer)”, in Indonesian, 9 March 18.

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