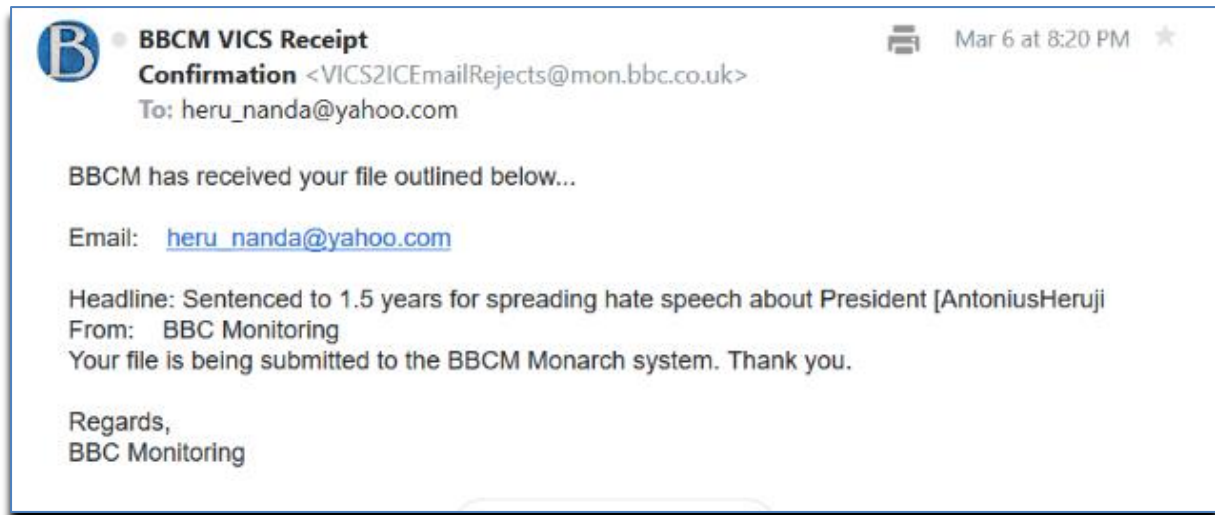


Sentenced to 1.5 Years for Spreading Hate Speech about President



Shouting 'Allahu Akbar' [God is great] was a response of an Islamic activist of social media, Jon Riah Ukur "Jonru" Ginting, when Chief Judge Antonius Simbolon at East Jakarta District Court sentenced him to 1.5 years behind bars and a fine of IDR 50 million. The fine can be, however, substituted for an additional jail-time of three months.

The Judge said Friday (on 2 March) that the defendant, Jonru, was proven guilty of spreading hate speech (on social media) about President Jokowi.

He faced multiple charges for the violation against ITE or the Information and Electronic Transactions Law, and the Criminal Code's clause on racial and ethnic discrimination.

Admitting to have accused that Jokowi was the only president whose parents' identities were unclear, Jonru also criticized people who had elected Jokowi to such an important position.

According to the judge council comprising of two male judges and one female judge, the defendant can be categorized as having spread misleading and false information on purpose to incite hate with potentially stirring anger and dividing the people based on SARA or ethnicity, religion, and race.

Although he has proven to violate Article 28 paragraph 2 Juncto Article 45 paragraph 2 Number 19 Year 2016 on Amendment of RI Law No. 11/2008 of ITE or the Information and Electronic Transaction which carries a punishment of two years imprisonment and a IDR 50 million fine, he was only sentenced to 1.5 years behind bars and the same fine.

It might have been the reason that after the trial session was over, he shouted 'Allahu Akbar' three times.

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