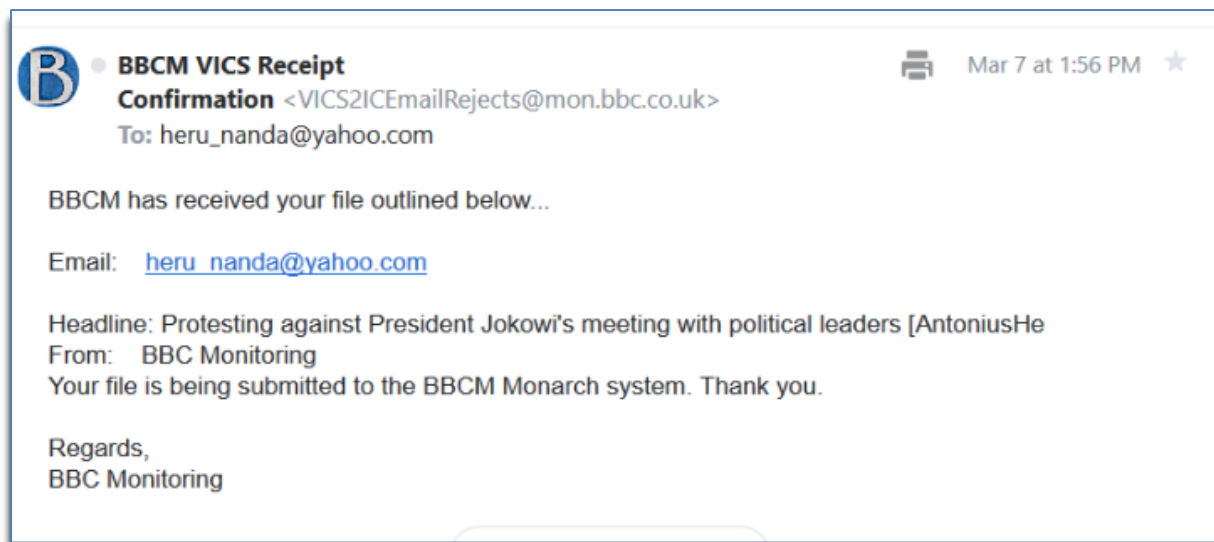


Protesting against President Jokowi's Meeting with Political Leaders



A noted Indonesian political observer, Hendri Satri, has strongly criticized President Jokowi for having allegedly violated the starting time for the 2019 Presidential election when he decided to meet with the General Chairwoman of PSI or the Indonesia Solidarity Party, Grace Natalie, in Presidential Palace, Jakarta. The incident took place on Thursday (1 March).

Not only did Hendri wonder about Grace's idea to carry the information on her meeting with Jokowi on her social media account, but he also questioned her decision to depict every single topic she had discussed with Jokowi in details.

Mentioning other blunders made by the newly political party, he pointed out that all of them had been contradicting to the party's "altruistic" missions, such as, among others, to indirectly putting Jokowi into seemingly violating the starting time for the 2019 Presidential election; to eradicate corruption in the country (but recruiting those alleged corruptors as the party's important figures).

In the meantime, the vice-Secretary General of MUI or the Indonesia Ulema Council, cleric Tengku Zulkarnain, likewise disagreeing with Jokowi's accepting PSI leaders to meet him in Presidential palace with their alleged agenda for his winning strategy in 2019 ballot.

The cleric also said Friday (on 2 March) in his Twitter, expressing his strong protest against such a meeting. He stated that the palace did not belong to Jokowi but the people. It was not appropriate at all for the President to accept a political party in the palace and discussed on political affairs.

Source: Robi, voa-islam/read/politik-indonesia/2018/03/03/56410/pengamat-dan-tokoh-agama-ini-komentari-psi-temu-jokowi-di-istana-negara/#sthash.FiVvCld.dpbs, "Pengamat dan Tokoh Agama Ini Komentari PSI Temu Jokowi di Istana Negara (Political pundit and ulema disagree with President Jokowi's accepting PSI leaders to meet him in Presidential palace)", in Indonesian, 3 March 18.

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