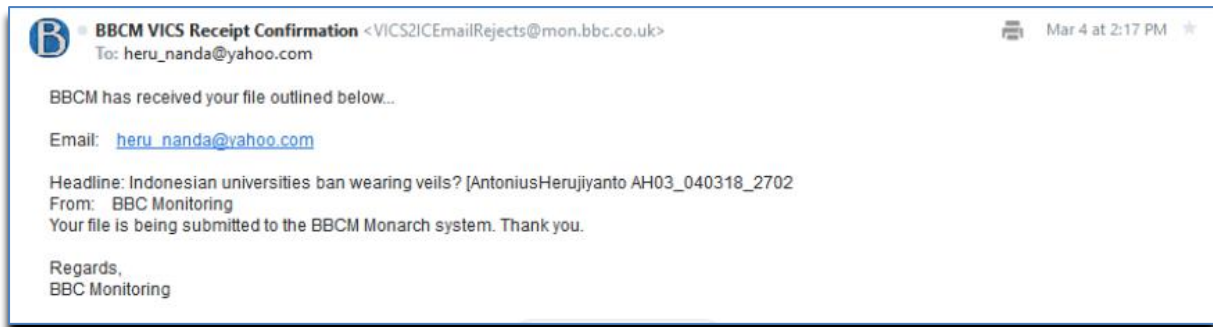


# Indonesian Universities Ban Wearing veils?



The Rector of Gadjah Mada University or UGM, Prof Panut Mulyono, has denied for having banned the university female students from wearing cadar (veils) or burqa [completely covered up but the eyes]. He said Tuesday [on 27 February) that such a banning was not true.

According to him, there is no such a regulation. Besides, wearing cadar or burqa does not disturb the learning-teaching activities in UGM.

Mentioning that the most important thing was for female students to be able to follow all the learning processes with no hindrances especially when doing their tasks in the laboratories including on looking into those materials or samples under the microscope for their data gathering and the like.

He also said that he happened to see a few students wearing cadar in campus. He admitted, however, there were not many of them wearing one.

It was reported earlier that vice-Rector of Sunan Kalijaga Islamic state university in Yogyakarta, Waryono, had stated (on 27 February) that both UGM and Yogyakarta Technology University or UTY, respectively, had issued a regulation banning their female students from wearing cadar or veils (burqa) [to hide their faces from strangers].

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