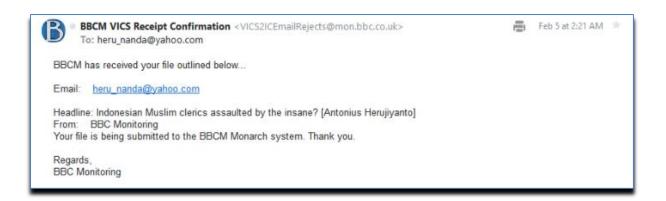


Indonesian Muslim Clerics Assaulted by the Insane?



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Two Indonesian Muslim clerics were recently assaulted and beaten up in Bandung, West Java. Cleric Prawoto, the para military command of the (conservative) Islamic organization Persis of West Java, was finally dead after being beaten up by a clinically insane man in Cigondewah Kidul, Bandung on Thursday (on 1 February). In the meantime, cleric Emon Umar Basyri of Cicalengka, Bandung, was seriously injured after being assaulted by another insane perpetrator on Saturday (27 January).

According to the chairperson of the Committee III (on Religious Affairs) of DPDRI or the Regional Representatives Council, Fahira Idris, Indonesian Muslims should be more watchful especially that two of the perpetrators have been reported as being insane.

She insisted that the police comprehensively process the cases including take the legal actions against them.

Mentioning about the process to take, she said that the court with its authority, using different evidences, among others, the medical facts, could decide whether or not the two perpetrators were, indeed, clinically insane.

"I hope that the police would seriously look into the cases. This way all ulema and clerics would able to carry out their activities peacefully. Any crimes taking place during the political situation such as the present regional elections should be quickly and thoroughly processed," she was quoted as saying by Suara Islam Online o Friday (2 February).

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