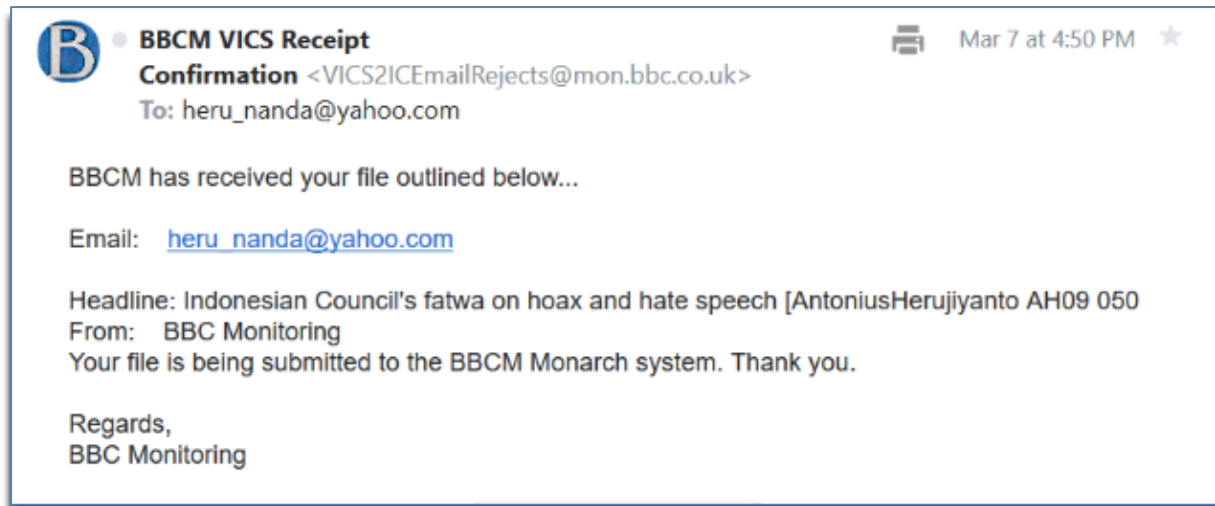


AH09_Indonesian Council's Fatwa on Hoax and Hate Speech



Vice-Secretary General of the Indonesia Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Zaimut Tauhid Sa'adi, has reminded Muslims about MUI's fatwa or religious ruling No. 24/2017 on appropriate ways of posting information on social media. His statement was delivered during a press conference on revealing cases violating the Indonesian Information and Transactions Law or ITE held at the National Police Headquarters Jakarta on Monday (5 March).

According to the cleric, the guidelines deal with the information which is true, important, fruitful, vouching for its accuracy in time and place or "muqtadlal hal", and contextual.

Mentioning that every Muslim's work of writing carried on social media should represent pious deed, he said that it is haram or prohibited to conduct the inappropriate things such as "gibah" (or talking about people's weaknesses), make libellous accusations, inform hoaxes, produce hate speeches, and the like.

The cleric also said it is haram to become "buzzer", providing people with many different hoaxes, and to conduct "namimah" or to make an attempt to pit people against each other.

Demanding the police Department of Cyber Crime that they seriously investigate those allegedly spreading up hoaxes and hate speeches, but they should also fairly treat such perpetrators.

Source: Zul,hidayatullah/berita/nasional/read/2018/03/05/137116/mui-ingatkan-fatwa-terkait-media-sosial.html, "MUI Ingatkan Fatwa terkait Media Sosial (MUI reminds police about its fatwa on posting information on social media)", in Indonesian, 5 March 18.

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