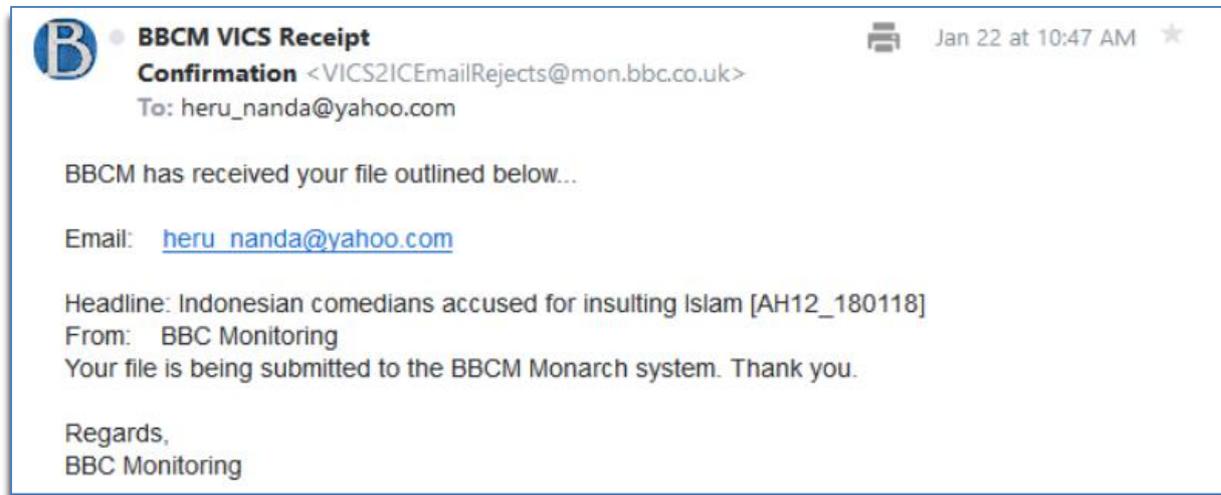


Indonesian Comedians Accused for Insulting Islam



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The Secretary General of MUI or the Indonesia Ulema Council, cleric Anwar Abbas has said that it is understandable that FUIB or the (radical) United Muslims Forum has reported two Jakarta comedians to the police for insulting Islam. He said Wednesday (on 17 January) that even a comedian needed to be careful in saying something in public.

According to the cleric, any issue dealing with identity and SARA or ethnicity, religion, race and class is becoming sensitive when it is publically stated.

The worst thing about the problem faced by two Jakarta comedians, Joshua Suherman and Ge Pamungkas is their insulting Islam. It makes, understandably, Muslims get angry.

Mentioning that the comedians had given an impression of looking down at the religion, the cleric said that any religious followers would not be very happy if their religion was cornered and insulted.

It was reported earlier that FUIB had taken a legal action against Joshua and Ge Pamungkas. It was, then, registered at the police office as LP/30/1/2018/ dated on 9 January 2018.

Reporting to the police, the Forum brought along with them the recorded YouTube describing their religious blasphemy.

In the meantime, the General Chairman of the Indonesia Muslims Forum or FUI, Rahmat Hirman, said that he was convinced that within the programme named "Stand-up Comedy" carried by the two comedians, they both committed a religious blasphemy. They had compared two actresses, Annisa and Cherly, asking the audience why Annisa was more popular than Cherly.

The two comedians said that Annisa was more popular because she was a Muslimah [Woman Muslim].

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