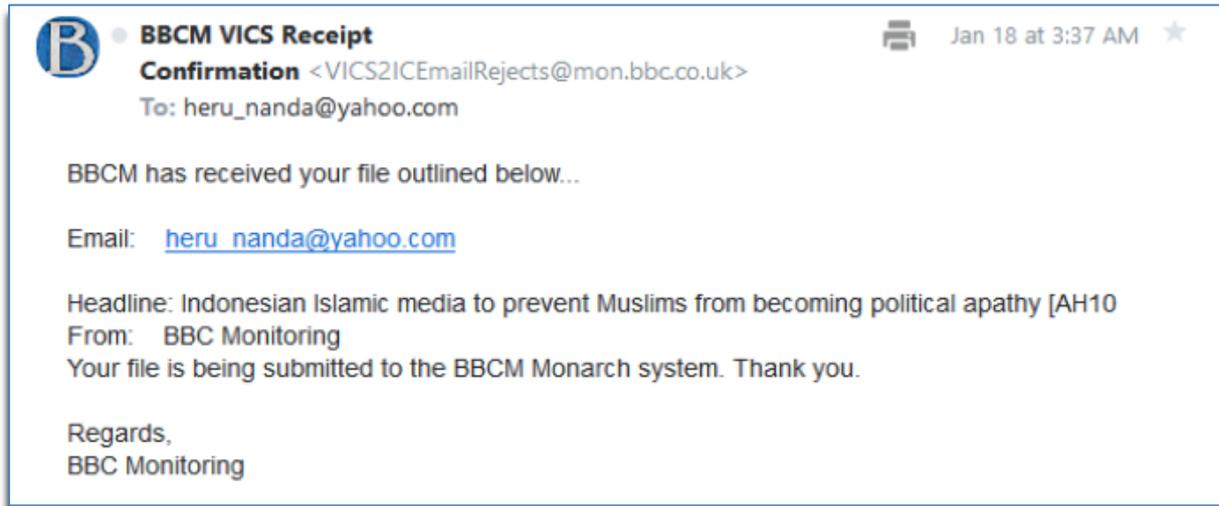


# Indonesian Islamic Media To Prevent Muslims from Becoming Political Apathy



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Mentioning the 2018 Pilkada or regional elections in Indonesia, a member of the management of the Information Council of Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], Roni Tabroni, has said that Islamic media play important roles during the present regional elections.

According to him, instead of providing the people with sincere educational aspects of the elections, the country’s mainstream media have fallen into the trap of regarding Pilkada as the commodities dealing with power (and making a profit). As a result, the principles of impartiality are neglected, carrying reports based on those vested interests.

Having their own interests, however, the country’s Islamic media are expected to deal with Islamic da’wah, becoming benevolent media for the people.

The Islamic media should regard the events [Pilkada] as the momentum to set both their short and long term agenda.

The short one is to prevent Indonesian Muslims from becoming political apathy and the long term goal is to make sure that they would not become the society only oriented with worldly and material things.

In his article entitled Media Islam Di Tengah Gelombang Pilkada 2018 [Islamic media in the mid of 2018 Pilkada waves], Roni Tabroni says that in order to prevent Islamic media from committing the so-called political sins [namely, causing the people become political apathy], they should be at the front line, encouraging the people to actively participate in the regional elections and indirectly develop and uphold the principles of democracy in their regions.

Source: Adhila,voa-islam/read/world-analysis/2018/01/15/55494/media-islam-di-tengah-gelombang-pilkada-2018/#sthash.6XD1qWsO.dpbs, “Media Islam Di Tengah Gelombang Pilkada 2018 (Islamic media in the mid of 2018 Pilkada waves)”, in Indonesian, 15 Jan 18.

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