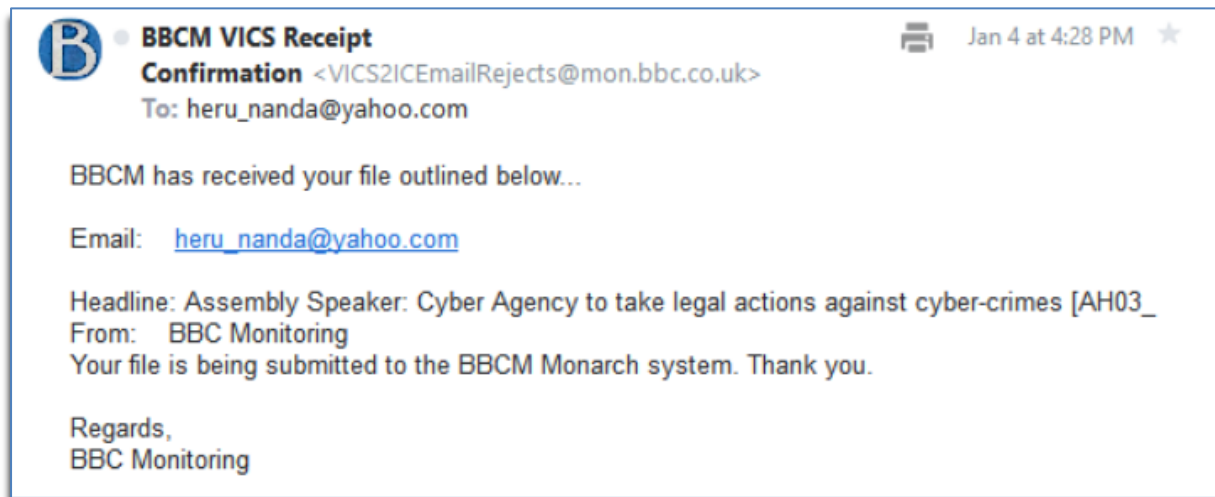


# Assembly Speaker: Cyber Agency To Take Legal Actions against Cyber-Crimes



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The People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Speaker Zulkifli Hasan has congratulated Mayor General (ret.) Djoko Setiadi as the chairman of the newly established National Cyber and Encryption Agency or BSSN, responsible for the nation's cyberspace. The MPR Speaker said Wednesday (on 3 January), hoping Djoko to successfully manage to eradicate cyber-crimes in the country.

[The national cyber agency is under the president's authority. Its establishment is based on the presidential regulation signed on Saturday (16 December 2017). Initially, BSSN was set up as a state institution under the supervision of the Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister.]

Mentioning BSSN as an important agency, Zulkifli said that the cyber world was such an unstoppable phenomena that it would be unavoidable to establish a kind of cyber-council to monitor the cyber-crimes.

According to Zulkifli, not only should the agency support the state in anticipating the rapidly developing cyber world, but it would also participate in taking care of the rampant cases of hoaxes and fake news on social media.

[In his speech during officially instating Major General (ret.) Djoko Setiadi as BSSN chief, President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo, said that the agency was to eradicate many different deceiving hoaxes and fake news carried on social media, particularly ahead of this year's regional elections and the 2019 presidential and legislative elections. The President also said that BSSN would ensure that the elections run appropriately in a healthy environment to produce the best Indonesian leaders.]

The MPR Speaker also said that BSSN was assigned to at least reduce insulting posts and those that are not proper for spreading. This way, the cyber- extra ordinary crimes could also be reduced or prevented from taking place in the country.

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