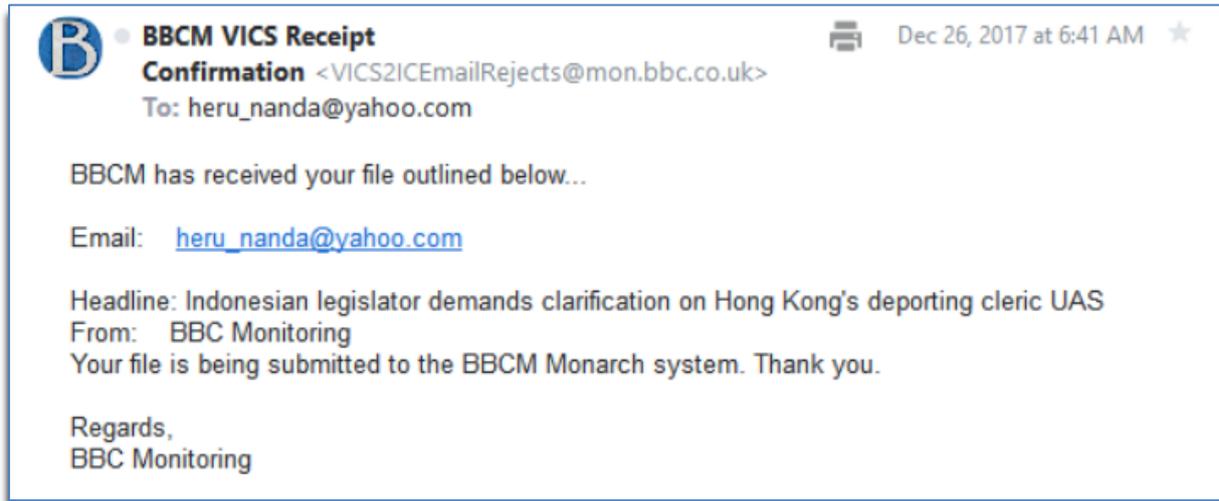


Indonesian Legislator Demands Clarification on Hong Kong's Deporting Cleric UAS



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The chairman of Commission I of the House of Representatives or DPR, Abdul Kharis Almasyhari, has expressed deep regret at the deportation of cleric Abdul Somad (UAS) from Hong Kong. The cleric was deported as soon as he arrived at Chek Lap Kok Airport [Hong Kong International Airport] on Saturday (23 December).

[It was such a big issue in Indonesia when the very cleric was rejected to deliver his da'wah activities in Bali on 8 - 10 December.]

The legislator also demanded Sunday (on 24 December) that Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister [KEMENLU] ask Hong Kong immigration for clarifying the incident.

According to Abdul Kharis, who is the DPR member from PKS or the [Islamic] Prosperous Justice Party, the Indonesian government has got an obligation named *inter alia* to protect its citizens.

Mentioning the Law No. 19b/1999, he said that the Directorate General of Consular and Protocol of KEMENLU could certainly find out the reason of the deportation.

In the meantime, on his social media (Facebook) account, the cleric said that he had been interrogated at the airport especially in dealing with his business card with Islamic name on it (*Rabbitoh Habbaral Baitul Alawiyyin* with a symbol of a star on it). The cleric also said that Hong Kong's immigration officers might have thought that he was a terrorist. They only said that they could not issue a permit yet to him.

Source: SKR/MAS, hidayatullah.com/berita/nasional/read/2017/12/24/131379/ketua-komisi-dpr-kemlu-bisa-minta-penjelasan-hongkong-kenapa-uas-dideportasi.html. "Ketua Komisi I DPR: Kemlu bisa Minta Penjelasan Hong Kong Kenapa UAS dideportasi (Indonesian legislator demands Kemenlu ask Hong Kong for clarifying to deport cleric UAS)", in *Indonesian*, 24 Dec 17.

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