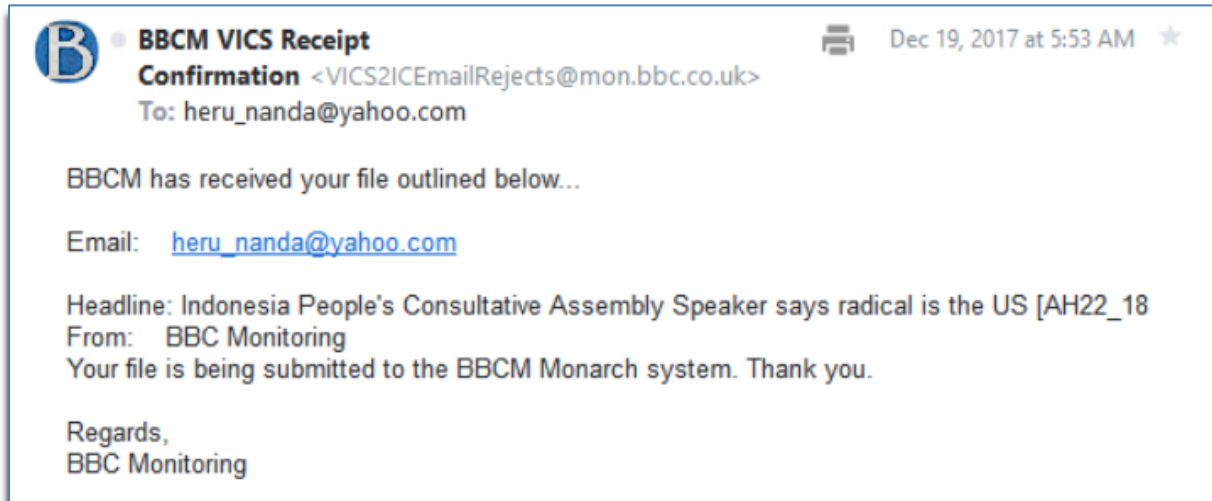


Indonesia People's Consultative Assembly Speaker Says Radical Is the US



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The People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) (Islamic) Speaker Zulkifli Hasan has stated that to Indonesia, Palestinian independence is in line with the spirit of Indonesia Constitution. He said Sunday (on 17 December) that anyone at all from any religious background should oppose and disagree with the decision made by US President Donald Trump on Baitul Maqdis or Jerusalem.

Motioning about the situation taking place in Israel, he described it as being filled up with crimes against humanity, colonialization, and human rights violations.

"Our *Pancasila* clearly states about humanity that is just and civilized. So, wherever we find any violation against humanity taking place, we have to oppose and fight against it," he said in his speech during a rally defending Palestine in Monas [National Monument] Jakarta on Sunday (17 December).

[*Pancasila* is the five basic principles of the Republic of Indonesia: Belief in the one and only God, Just and civilized humanity, The unity of Indonesia, Democracy guided by the inner wisdom in the unanimity arising out of deliberations among representatives, and Social justice for the whole of the people of Indonesia.]

According to him, all those actions conducted by the Zionist Israel and the US are nothing else but acts of radicalism.

He regretted, therefore, instead of being irritated, Muslims had only shouted *Allahu Akbar* and said their prayers as their response to the those two countries' cruel stigma that Muslims are radical.

"Who should be called radical? Who have destroyed Iraq, Libya, and Syria?" he said, adding that shouting *Allahu Akbar* and performing prayers suggested that we were, indeed, *Pancasilaists*.

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