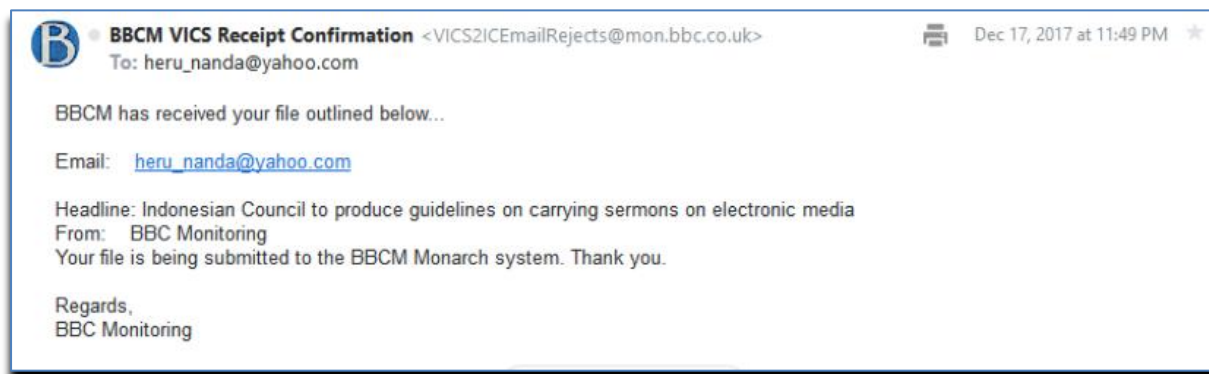


Indonesian Council To Produce Guidelines on Carrying Sermons on Electronic Media



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The Chairman of Da'wah Commission of the Indonesia Ulema Council or MUI, cleric Cholil Nafis, has said that there have been found inappropriate Islamic religious programmes aired both in the country's radios and TV stations. He explained, therefore, that MUI in co-operation with Religious Affairs Ministry, TV and Radio programmers, as well as KPI or the Indonesian Broadcasting Commission had recently decided to have a team assigned to produce Dai [Islamic preachers] guidelines.

Regretting some of those inappropriate teachings, the cleric mentioned some examples such as explaining about the sexual and adultery parties in heaven, writing incorrect Koran verses, and many more.

"Admittedly, MUI has been receiving many different letters and reports demanding MUI to hold some training and workshop for Dai carrying their sermons on both radios and TV stations in the country," the cleric was quoted as saying by hidayatullah.com in Jakarta on Thursday (14 December).

He further said that the team consisting of MUI, media programmers and KPI would, indeed, entertain such good demands by planning to produce the foundational standards used by radios and TV stations as their main consideration in selecting or training Dai who would carry their (Islamic) sermons on their electronic media.

According to cleric Cholil Nafis, MUI has already got the Da'wah Guidelines. So the principles can be, therefore, adapted and modified in the broadcasting contexts.

Mentioning the concerned topics in the training such as Dai integrity's background, their national and patriotic attitudes, their competence in reading and writing Koran verses, the cleric hoped that there would be, soon, qualified Dai delivering their da'wah on air.

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