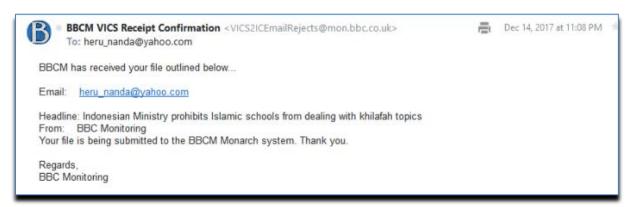
## Indonesian Ministry Prohibits Islamic Schools from Dealing with *Khilafah* Topics



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One of the important chairmen of the (radical) Indonesian Mujahidin Council or MMI, cleric Irfan S. Awwas, has criticised against the present Indonesian government. He said that they tend to discredit Islam.

According to the cleric, the Indonesian Religious Affairs Ministry has prohibited madrasah or Islamic schools in South Kalimantan from giving the students questions on *khilafah* in their examination.

He said that the Directorate General of Islamic Education in co-ordination with the department of religious affairs of Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan, has cancelled and withdrawn the items of the examination on *khilafah*.

The items in question have been carried on the social media since Tuesday (on 5 December).

Not only did the Directorate General demand the students to retake the examinations, but they also decided to investigate those who had made the items.

Quoted by Republika.co.id on Wednesday (6 December), the Directorate General of Islamic Education, Kamaruddin Amin, said that the items of the examinations were made and constructed by the provincial teams (MGMP) or by the teachers.

In the meantime, a noted ulema, cleric Ihsan Abdul Djalil was concerned with it, worrying that the curriculum in Madrasah might be changed.

According to cleric Irfan S. Awwas, however, the tainted *khilafah* image has ironically been conducted by the Muslims themselves.

Source: Irfan S. Awwas, <u>arrahmah/2017/12/12/kemenag-hapus-soal-ujian-khilafah-siapa-bertanggung-jawab/,</u> <u>"Kemenag Hapus Soal Ujian Khilafah, Siapa Bertanggung Jawab?</u> (Religious Ministry prohibits madrasah or Islamic schools in South Kalimantan from giving the students questions on khilafah. Anyone to blame?)", in Indonesian, 12 Dec 17.

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