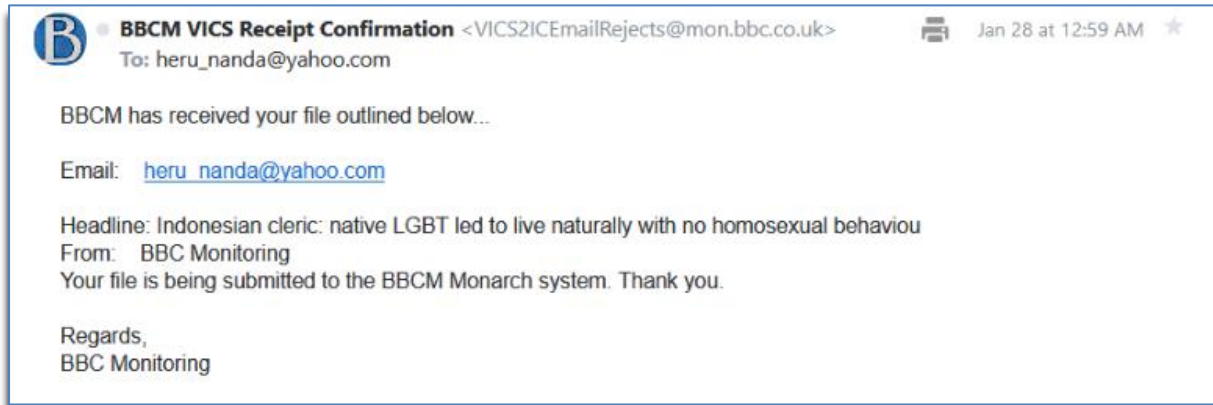


Indonesian Cleric: Native LGBT Led To Live Naturally with No Homosexual Behaviour



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One of the sons of the leader of the Indonesian Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir is cleric Abdul Rochim Ba'asyir. Like many other Indonesian Islamic leaders, cleric Abdul has also participated in talking about LGBT, an issue that has been in the Indonesian news lately.

[It was not for the very first time that the important political leaders from the (Islamic) National Mandate Party or PAN (the party is strongly supported by Muhammadiyah—the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia—issued a controversial issue with the aim of getting popularity during a political season such as regional and general elections. This was exactly conducted by the present General Chairman of PAN, who happens to be the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Speaker, Zulkifli Hasan. The Indonesian regional elections are taking place in 2018.]

[It was reported by the Indonesian Islamic Daily Republika (republika.co.id.), that Zulkifli Hasan had made a controversial statement during his visit to the campus of Muhammadiyah University in Surabaya on Saturday (20 January). He said that there were five Indonesian political parties supporting LGBT and the same sex marriage. He also mentioned that there were eight Fractions in the House of Representatives or DPR which agreed with the idea of allowing Indonesian warung or small restaurants to put alcoholic drinks in their menus.]

[Both LGBT and alcoholic drinks are two important things which are strongly prohibited in Islamic teachings.]

Unlike most ulema who are strongly against LGBT, cleric Abdul Rochim Ba'asyir has talked about how to treat the native LGBT or Two Spirit communities who are categorized as having suffered from LGBT's [homosexual] behaviour.

According to the cleric, the native LGBT may be approached by means of appropriately talking with them.

"We may help them through a kind of consultation," he said in Surakarta on Wednesday (24 January).

He further said that the best method used to approach non-native LGBT was by taking stern measures against them or standing firm on them, using the strong words of warning. In other words, not to use violent and physical actions. They would need to be exposed to the many different possible dangers of their health in the future.

Mentioning that Koran strictly prohibits against LGBT's homosexual behaviours, the cleric said that Islam would not let the experience of Prophet Lot's people [in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with their lustful acts] who were destroyed in a punishment by Allah, to be repeated.

According to cleric Abdul Rochim Ba'asyir, Islam insists that human being is to live in the balance, ending up with living naturally [as a normal man or woman who adopts the so-called cultural taboos against homosexual behaviour].

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