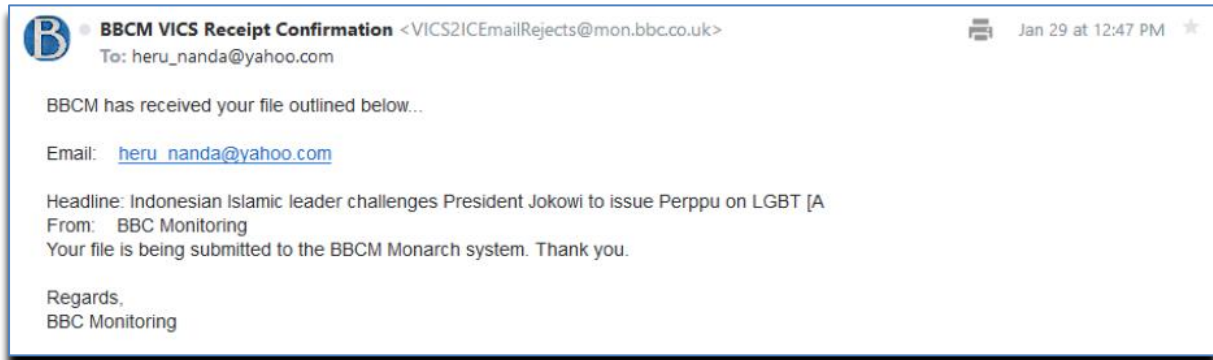


Indonesian Islamic Leader Challenges President Jokowi To Issue Perppu on LGBT



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In response to LGBT issue that has been in the Indonesian news lately, the Director of Human Rights Education and Studies Centre of HAMKA (Islamic) University, Dr. Maneger Nasution, has said that President Joko Widodo should have the courage to issue a Perppu or a regulation-in-lieu of-law, banning LGBT in the country.

His statement was made during a conference entitled “LGBT: Prohibiting, Limiting, or Permitting”. It was held at Selong, Jakarta on Friday (26 January).

Mentioning that if only Jokowi took a close look into the results of survey and researches on the behaviour of LGBT, Maneger Nasution, who is also one of an important leaders of Muhammadiyah, said that the President would have certainly agreed with issuing such a law.

According to him, LGBT’s massive propaganda of exposing homosexual behaviour, for example, has threatened the Nation morality.

He further explained that not only would they threaten Pancasila [the five basic principles of Indonesia] and the 1945 Indonesian Constitution, but their behaviour would also attack the existing Law on marriage.

Maneger Nasution, who was the former commissioner of Komnasham or the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights, insisted that LGBT cases were extraordinary ones since they would affect and influence the future of Indonesian civilization.

Worrying that President Jokowi would not dare to issue such a law [namely, a regulation-in-lieu of-law or Perppu] on LGBT, he said that the only hope would be pinned on the House of Representatives or DPR.

“Admittedly, the on-going deliberation process of the bill of KUHP or Criminal Code has not completed yet. So, we hope that under the current momentum [on LGBT issues], we may encourage the legislators in DPR to speed up their revising the bill,” he said, adding that if there were not any articles accommodating LGBT’s cases, then, there would be needed another kind of law to deal with them.

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