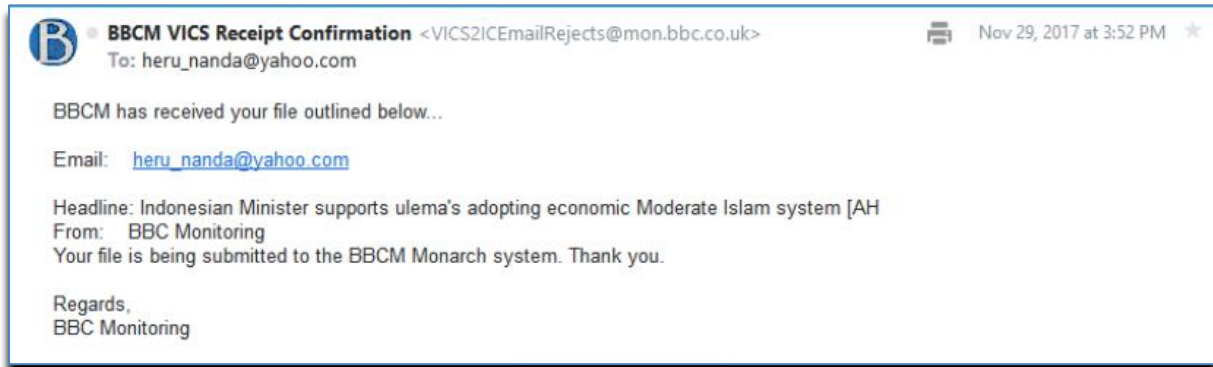


Indonesian Minister Supports Ulema's Adopting Economic Moderate Islam System



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The Indonesian Minister of Religious Affairs, Lukman Hakim Saifuddin, has admitted to have expressed his great gratitude for both the Indonesian Ulema Council's (or MUI's) holding a National Working Meeting [Rakernas] III and the Council's intention to disseminate the Indonesian Islam Moderate (wasathiyah) and the Indonesian new economic trending movement.

According to him, the two issues covering the meeting's theme are very relevant not only to Indonesia, but also to the nations all over the world.

"I am very convinced that wasathiyah should have been adopted by Muslims all over the world. This way, the so-called world peace and harmony would have been already taken place and well maintained," he said after officially opening the Rakernas in Sahira Hotel, Bogor on Tuesday (28 November).

He also said that the idea or the theme discussed in the event, namely, "Establishing MUI's roles in adopting Islam Wasathiyah and the Indonesian new economic trending movement or Shari'a economy" was, indeed, matching and in line with the current world hot issue.

Mentioning the specific character of Shari'a economy, Lukman said it was a very capable economic system with its effective ability to respond to many different economic storms and crisis taking place in the world.

He further said that implementing the very Islamic economic system in the country would enable the Indonesian people to develop the existing economy as a whole; not only to the benefits of Indonesian Muslims, but also to the whole nation and state.

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