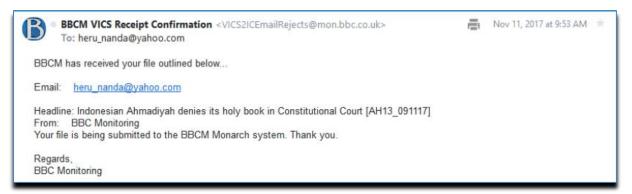


Indonesian Ahmadiyah Denies Its Holy Book in Constitutional Court



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The Ahmadiyah [the Indonesian Ahmadiyah Congregation (JAI)] teaches its holy book *Tadzkirah*, containing the God's revelations as seen in Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's dreams. During the court session of Constitutional Court held Tuesday (on 7 November), however, the expert witness from JAI, Ahmad Najib Burhani, denied, stating that the book was not the holy book of JAI.

The session was the follow up of the Judicial Review filed by JAI against the Law PNPS No.1/1965 on Preventing Misusing and/o Committing Blasphemy.

According to cleric Syamsul Bahri of the Indonesian Da'wah Council [DDII], *Tadzkirah* is a holy book [similar to the Koran or the Bible].

"Let it be known that we have descended upon you the very holy book of *Tadzkirah* near Qadhian (India). The truth has it been descended and it has truly descended," the words on the book (page 637) was quoted as saying by the cleric.

The cleric also mentioned that JAI published a book entitled "Khilafah Telah Berdiri" or "The Khilafah has been established" in 1997. It was written on page 15, saying that it was an obligation for the followers of JAI to stand under the *Hazrat al-Masih* [the Prophet Isa al-Masih or Jesus] umbrella in order to stay away from the Hell. The statement was based on page 342 of *Tadzkirah*.

He also concluded that not only had JAI been racism, spreading religious intolerance, but it had also been committing blasphemy for suggesting that Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is as great as Allah.

In the meantime, one of JAI's lawyers, Asfinawati, said that not only had JAI been discriminated in the country, but it had, indeed, become the victim of religious intolerance.

According to her, it can be seen from the joint ministerial decree [SKB signed (on 9 June 2008) by the Religious Affairs Ministry, the Attorney General's Office and the Home Ministry. The decree warns and orders all Ahmadiyah followers to stop their activities" or face up to five years in prison.

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