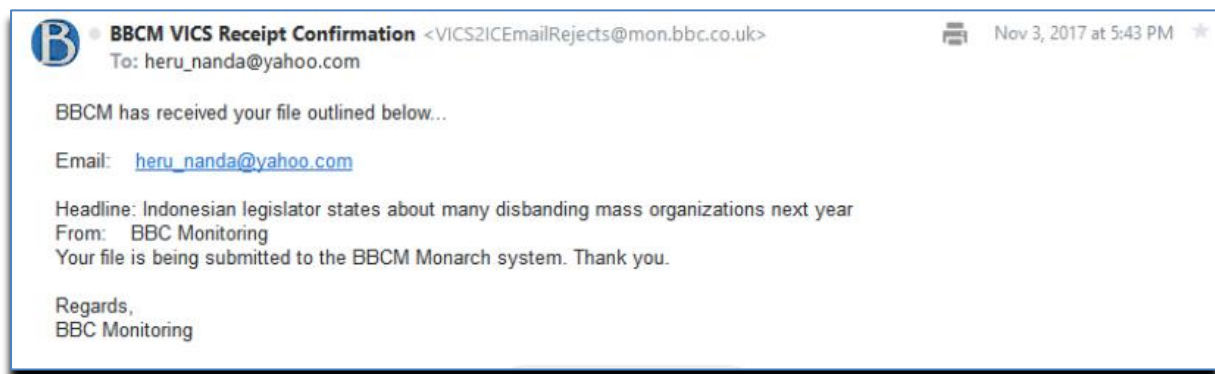


Indonesian Legislator States about Many Disbanding Mass Organizations Next Year



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The [Islamic] Vice-Speaker of the House of Representatives (DPR) Fahri Hamzah has said that there would be many [Islamic] mass organizations disbanded by the Indonesian government. He reasoned that the new law on Mass Organizations would enable the government easily to disband any mass organizations without going through the court.

"Just watch out, but I guess next year there will be many [Islamic] mass organizations disbanded," he was quoted as saying by *Rakyat Merdeka Online* in Jakarta on Tuesday (31 October).

According to him, the very new law will be potentially made use by the government to disband those organizations considered as the trouble makers disturbing the political interests [of the incumbent] in 2019 Presidential elections.

Comparing President Jokowi's administration and that of President Yudhoyono, he said that the present law on Mass Organizations was not promising.

He also said that he had no objections against disbanding organizations provided that they violated the law. The point was, however, that any decision on disbanding them should be carried out in accordance to the due law processes.

In the meantime, Home Minister Tjahjo Kumolo said that the government would not disband any mass organizations during the political year of 2018-2019. He explained, however, that it would be different if they did violate the law or adopted deviant ideologies.

"I guarantee that unless they violate the law, there will be no disbanding any mass organizations," he was quoted as saying by *Viva.co.id* in Jakarta on Monday (30 October).

The Minister also said that 2018 and 2019 would be the years of democratic consolidation where the people would elect President, regional leaders, and the members of legislators.

"The occasions have nothing to do with mass organizations, but political parties," he said, adding that one needed to appropriately read the Law.

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