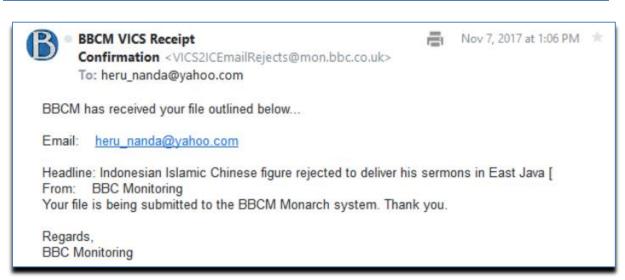
Indonesian Islamic Chinese Figure Rejected To Deliver His Sermons in East Java



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The popular Indonesian Islamic Chinese figure, cleric Felix Siauw, has explained the chronological order of his being "driven away" and rejected by the police to come to Bangli, East Java. He was scheduled to deliver his sermon in the city on Saturday (4 November).

The cleric said that such an unfair attitude was due to his refusing to sign a statement to admit Pancasila and NKRI or the Unitary Republic of Indonesia; not to spread up Khilafah ideology; and to quit his membership of the Indonesian Hizbut Tahrir or HTI.

He said that as soon as he arrived at Bangil, some members of the National Indonesian Police [Polri] met him, demanding him to sign the letter of statement allegedly made by a local Islamic organization.

The cleric also complained about the law in the country especially in dealing with the needed evidence before charging one for having committed a crime.

[The most important article of the new Indonesian law on Mass Organizations says that the government is to crack down on any mass organization deemed anti-Pancasila. HTI with its khilafah ideology is the first victim of the new law.]

The cleric had to finally cancel his da'wah [delivering his sermon] in Bangil, East Java on Saturday (4 November).

[Pancasila is the state ideology, consisting of five basic principles or philosophical foundation of Indonesia: the belief in one God, humanity that is just and civilized, the unity of Indonesia, democracy guided by the wisdom representative deliberation, and social justice for all Indonesians].

In his personal Facebook, the cleric wrote that two days before his scheduled visit to Bangil, he was informed that an Islamic organization which often claims to be the most tolerant one, had reported to the police about their objection to his da'wah and sermon in the city. He was reported as being anti-NKRI and anti-Pancasila.

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According to him, he has also been reported as an important figure of HTI [the defunct Indonesian Hizbut Tahrir].

Mentioning his refusal to sign the three statements, cleric Felix Siauw said that it was a kind of a trap. He explained that signing it would mean admitting the very content of the statements: that he is both anti-Pancasila and anti-NKRI, as well as a leader of HTI.

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