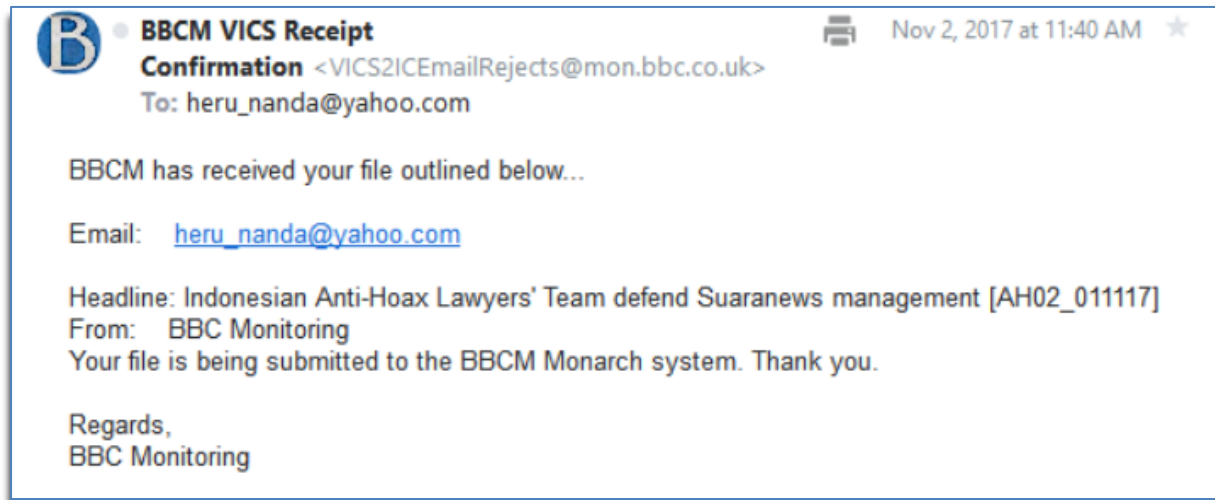


Indonesian Anti-Hoax Lawyers' Team Defend *Suaranews* Management



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The co-ordinator of the Anti-Hoax Lawyers' Team, Dani Setiawan, has said that libelling through social media needs redefining. He said that the chairman of *suaranews.com*, Fajar Agustanto (FA) should not have been blamed and the police should not have arrested him.

He said that FA did not mean, in his website, to disgrace an Indonesian politician, Akbar Faisal (AF).

It was reported earlier that FA had been arrested by the police. He was charged for having violated Article 45 (3) of the Indonesian Electronic, Information and Transactions Law (ITE Law) on, among others, libels and hate speeches.

According to Dani Setiawan, not only has FA simply conducted the so-called "copy and paste" of a report from a news website named *publik-news.com*, but he has also carried it on his non-news site, but a "clipping blog."

"FA did not mean to disgrace AF. In fact he was supporting him," he was quoted as saying by *voa-islam* in Jakarta on Tuesday (31 October).

He also said that *suaranews.com* would only automatically carry those reports automatically broadcast by the software *feeddemon* machine. Besides, FA always mentioned the sources of the news clipping in his media.

He admitted, however, that FA should have conducted the checking and rechecking [on the truth of the reports] before carrying them in his media.

Although AF has accepted AF's apology, the police keep processing the case.

AF also hoped that those involved in the case, namely, *publik-news.com* and *Intelektual Jadul @Plato_ID* would also be legally processed so that Indonesian public would also be informed on who had made such a hoax report.

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