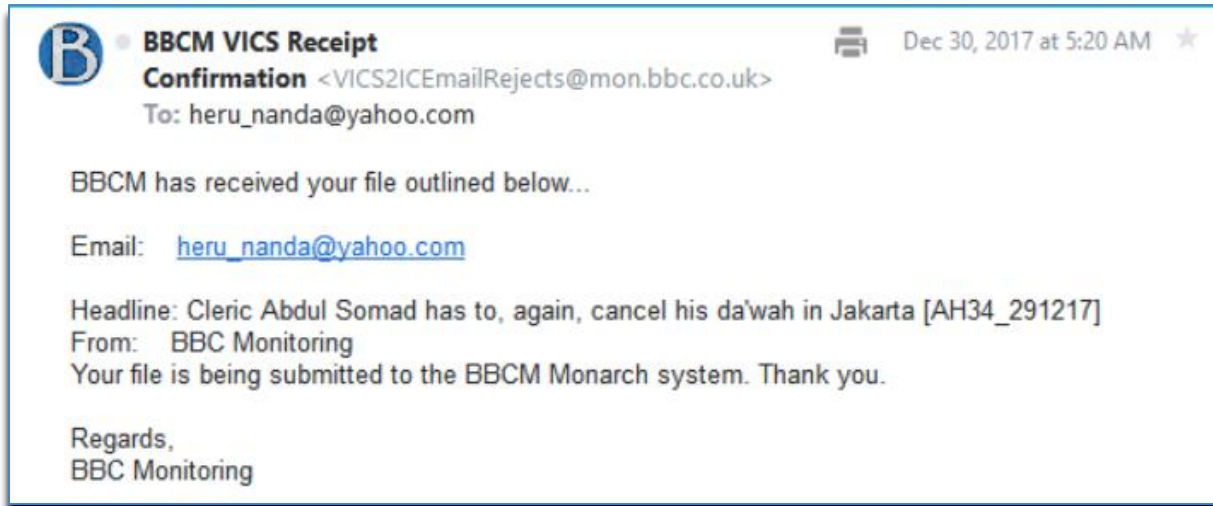


Islamic Organization in Aceh Crowns Cleric Abdul Somad as “Lion of Allah”



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After being “persecuted” and not allowed to deliver his Islamic sermon in Bali, and then deported from Hong Kong, cleric Abdul Somad (UAS) was surprisingly warmly invited to come to Aceh.

It was during the religious commemoration of the 13th Tsunami Aceh at Great Mosque of Baiturrahman Banda Aceh on Tuesday (26 December) that UAS together with other dais [Islamic preachers] were enthusiastically expected to deliver their sermons.

Not only was UAS welcome by 30,000 Muslims from many different Islamic organizations in Aceh, but he was also crowned, wearing the traditional Aceh costumes, as *Asadullah* (The Lion of Allah) in Nusantara (Indonesia).

The *Laqab* or respectful title was declared in front of the crowd, press, and important Islamic figures by the spokesperson of the (militant) Defenders of Islam Front or FPI Chapter Aceh, Tgk Mustafa Husen Woyla.

Highly praising the cleric, Tgk Mustafa said that the similar title had been granted to other great clerics such as cleric Hamzah bin Abdul Muthalib RA, cleric Bachtiar Nasir (UBN), and Habib Rezieq Shihab (HRS).

According to him, UAS has been very courageous to fight against the raids of non-Islamic black streams. His *washatan* Islam or never persuading people to follow a certain Islamic sect but the one called *Ahl-al-Sunnah wa al-Jam'ah* or the people of the way and the community - referring to the important role played by the *Sunnah* [religious and political practice of Prophet Muhammad].

In the meantime, the spokesperson of the event, Teuku Zulkhairi, said that Aceh was the only Indonesian province comprehensively implementing Islamic sharia. So any one at all who was refused for trying to spread up the true Islamic teachings, they would be warmly welcome to move to Aceh.

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