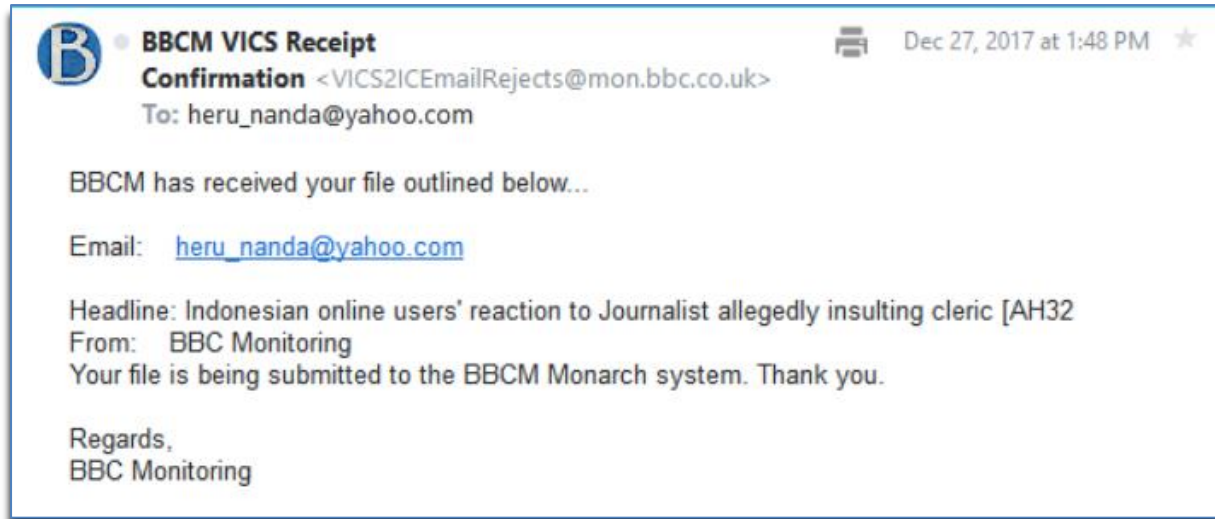


# Indonesian Online Users' Reaction to Journalist Allegedly Insulting Cleric



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An Indonesian sport journalist of "Topskor" daily, Zulfikar Akbar, has carried his writing on his personal social media account *@zoelflick*. He said Monday (on 25 December) that the da'wah delivered by cleric Abdul Somad [who was deported from Hong Kong on Saturday (23 December)] had produced irritable and violent people.

In his *@zoelflick*, Zulfikar Akbar further writes, saying that there is a religious important figure who gets angry when he is not permitted to visit to Hong Kong [to deliver his da'wah]. Instead of being reflective about it, he starts blaming the country [Hong Kong]. When you become a guest and the host refuses you, then you need to accept it since it is the host' rights to do so, don't you? Well, you would not, for sure, shout out loud everywhere, telling everybody that you have been refused and rejected, right? As long as other people are convinced that you are a good person, they would not, indeed, reject you.

His statement made the online users get angry, condemning the journalist. They had even called on all netizens to boycott "Topskor", the media he is working for, on Tuesday morning (26 December).

The online users did not seem to be realistic since Zulfikar had only expressed his personal opinion on his personal account, not on his official account of the media he is working for. He did not write it in the name of "Topskor" daily.

Admittedly, Zulfikar's writing is very personal and directly criticises cleric Abdul Somad.

According to the online users, however, as a journalist Zulfikar should have respected the journalism codes and ethics. Instead of blindly accusing the cleric with no concrete evidences, he should have been *tabayyun* or firstly digesting the data he had got before carrying his writing on social media.

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