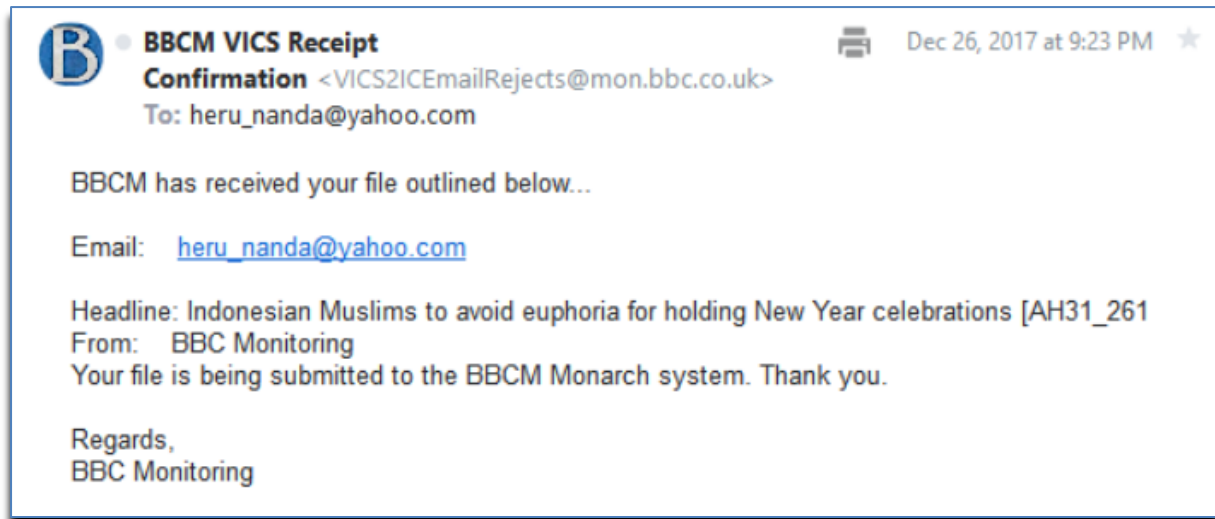


Indonesian Muslims To Avoid Euphoria for Holding New Year Celebrations



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The Chairman of IKADI or the Association of Islamic preachers, cleric Ahmad Satori Ismail, has said that Indonesian Muslims need to be well alerted on New Year celebrations. The cleric said Saturday (on 23 December) that such activities could weaken Islamic faith.

According to IKADI, Indonesian people especially the Muslims should not hold New Year celebrations by conducting inappropriate activities. Not only would it be best for them to conduct activities fighting against deviation from the principles of Islamic teachings, but also to carry out activities of increasing the obedience to carry out all Allah commandments on New Year's Eve.

Cleric Ahmad Satori also called on Muslims to avoid being in a state of euphoria for celebrating New Year, such as imitating both non-Islamic attitudes and rituals of religious traditions which were not in line with the Islamic faith principles.

Mentioning the importance of increasing the spiritual aspects of any activities, he said that there were three levels of problems presently faced by Muslims, namely, national, regional, and international ones.

He also said that after all Allah would always guide and protect all the good efforts to make the blessing Indonesia.

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