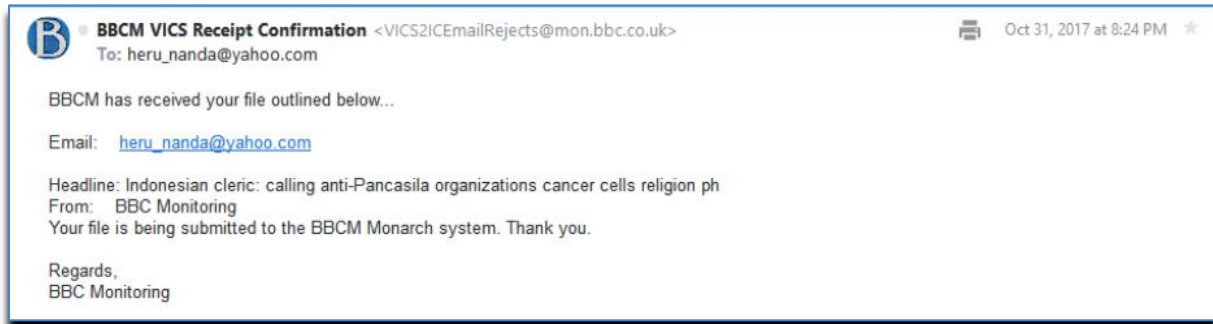


Indonesian Cleric: Calling Anti-Pancasila Organizations Cancer Cells Religion Phobia



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One of the Indonesian Mujahidin Council, cleric Irfan S. Awwas, has said that Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister Gen. (ret.) Wiranto suffers from religion phobia.

Mentioning the Minister's words saying that any anti-Pancasila mass organization was a cancer cell which would destroy Indonesia as a state, the cleric said Saturday (on 28 October) in Yogyakarta that it was such a dangerous statement.

According to the cleric, Wiranto's statement suggests that the presence of Islamic community organizations in the country is a threat to the state. Not only is it weird, but it is also dangerous.

[Without mentioning that not all government's judgement on whether or not a community organization anti-Pancasila can be justified, the cleric disagreed with Wiranto's analogy.]

Cleric Irfan questioned which had been born first: Pancasila or Islamic organizations?

[The cleric did not say, however, that the embryo of Pancasila is that of Indonesian cultural values; that organizations and religions are completely different.]

He also made a list of questions such as whether or not Pancasila is the only standard adopted by NKRI [the Unitary Republic of Indonesia]; and whether or not Pancasila is more respectful than religions [Islam]?

Mentioning that without embracing any religions, Indonesia would become a communist country, he strongly demanded that power should not be made use to achieve one's personal interests.

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