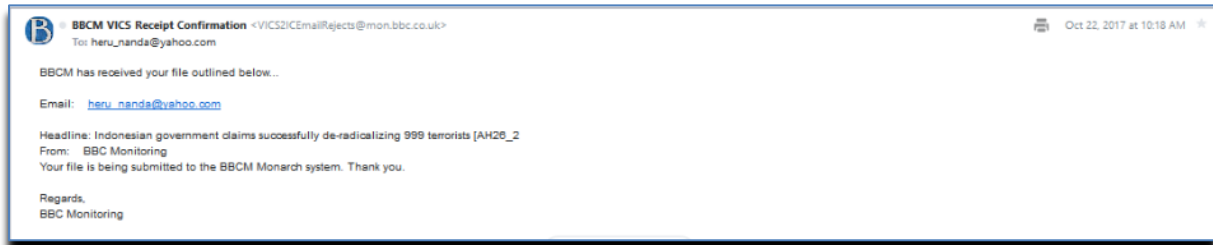


Indonesian Government Claims Successfully De-Radicalizing 999 Terrorists



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The Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister [Kemenkumham], Gen. (ret.) Wiranto, has claimed that the National Counterterrorism Agency (BNPT) has successfully de-radicalized as many as 999 former terrorists. He said that such a report was based on the data collected by the National Counterterrorism Agency (BNPT) during President Jokowi’s three years’ administration with his de-radicalization programme.

Mentioning that the programmes were carried out in penitentiaries (266 people) and outside the prisons (733 people), respectively, he explained about the soft approach and method applied in the de-radicalization programme.

“Not only have they been treated just like other “normal and ordinary” people, but smart ways have also been applied. They have been “retrained”, “re-encouraged”, and finally sent back to live with the true and real ordinary Indonesian communities,” he said during a discussion held by the Merdeka Barat 9 Media Forum (FMB9) with the theme of “Here comes the state to create secure feelings by establishing political stability, security, legal justice, and cultural development” in Bina Graha building, Presidential Staff Office (KSP), Jakarta, on Thursday (19 October).

Mentioning the five main activities of the de-radicalization programme, he said that the Indonesian government had also recruited those who had been successfully trained to participate in becoming the trainers for those who had not been trained yet.

The five main activities are the trainings on the concepts of nationality and those of religions, life skills, supervision and guidance for former terrorists, and the trainings on entrepreneurship.

“We have now 50 active former terrorists becoming the trainers on opposing against terrorism,” said Wiranto.

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