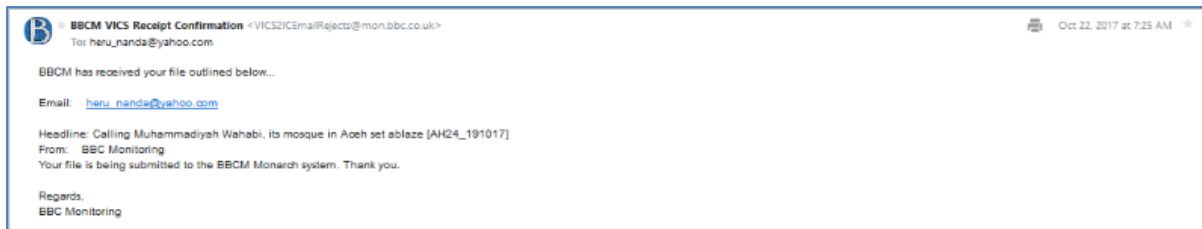


# Calling Muhammadiyah Wahabi, Its Mosque in Aceh Set Ablaze



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The Secretary General of Muhammadiyah [the second largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia], Abdul Mu'ti, has said that At-Taqwa Mosque, one of the organization's mosques in Sangso, Samalanga, Bireun, Aceh, has been set ablaze by unidentified group of people on Tuesday (17 October).

Mentioning about the report made by the chairman of the Muhammadiyah's Aceh office, he verified that such an incident had, indeed, taken place. He also said that the building had been used for almost three years to hold many different Muhammadiyah religious activities.

[More than 98 per cent of Aceh province's population (around 5 million people) are (Sunni and Shia) Muslims.]

Admitted that when the plan to construct the mosque was first revealed (three years ago), the local administration of Bireun expressed their objection. The local Muhammadiyah's Aceh office had even received threats when the plan was proceeded. He wondered whether or not it had something to do with the issue accusing that Muhammadiyah was part of the so-called Wahabi [An Islamic sect disagreeing with Sunni Islam (and Shi'a Islam)]. The followers of Wahabi are often considered as fundamentalists (with their violent actions).]

He also said that all the legal requirements [such as the Permit in Principle for the Building of a House of Worship (IPPRI) and the Permit to Build a House of Worship (IMBRI)] to build the mosque had been met. They had fulfilled all the legal requirements.

It was reported earlier that the attack took place not long after the beginning of reconstructing the mosque was officially started. The ceremony (on 17 October morning) was also attended the local police and military, as well as the sub-district head of Samalanga, Bireun, Aceh.

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