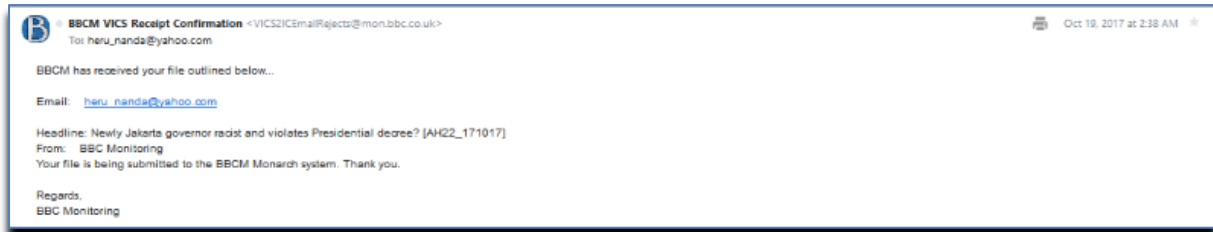


# Newly Jakarta Governor Racist and Violates Presidential Decree?



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The newly (Islamic) Jakarta governor Anies Baswedan has delivered his first public speech after his inauguration **at the State Palace [on Oct 16]** Jakarta. His speech was delivered during the celebration at the yard of Block G of City Hall, Central Jakarta on Monday evening.

Following his very speech, however, the majority of educated Indonesian people have regarded that his speech has, indeed, sparked public anger after he called on the Jakarta's *pribumi* (native Indonesians) to play a larger role in Indonesia.

[Historically speaking, it was in 1854 when the Dutch coined the term *pribumi* for its three-tiered racial classification of the people in Indonesia [the Dutch East India], using it to depict native Indonesians. European people were classified as the "first" class, while foreign oriental races, such as the Chinese, Arabs and Indians belonged to the "second" one. The 1945 Indonesian Constitution erases all those classes. It was during President BJ Habibie's short term administration (for 17 months) that on 16 September 1998 he issued a Presidential decree No. 26/1998 on banning to use the term pribumi and non pribumi (to classify Indonesian citizens) when dealing with any governmental policies. Not only is the decree to treat all Indonesians equally and there should not be any racial discrimination taking place in the country, but it also suggests the comprehensive implementation of the so-called Bhineka Tunggal Ika or melting pot principle in dealing with all Indonesians.]

One of those disagreeing with Anies Baswedan's speech was the chairman of human rights advocacy group SETARA Institute, Hendaridi.

According to him, using the term pribumi in his speech, the newly governor has violated Presidential Decree No. 26/1998.

In the meantime, the governor's supporters said otherwise. One of the politicians from Golkar Party, Indra J. Piliang, for example, said in his Twitter that the chairman of SETARA Institute, Hendaridi, was looking into the governor's speech using an inappropriate approach [namely, "racial psychological approach"].

Mentioning that Hendaridi had inappropriately applied the approach, Piliang said that the analysis ended up with inappropriate findings.

"Instead of admitting that he is a racist himself, Hendaridi has unconsciously pointed Anies Baswedan being a racialist leader," Indra J. Piliang said in his Twitter social media on Tuesday (17 October).

[It is rather unfortunate, however, that in his defending the newly governor, Indra J. Piliang has himself fallen into the trap of falling into impartiality as seen in his further arguments against Hindardi in his Twitter. Judging Hindardi for having produced an unscientific political analysis, for example, not only has Indra J. Piliang been entering into personal and impartial world, but he has also been unconsciously exercising his own words about “Hindardi, racist, and Anies Baswedan” with a similar title, namely, “Indra Piliang, impartial critic, and Hendardi”, or preferably, applying “impartial psychological approach”.]

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