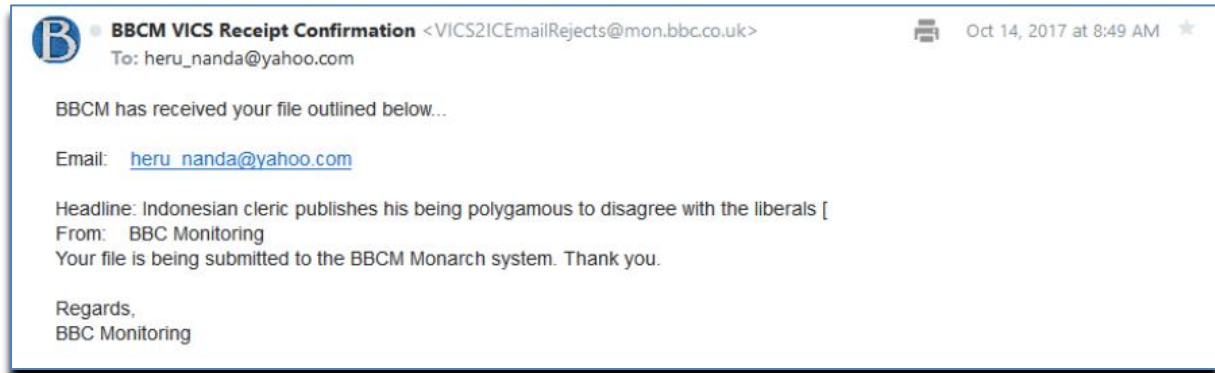


Indonesian Cleric Publishes His Being Polygamous To Disagree with the Liberals



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An Indonesian celebrated cleric Arifin Ilham (48) has published pictures and video showing a glimpse of his life with his three wives. He also said that it was only recently that he married his third wife.

When criticized by those who were against polygamy, the cleric, who is also the chairman of the Dzikir Az-Zikra Council, argued that his action to publicly show the pictures and the video was only meant to show to the people that exercising the Islamic Shari'a would be great and wonderful on one condition.

According to him, it should be carried out in line with the teachings of Koran and "Sunnah", or religious and political practice of the prophet [in Sunni thought].

[The followers of Sunni Islam (a branch of Islam) believe that after the death of the Prophet Muhammad, the political authority was passed to the four "rightly-guided" Caliphs who were elected by the leaders of the community. The word Sunni comes from the phrase "Ahl-al-Sunnah wa al-Jam'ah", or the people of the way and the community; it refers to the important role played by the "Sunnah". Sunni scholars rely solely on the reports of the Prophet's behaviour to guide them in matters of law.]

"What I have done is not meant to show off, but to show that Islamic Shari'a is beautiful," the cleric was quoted as saying by *hidayatullah.com* in Bogor, West Java, on Wednesday night (11 October).

He also said that it was meant to prove those [Islam] liberal people that polygamy was not the one causing miserable and unhappiness.

Mentioning that polygamy is a serious matter, he said that it should be carried out appropriately. Otherwise, not only would it become disastrous but it would also like committing a sin.

Source: hidayatullah.com/berita/nasional/read/2017/10/12/125567/kh-arifin-ilham-sebut-publikasi-poligaminya-bantahan-untuk-kaum-liberal.html, "KH Arifin Ilham Sebut Publikasi Poligaminya Bantahan untuk Kaum Liberal (Cleric Arifin Ilham argues that publishing his being polygamous to disagree with the liberals)", in Indonesian, 12 Oct 17.

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