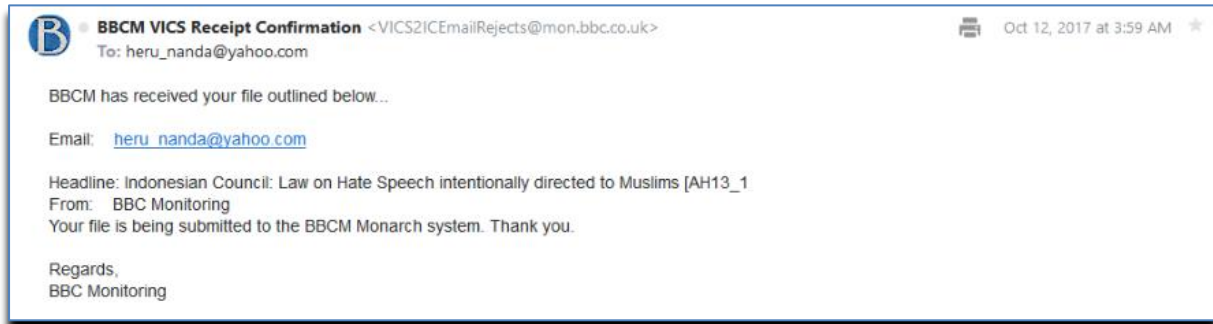


# Indonesian Council: Law on Hate Speech Intentionally Directed to Muslims



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One of the members of the Legal Commission of the Indonesian Ulema Council (Kumdang-MUI) Dr Abdul Chair Ramadhan, has criticized that the present Hate Speech Regulations seem to be intentionally directed to Muslims. He said that the very Regulations had been made use to silence the criticism against the government.

“They have been, indeed, more often directed to look into the Islamic important figures,” he was quoted as saying by *Salam-Online* on Monday (9 October).

According to him, the law enforcers, in this case the Indonesian National Police [Polri], have only been more concerned with those activists criticizing the government, and they have done nothing towards their supporters. This is despite the fact that the Polri’s supporters have done the similar or worse things towards the government.

In the cases faced by cleric Habib Rizieq Syihab of FPI [the (radical) Defenders of Islam Front], for example, Polri in West Java could not have taken legal actions against the cleric since there have been no evidences about his wrong-doings.

In the meantime, those hate speeches against Islam made by the legislator from the Fraction of Nasdem Party [one of the political parties supporting the government], Viktor Bungtilu Laiskodat, Police did not seem to have processed him as a suspect. The similar cases of Ade Armando, have ended up with the same result: Polri have not done anything against him.

Regarding such inappropriate attitudes, Abdul Chair Ramadhan said that those unexpected precedence would, indeed, influence the people’s respect to Polri.

“How the people would better respect the laws?” he disappointedly expressed his feelings, adding that the very regulations on Hate Speech were still multi interpretable, or rather draconian in their nature.

“This is exactly as the same as that of the definition of terrorism,” he concluded.

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