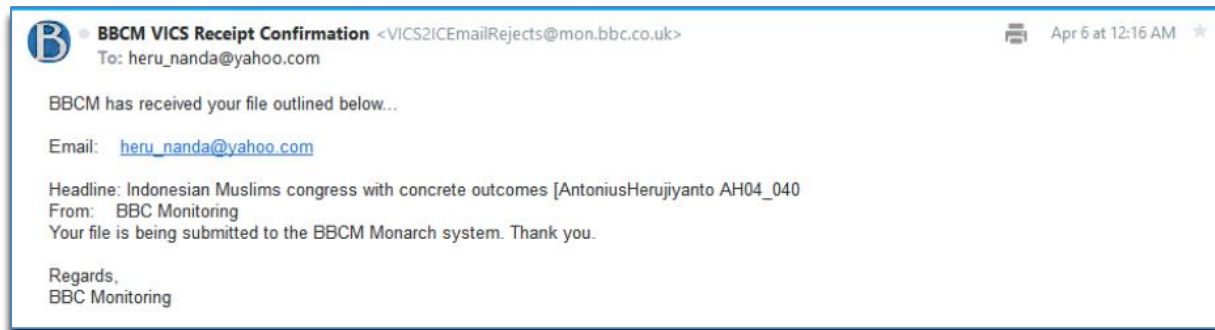


Indonesian Muslims Congress with Concrete Outcomes



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The Congress of Indonesian Muslims North Sumatra was held in Medan on 30 March -1 April. The committee chairman of the congress, Masri Sitanggang, said that the event was an important strategic step to determine the future Muslims' movement directions.

According to him, the theme of the congress deals with the issues of ukhuwah or Muslims' brotherhood, economy, and politics.

The event was attended by many national important figures such as, among others, Yusril Ihza Mahendra, Kivlan Zein, Bachtiar Chamsyah, Rizal Ramli, Amin Rais, and many more. Most of them also provided the congress with their opinion and depiction of the [Indonesian] state and the current Indonesian Muslims had to face.

Yusril Ihza Mahendra talked about the main problems that Indonesian people had to face and the power and roles of the so-called Islam politics.

Former Minister Bachtiar Chamsyah expressed his appreciation for what Muslims in North Sumatra had done for having successfully held the congress. He said that the event was able to find the concrete and realistic solutions to the main problems faced by Indonesian Muslims.

Towards the end of the event, the Chairman of the congress, Masri Sitanggang, was accompanied by the chairmen of 37 Islamic community organizations in the country to read the four outcomes of the congress named the North Sumatra Muslims Charter.

To strengthen Ukhuwah or Indonesian Muslims' brotherhood by exercising their political roles, namely, voting for Islamic candidates in the 2018 regional and the 2019 presidential elections.

To increase the socio-economy of Indonesian Muslims by establishing Islamic companies.

To consume only halal products.

To empower the roles of Indonesian Muslima or Women Muslims and that the leaders of Muslima organizations are to call on parents to better educate and well guide their family members so that they would be prevented from falling into the worlds of illegal drugs, pornography, LGBT, and promiscuous behaviour.

It is also strongly recommended that the congress establish the Assembly Body of Indonesian Muslima organization or BMOIWI to accommodate all Muslima organizations including to set up Laskar Mujahidah Sumatra or the Sumatra Female Jihadist Troops.

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