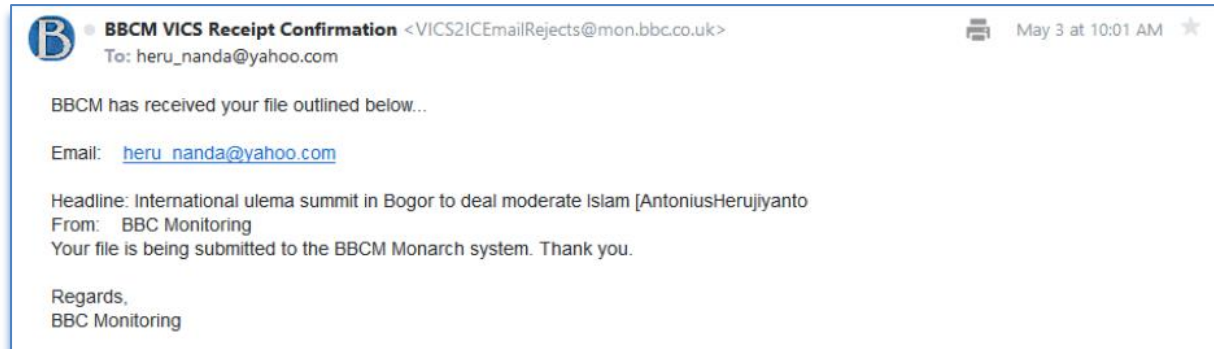


International Ulema Summit in Bogor To Deal Moderate Islam



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Indonesia has held a high-level consultation summit, attended by Muslim scholars and ulema from many different countries. They are expected to talk about the Islamic Wasatiyyah or moderate Islam concept. It was officially opened by President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo in Bogor on Tuesday (1 May).

Mentioning about the importance of the topic, Indonesian president’s UKP-DKAAP or special envoy for Inter-religious and Civilization Cooperation, Din Syamsuddin, said that one of Koran concepts (of Wasatiyyah) has been forgotten or even neglected by many Indonesians and the International Islamic world.

According to him, it is necessary, thus, to revitalize and re-disseminate its very Islamic midway teachings, in the sense of finding any solution to any problems by way of holding a musyawarah or discussion.

He also said that in Indonesia the concept has been deviated a little bit. Some people have also unconsciously distorted it in such a way that re-enforcing and revitalizing **wasathiyah** Islam should be immediately carried out.

The summit was attended by many important ulema figures such as, among others, Egyptian Grand Syekh Al-Azhar, Ahmed Muhammed Ahmed Eltayyeb and Syekh Abdullah bin Dayyah of Abu Dhabi.

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