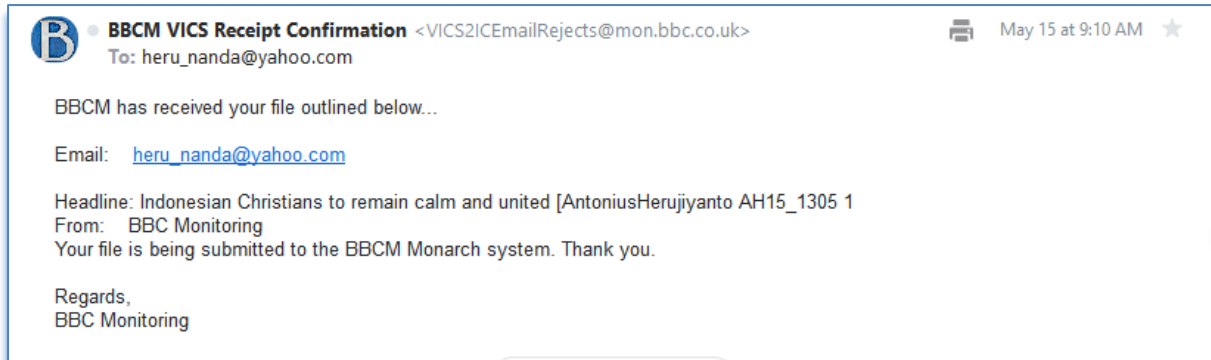


Indonesian Christians To Remain Calm and United



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The Directorate General of Catholic Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs or Dirjen Bimas Katolik Kemenag, Eusabius Binsasi, has strongly regretted the tragedy of suicide bombings attacking Santa Maria Catholic Church, Pentecostal Church (GPPS), and GKI or Indonesian Protestant Church, respectively, on Sunday morning (13 May).

During a press conference held on Sunday (13 May), he expressed his grief over the cruel actions, calling on all Indonesia Catholics to remain calm and patient, not to easily provoked, stay united, maintain tolerant atmosphere, and keep establishing Pancasila values.

He also asked them for co-operatively supporting the work done by the security institutions.

Expecting that the institutions quickly reveal the tragedy, he said that they would also provide the people with security guarantee in doing their activities.

The Directorate General of Christian or Protestant Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs or Dirjen Bimas Kristen Kemenag, Thomas Pentury, likewise said that the Indonesian Christians and Protestants should stay united.

Both Eusabius Binsasi and Thomas Pentury believe that the Indonesian government would be able to handle the incident, while the Indonesian church leaders would keep guide their followers based on the so-called divine love.

According to Thomas, Indonesian Christians would keep attending their religious activities and say their prayers for the safety of the nation.

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