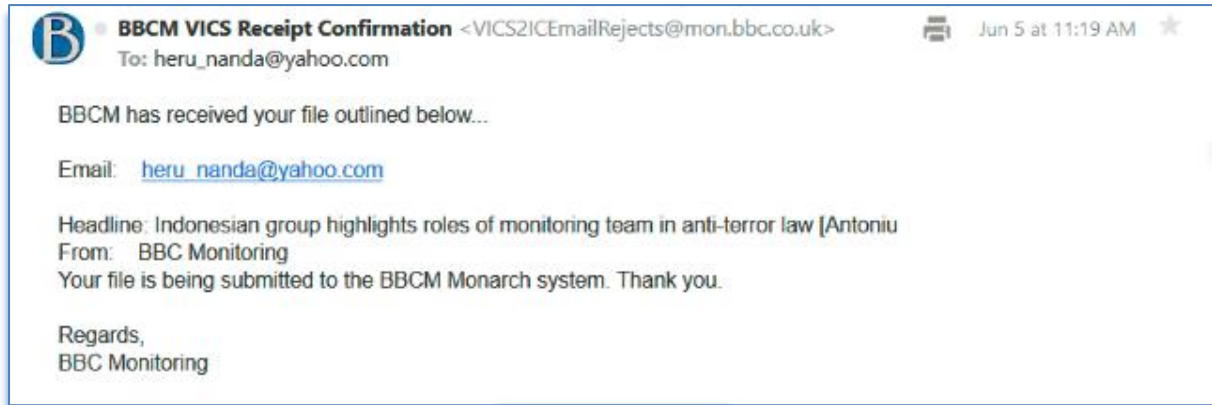


Indonesian Group Highlights Roles of Monitoring Team in Anti-Terror Law



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A monitoring institution is mentioned in one of the Articles in Indonesia's newly amended anti-terror law. It is the obligation of the House of Representatives or DPR to set such an institution to monitor the performance of the security forces in handling terrorism in the country.

According to a member of Pushami or the Indonesian Muslims Human Rights Centre, M Kalono, not only is the institution meant to watch the implementation of the very law, but it is also to listen and follow up the people's reports on security forces' unsatisfactory performances.

Mentioning that the institution was the only supervisory body to monitor the implementation of the newly amended law, he recently said in Jakarta that there had been no such an institution in the past. In other words, there were no monitoring actions conducted on how the security enforcers had implemented the law on terrorism.

There were no auditing and no monitoring on violation of human rights. When there was suddenly a report saying that an alleged terrorist had been shot dead, for example, there would be only one sided clarification available.

He said that the newly amended anti-terror law would prevent the similar cases from taking place.

He further explained, however, that the Article would not be able to be used to deal with past terrorism cases. The only one possible way for the people to complain about past (terrorism) cases was by filing or bringing their case in the civil court, fighting for their compensation and restitution.

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