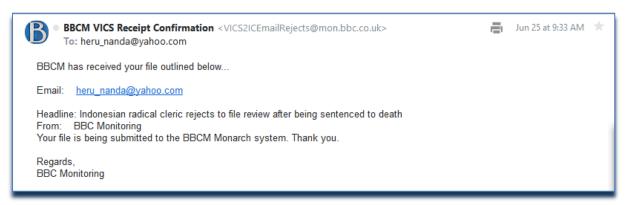


Indonesian Radical Cleric Rejects To File Review after Being Sentenced to Death



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The leader of a terrorist group, Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD), cleric Aman Abdurrahman, 46, has been sentenced to death. The South Jakarta District Court reasoned on Friday (22 June) that the cleric had been found guilty of masterminding several terror attacks in Indonesia.

Denying that he was involved in five different terror attacks in the country, however, he rejected to file a judicial review.

The cleric had earlier admitted that he did urge his followers to go to Syria to join the IS in order to participate in the efforts of establishing a global caliphate.

In the meantime, unlike the cleric's firm decision, his lawyer Asrudin Hatjani stated that he would think and digest the meaning of the verdict first before responding to it.

He explained, then, after the hearing, that whether or not to file a judicial review was up to the cleric. He admitted, however, that the cleric did neither accept nor rejected the judges' death penalty verdict.

Mentioning that the cleric had told him that he would praise Allah if he was sentence to death, Asrudin said that the cleric did not explain his reasons for it.

It was reported earlier that on 18 August 2017 the police had found his masterminding from his jail cell a string of deadly militant attacks across Indonesia.

During a hearing on May 25 at the same South Jakarta District Court, the judges found cleric Aman had masterminded the 2016 shootings and suicide bombings on Jl. MH Thamrin in Central Jakarta, the bombing at Oikumene Church in Samarinda (Kalimantan), the attacks at both police office in Bima (West Nusa Tenggara province) and police headquarters in North Sumatra, as well as the Kampung Melayu bombings in East Jakarta in 2017.

Cleric Aman Abdurrahman should have been released from his jail on 17 August 2017 after his staying in prison for nine years due to his 2010 cases. He had been involved in the Jamaah Islamiyah (JI) military training in Jalin mountainous area (Aceh province).

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