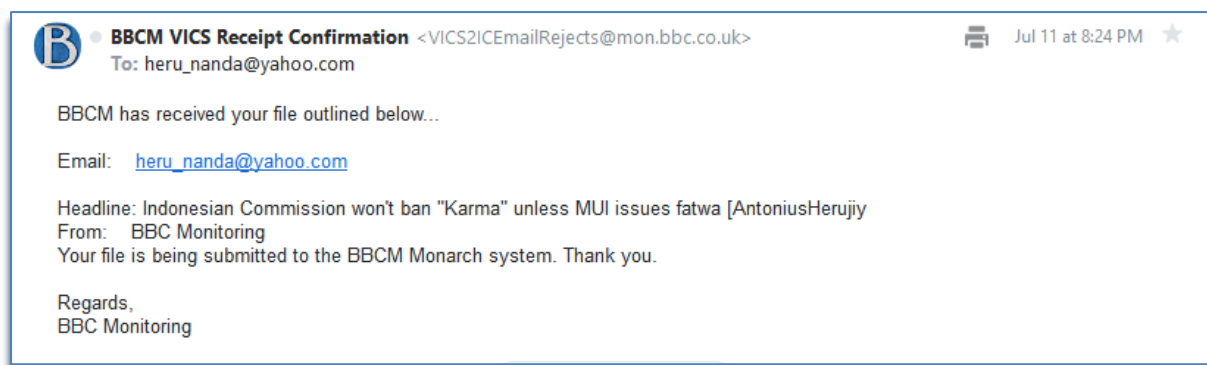


Indonesian Commission Won't Ban "Karma" unless MUI Issues fatwa



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The Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI has said a TV film programme, "Karma", aired on an Indonesian Private TV station should be banned.

According to the Indonesian Broadcasting Commission or KPI, however, the Commission does not deal with Islamic teachings. It would, first of all, wait for the fatwa (religious ruling) issued by MUI about it. This way KPI would be able to warn the station about the programme.

In the meantime, an important Islamic figure (cleric) Din Syamsuddin has said that the content of programme [which is aired on ANTV, a private Indonesian TV station] has been, so far, against Islamic teachings. He said the term "karma" itself was not Islamic at all.

In response to the cleric's statement, one of KPI chairs, Nuning Rodiyah, admitted that she had received such a report.

According to her, KPI has got no authority to determine whether or not a TV programme such as "Karma" is against Islamic teachings. She invited, therefore, all of the "stakeholders" such as MUI, Islamic community organizations including NU, Muhammadiyah, and LSF or the Film Censorship Institute to be co-ordinated, discussing about the serials.

She also said Thursday (on 28 June) that "Karma" had actually been processed by LSF before being aired on ANTV. It was one of KPI's principles to respect any institutions' authority.

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