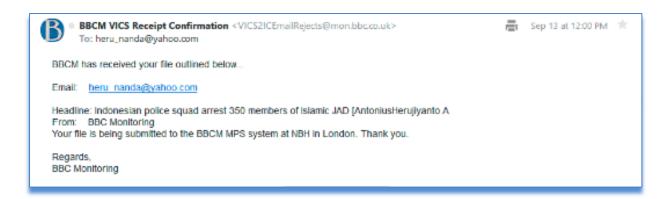


Indonesian Police Squad Arrest 350 Members of Islamic JAD



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The Indonesian police's Detachment 88 anti-terrorism squad or Densus 88 have arrested as many as 350 alleged terrorists, members of Jamaah Ansharut Daullah (JAD) since the decision of the House of Representatives [DPR] to ratify Anti-terrorism Bill No. 5/2018 four months ago. JAD is considered as being associated with IS

According to the spokesperson of Polri [the National Indonesian Police], Inspector General Setyo Wasisto, such actions would not be publically announced due to security reasons.

He further explained Wednesday (on 5 September) that such a policy was meant to prevent the people from becoming restless.

Mentioning that Densus 88 have been working professionally and proportionally, he said that the squad would avoid exposing their actions if they were considered as being contra-productive.

In the meantime, the Commissionaire of the National Commission on Human Rights, M. Choirul Anam, has urged that Polri announce those hundreds of members of Jamaah Ansharut Daullah [JAD]. Densus 88 have arrested them, following a series of bomb blasts and attacks against police officers and people attending services in several Christian churches in Surabaya that were carried out by radicalized families, who involved their children, as young as 7, in the attacks.

According to him, not only should Polri have revealed their numbers, but also about how they handled those terrorism cases, one by one.

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