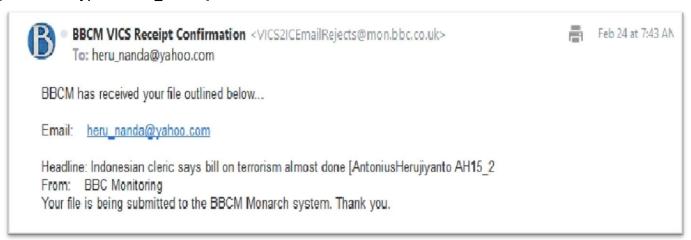


Indonesians Punished for Unofficially Disseminating Condoms

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The Director of Human Rights study Centre (Pusdikham) of Prof Dr Hamka Muhammadiyah University, who is also a former member of Komnasham or the National Commission on Human Rights, Maneger Nasution, has said that a legal action should be taken against those campaigning to use condom as a way of protecting the people against infectious diseases especially HIV/AIDS. Such a ruling should be officially included in the bill of Criminal Code or RKUHP.

[The code bill is currently under deliberation in DPR or the House of Representatives. Its Article 481 deals with sanctions against adultery and all sex outside of marriage.]

According to him, condoms are not the solution to the problems of committing adultery and promiscuous behaviour.

He said Saturday (on 17 February) that the answers to the problems are, among others, by strengthening the good foundation of the family, appropriately establishing law and regulations on pornography.

Insisting that those providing the people with condoms in order to permit adultery and promiscuous behaviour to take place should be, indeed, considered as violating the law.

He also said that Article 481 [including 482 and 483] of RKUHP draft would only permit the authorized officials to disseminate information on family planning and abortion. Otherwise, those who are not the authorized officials would risk themselves from being taken to the court.

Criticizing about the present situation where condoms were easily found even in *warong* or small kiosks, he said that Indonesian communities would not be different from those of the West with their permissive attitudes on promiscuous behaviour.

It was earlier reported that Article 481 of the RKUHP had been verified by both the government and members of DPR.

The Article says that anyone without being officially requested and invited but publically promotes, shows, disseminates and shares information on family planning and abortion, would be taken to the court.

Source: FA_suara-islam/read/kabar/nasional/25136/Maneger-Nasution-Orang-yang-Kampanyekan-Kondom-Perlu-Dipidana, "Maneger Nasution: Orang yang Kampanyekan Kondom Perlu Dipidana (Maneger Nasution: anyone promotes and shares information on condoms and family planning should be taken to the court)", in Indonesian, 17 Feb18.