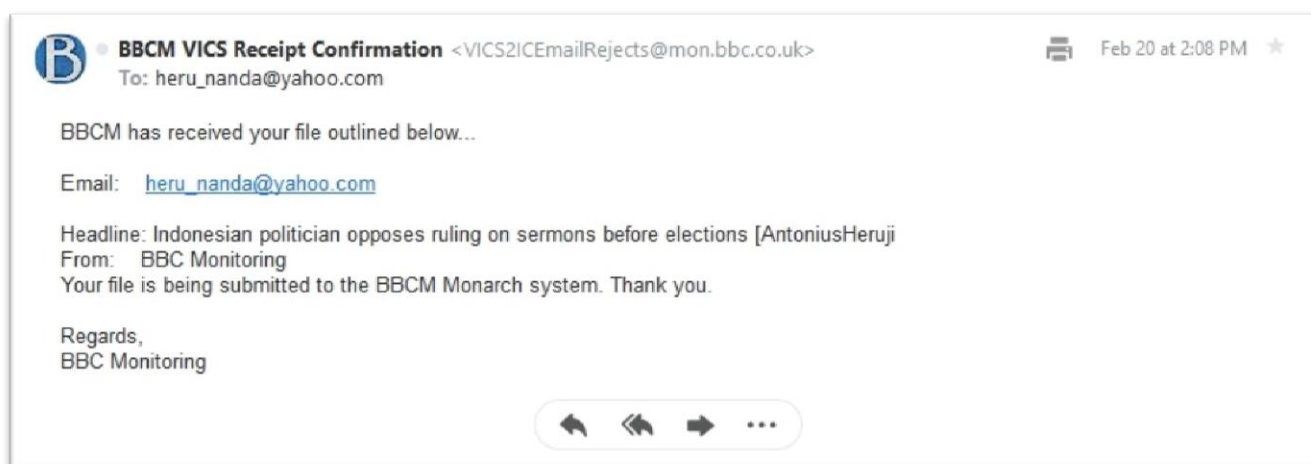


Indonesian Politician Opposes Ruling on Sermons before Elections

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Fadli Zon, an important political figure of Gerindra Party, has vigorously opposed against the political ruling issued by the Indonesian Elections Monitoring Body or Bawaslu. The ruling says that before the 2018 Regional elections taking place on 27 June 2018 **all materials of the sermons delivered in mosques all over the country should be first reported to the Body.**

According to Fadli Zon, who is also the vice Speaker of the House of Representatives or DPR, Bawaslu has gone too far, conducting actions beyond their professional position.

He also said that such an action would only heat up the unnecessary political atmosphere, producing chaotic situations.

Admitting that the guideline on the religious sermons' materials have not been printed out, he said Wednesday (on 14 February), however, that such an idea would certainly unfavorably disturb the present Indonesian democratic parties.

He also said that the Bawaslu's ruling had, in fact, been disseminated in many different provinces. In West Java province, for example, there had been found circular letters on the ruling.

Source:

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