

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY
CIVIL SOCIETY FOR INCLUSION MOVEMENT REJECTS ALL FORMS OF
VIOLENCE THAT SUPPRESSES FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

We are individuals, part of groups and organisations, fighting for justice based on humanity and human rights enforcement. Living in this country for all of our lives, we can hardly say that the government has demonstrated goodwill to fulfill the right to live in a decent, fair, healthy and inclusive environment. Moreover, the government only acknowledges our existence after pressure from the international community.

With this statement, we stand in solidarity with all people who have experienced, are experiencing, or almost experienced physical violence, intimidation, and suppression of free speech. Ongoing problems within the political system need to be solved with immediacy and integrity, commitment, and consistency should serve as indicators in this process. As part of groups that have been stigmatised and continue to face discrimination, we support all efforts to realise justice.

Inclusion is not just a matter of providing room for participation to fulfill an affirmative action quota. The government has to learn more from its people, even when it is a bitter pill to swallow. People who resist the government should not be called dissidents, and moreover, get hurt. The government must stop enacting regulations and laws that force their own people to choose between being critical but get threatened, being obedient but lose everything including their dignity. The recent situation shows that expressing opinions in front of the House of Representatives (DPR) of the Republic of Indonesia building complex, Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD) building complex, university campus building complex, and at locations that are packed with protesters, have become threatening spaces.

Casualties are rising and we do not see goodwill from the police as an institution to fulfill its commitments as a state apparatus within a democratic country.

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the parents, relatives and friends of victims; on the painful exit of Bagus Putra Mahendra (15), Immawan Randi (21), Muhammad Yusuf Kardawi(19), Maulana Suryadi (23), and Dicky Wahyudi (19) and other people who have died, were seriously injured, experienced physical and mental trauma from staged protests participated by thousands of people in major cities in Indonesia.

We are angry that many protesters were interrogated and even intimidated in places that were intended to protect the rights of all citizens, including online. We also know that there are many persons whose whereabouts and fates remain unknown to their relatives and have been reported missing after the protests in major cities in Indonesia.

We express our deepest sympathy for the victims and their families whose children were treated as being less than human, stigmatised as perpetrators of violence, and whose private spaces have been intruded. With the threat of non-issuance of Police Certificate of Good Conduct (SKCK), students remain at risk of being repressed merely for expressing their opinions.

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The Government and the Indonesian National Police should set up a public inquiry to investigate the process when police officers work in the field to ensure peaceful protests proceed safely. Instead of creating a safe environment, they produced terror and repression which escalated even before the protest took place. Actions in the field taken by law enforcement have led to the loss of protesters' lives.

The Government and the Indonesian National Police should stop efforts to stifle people's opinions, now and forever.

We demand the release of all victims and the provision of comprehensive reparations to them in terms of health and education. Further actions must be taken on the effects of the state's repression on children, medical and humanitarian workers, activists, and individuals who expressed their opinions through various channels.

We will always monitor implementation of the commitments of government, state agencies, and newly elected members of the House of Representatives on increasing openness, transparency, public participation, and efforts to put forward restorative justice.

With this statement, we would like to express our thoughts on these issues:

1. Securing and protecting civilians is the responsibility of the government of the Republic of Indonesia. We demand our government and state agencies to be COMMITTED and RESPONSIBLE to protecting civilians without sacrificing freedom of expression and justifying terror through the violation civic space.
2. We condemn the authorities' excessive measures to protect properties in protest locations without humanitarian considerations all for the sake of maintaining order. We also demand for transparency of police protocols in handling protesters at police stations and other places. Expression of public opinion often led to serious injuries and in some cases physical disappearances. As an attempt to intimidate people, protesters were charged with crimes under broadly defined and applied articles in the criminal code.

As a result, below are seven demands and four statements to the government:

1. Reject the draft Criminal Code (RKUHP) bill, proposed revision of the Coal and Mineral Mining Law (RUU Minerba), revisions of the Land Bill (RUU Pertanahan), revisions of the Correctional Procedure Bill (RUU Permayarakatan), revisions of Labour Bill (RUU Ketenagakerjaan); Urge to reject the Corruption Eradication Committee (KPK) law revision bill, the National Resource Management Bill for National Defense (UU PSDN), Sustainable Agriculture Cultivation System Bill (UU SBP); Urge the enactment of the sexual violence draft bill (UU PKS), and the Domestic Workers Protection draft bill (RUU PPRT); meanwhile we will always monitor and review the performance of the House of Representatives and the Government;
2. Remove the KPK leaders selected by the House of Representatives;
3. Reject Indonesian Military (TNI) and National Police personnel from holding civilian offices;

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4. End militarism in Papua and other regions, and free Papuan political prisoners;
5. End criminalisation of activists;
6. End burning of forests in Kalimantan and Sumatra and punish corporations responsible for the fires through revocations of their permits;
7. Resolve human rights violations and bring violators to justice, including those at the highest levels of government.

Governments, State Agencies and the House of Representatives must:

1. Restore efforts in eradicating corruption, collusion and nepotism;
2. Restore democracy, the right to freedom of opinion and expression; respect, protect, and fulfill human rights and public participation in the decision-making process;
3. Restore agrarian reform, stop the manipulation efforts to achieve food sovereignty through the entrance of the seed and seedling industry and the capitalization of land through land management agencies and its derivatives;
4. Change the perspective on natural resources for extractive industries and stimulate economic growth by implementing the principles of ecological justice;
5. Eliminate discrimination and marginalisation in fulfilling and protecting the above rights on the basis of ethnicity, disability, gender, and sexuality and age.

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