



Group 4 Securicor promises to implement Indonesian Supreme Court decision; Securicor Indonesia still fails to act

Group 4 Securicor Chief Executive Nick Buckles has stated that the company's Indonesian subsidiary will honor a Supreme Court decision stating that 235 workers must be reinstated after over a year off the job.¹ Sinta Dewi Sawitri, Vice President of ASPEK Indonesia, the union federation representing Securicor Indonesia workers, spoke out at the company's Annual General Meeting as part of an international delegation to London last week. David Bonior, a senior Democrat and Chair of American Rights at Work, and representatives of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) also participated in the delegation.

Despite having recognized the Supreme Court decision after several weeks of delay tactics, however, Securicor Indonesia has not implemented it. The Securicor Indonesia Labor Union was forced to occupy the office for a second time this Tuesday (July 4) in order to bring the company back to the bargaining table. The union reports that the ensuing negotiations yesterday (July 5) brought no results, however, as the company refuses to reinstate the union leaders. The union maintains a twenty-four hour presence in several tents outside the company's offices in the Kawasan Komersial Cilandak.

During the international delegation to London, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Kingdom, Marty Natalegawa, and HSBC, a major Securicor Indonesia client, expressed support for the Securicor Indonesia workers.²

Previously, the Ambassador to the Indonesian Mission in Geneva (UN), Dr. Makarim Wibisono, had expressed that he understood the importance of showing the world that the Indonesian legal system works, and committed to advise the Indonesian government that the world is watching.³

"HSBC, an important Securicor Indonesia client, has already contacted the company in London and Jakarta to encourage them to follow the Supreme Court decision," said Sinta Dewi Sawitri, Vice President of ASPEK Indonesia (the Association of Indonesian Labor Unions). "When we came to the Group 4 Securicor Annual General Meeting with our international allies, Nick Buckles, G4S Chief Executive, said that G4S will implement the Supreme Court decision. We hope that this will be done immediately; the Securicor workers have been denied justice for too long."

Focus on Group 4 Securicor is an international coalition of trade unions and NGOs that are campaigning for higher standards across the security industry. More information is available at www.focusongroup4securicor.com.

¹ Statement was made at AGM. Bill Ragen witnessed it.

² Source: Bill Ragen

³ Source: Christy Hoffman (and covered on UNI website announcement 22 June 2006)