



Securicor Indonesia workers defy intimidation, continue sit-in into second week. International support grows.

Jakarta, 19 June 2006 – Union leaders report that workers continue to maintain a 24-hour presence at the Securicor Indonesia office despite intimidation. On the night of Friday, June 16, workers report, the complex was visited by some 200 men in Group 4 Securicor uniforms, some of whom, due to their long hair and general appearance, did not seem to the protesting workers to be regular security guards, along with several truckloads of police officers. The workers report that these men insulted the workers and forced them out of the office. The protesting workers have set up tents in the complex. While they are now outside the building, they report that normal operations have not yet resumed at Securicor Indonesia.

More than 150 of these workers have nonviolently occupied the Securicor Indonesia office at the Kawasan Komersial Cilandak (Jl. Raya Cilandak KKO) since the morning of Monday, 12 June. These men and women are demanding that Securicor Indonesia comply with the Supreme Court decision that they should be reinstated and given back pay.

Over 1800 people from around the world have emailed Securicor Indonesia President Director Chris Wright and Group 4 Securicor Chief Executive Nick Buckles in support of these illegally fired workers, thanks to mobilization by the international action network LabourStart.

“Group 4 Securicor’s callous disregard for the Indonesian courts and the welfare of their Indonesian workers is shameful,” said Michael Crosby of the Service Employees International Union, who participated in an international union delegation to Indonesia on the one-year anniversary of the strike. “It’s simple racism. White workers in Europe have at least a basic level of protection. Workers out here, because they’re Indonesian, get treated like they’re less than dirt. The contrast is profoundly shocking.”

“We deeply appreciate the support from people in Jakarta and around the world. Union and NGO leaders have been visiting our ‘new office’ in tents in Cilandak. Even people in neighboring offices have been giving us food, water, and donations,” says Denny Nurhendi of the Securicor Indonesia Labor Union. “Only Securicor still refuses to listen to us.”

Separate international reports from the U.S. State Department, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and the Institute for Employment Rights (UK) have all cited Group 4 Securicor’s violations of Indonesian workers’ rights.

On April 25, 2005, about 500 security guards engaged in a legal strike to demand clarity from the company over whether they would remain permanent employees with the same rights following an international merger between Group 4 Falck and Securicor. Rather than pay severance or guarantee the workers that their terms of employment would remain the same, the company fired 238 striking workers in the capital Jakarta and a further 24 in Surabaya. The courts, most recently including the Indonesian Supreme Court, have repeatedly supported the workers’ demands.



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