



## **Indonesian Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Securicor Workers**

Jakarta, 8 June 2006 – The Indonesian Supreme Court has ruled in favor of over 200 illegally sacked workers and demanded that they be reinstated by their employer, Securicor Indonesia. The court upheld two earlier court rulings that Securicor Indonesia is required to call these workers back to the job within 14 days and to pay the wages it owes for the time they have been off the job.

“We are glad that the Supreme Court moved so quickly to support our rights. After over a year off the job, we very much want a fair resolution to this conflict,” said Dedy Toisutta, President of the Securicor Indonesia Labor Union, an affiliate of ASPEK Indonesia (Association of Indonesian Labor Unions). “We hope that Securicor Indonesia will move immediately to comply with this decision.”

“The highest court in the land has affirmed that these workers must be reinstated and paid the wages they are owed,” added the workers’ attorney, Ecoline Situmorang of PBHI (Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia Indonesia). “We hope that the company will move immediately to comply with the ruling. If they do not, we will pursue further legal action.”

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.

“As the company refuses to seek a just resolution, our members are sinking deeper and deeper into poverty,” said Toisutta. “Security officers have been unable to pay rent, pay medical fees, and put their children in school. We are eager to return to our jobs, to the offices we have guarded for years.”

The court decision was released on 8 June 2006, affirming the 12 January 2006 PTTUN (High Court on State Administrative Affairs) and 29 June 2005 P4P (labor tribunal) decisions supporting the workers’ position.

International unions including the Service Employees International Union (United States of America), GMB (United Kingdom), and the Liquor, Hospitality, and Miscellaneous Union (Australia) have expressed support for the Indonesian workers. An international delegation of unionists came to Jakarta on 25 April 2006 to mark the one-year anniversary of the strike. “We frankly cannot believe that a major corporation like yours should be prepared to ignore the rights of workers like these,” LHMU National Secretary Jeff Lawrence wrote in a letter to Group 4 Securicor.

*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](http://www.focusongroup4securicor.com).



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