

## **Strong Protest**

### **To the brutality of PT. Bumi Sawit Kencana and security forces and shooting the farmers of Tangar Villages, Central Kalimantan**

On Monday, December 18, 2017, two farmers from Tangar Village, Kotabesi, East Kotawaringin, Central Kalimantan Province, named Agus and Abu Saman, became victims of violence and shootings from local police officers, located in oil palm plantation of PT. Bumi Sawit Kencana (BSK), a subsidiary of Wilmar Group. Both victims are still in medical care at Dr Murjani Hospital, Sampit City.

This is not the first violent incident involving security forces in the PT. BSK oil palm plantation. Previously, on 27 July 2013 residents also clashed with the security company of PT BSK. The villagers were protesting due to the company's activities digging canals on conflicted land. The clash left four people injured. The recurrence of clashes between citizens and PT BSK is a result from agrarian conflicts, land grabs, injustice, violent act, strong security approaches and no conflict resolution.

Over the last four years, there have been four incidents in total of violence and shootings involving state apparatuses against villagers in East Kotawaringin District related to land dispute with the company. There are two victims were shot dead, namely Aja Siswanto from Penyang Village, Telawang District in 2014, and Chandra aka Pingo from Luwuk Sampun in 2015.

The state failed to be present to protect its citizens and instead let law enforcement becoming corporate shields. The state should be able to act justly, give a sense of security and fulfill people's right to live a prosperous life. Furthermore, the repeated cases of violence occurred at the Wilmar International company site, showed that company is not truly respecting human rights.

We, a coalition of civil society organisations and activists, condemned and strongly protested the actions of the inhumane security forces, we urge and demand:

1. Chief of Police to immediately examine and sanction the state apparatus and PT. BSK involved in the violence. We also ask the Chief of Police to withdraw special police force Brimob and stop strong security approach in handling villagers' complaints.
2. Ministry of Agriculture and Spatial Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Environment and Forestry, to conduct an evaluation of the licenses and activities of the company, to give strong sanctions or revoke the licenses of troubled companies.
3. RSPO to conduct real assessment and give strict sanctions to its members Wilmar International and its subsidiaries, for performing contradictory, disobedient and contrary to principles, criteria and indicators, as required by RSPO.

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