

**Joint Petition:  
Fight CP Prima Crime, Free Shrimp Farmers!!**

*Dear Colleagues,  
Greetings to all of us,*

Responding to persistent allegations of violations of human rights issues and environmental destruction by CP Prima, we hereby stated our deep concern over the collapse on the pillars of law enforcement of State of Law in the Republic of Indonesia caused by the problem.

**Noted:**

CP Prima is a subsidiary of Charoen Pokphand (CP Group), an agribusiness corporations from Thailand. Through three shrimp farming companies in Indonesia, which are Central Pertiwi Bahari (CPB), Wahyuni Mandiri (WM) and Aruna Wijaya Sakti (AWS)/ex-Dipasena, located in the provinces of Lampung and South Sumatra; CP Prima takes charge of domestic shrimp production. In 2008, the company exported 409,590 tons of shrimp or 23.27 percent of national shrimp aquaculture production. For the monopoly of seed production, shrimp, feed, antibiotics up to marketing in Asia, Europe, U.S.; CP Prima became major exporter in the world (CP Prima. 2009: 2).

AWS shrimp farm or ex-Dipasena's area reached 16,000 ha or 16 blocks (includes 36,132,000 m<sup>2</sup> of which are certified land own by farmers). Since they won the tender for aquaculture in 2007, CP Prima took over the ponds by paid only Rp 688 billion to the government, from the official price of Rp 2.388 trillion. In accordance with the commitment of the company, the remaining Rp 1.7 trillion, is paid in the form of an escrow account for revitalization.

**Considered:**

1. AWS/CP Prima does not meet the obligations of revitalization. The process included the activities of embankment repair, drainage, provision of technical facilities, to ensure farmers can re-production. The company's commitment regarding the transfer of assets was the completion of the revitalization within 18 months. However, up until 41 months (June 2007 - October 2010) the revitalization has only be done in 5 blocks, with inadequate electrical facilities, water treatment (reservoir) and others. Farmers still have to bear the cost of repair facilities, including the price of feed and seed that are getting more expensive.

Revitalization was delayed in 11 blocks of the pond, which is now in dormant condition, a fully soil weeds. Some farmers were forced to use private capital to improve the pond/embankment. Therefore, there were revitalization funds around Rp1, 7 trillion which usage was not clear, and need to be investigated.

2. AWS/CP Prima has often given low prices to shrimp farmers, much lower than the prevailing price in the local market. In 5 blocks pond after the revitalization, with an average production of 2.5 to 4 tons per harvest, the loss reached 25-40 million rupiah per farmer.
1. Total debt of farmers will continue to grow, if the company did not immediately resolve the revitalization. Each AWS farmer has debt ranged between Rp 150 -200 million per person. Part of that debt is a legacy from Syamsul Nursalim. After repeated insistence, farmers bear the debt at least 20 million rupiah, plus 125 million rupiah of debt capital to the Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI), Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI), Bank Niaga Syariah and those debt to AWS continue to grow as much as 900 thousand rupiah per month, since the revitalization program took effect.
2. Farmer's fury and destructive actions at AWS office (on September 2, 2010) was an accumulation of grievances against CP Prima. So the company claimed, that the farmers who joined the P3UW rally behind the AWS was not true, as stated in the company's official website ([http://www.cpp.co.id/Entries.aspx?entry\\_id=133](http://www.cpp.co.id/Entries.aspx?entry_id=133)).
3. The arrest of shrimp farmers was an attempt of criminalization. Chairman of the Windu Shrimp Farmers Union (P3UW-Perhimpunan Petambak Plasma Udang Windu) Nafian Faiz and three administrators of P3UW namely Anul Muklis, Sigit Winardi, and Abdurrahman are still detained in Lampung Regional Police. On Wednesday (September 29, 2010), at around 4:30 pm GMT+7 at Bakauheni Port, Lampung, Pak Nafian with a lawyer and activist of the Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence (KontraS), was intercepted by plainclothes police officers on board. Without a warrant, Mr. Nafian requested to the Office of Port Security Police (KP3) Bakauheni. The arrest was associated with destruction of AWS/CP Prima assets in Rawajitu Timur, Tulang Bawang Regency. (Note: when the mass action occurred (September 2, 2010), Mr. Nafian was not at the scene. On 11 a.m. at September 2, 2010, he was doing i'tikaf in a mosque near his home.

Together with Windu Shrimp Farmers Union (P3UW), we urge the Government of Indonesia as well as all the elements to take decisive, extraordinary, and brave action as follows:

- i. **Immediately implement the revitalization.** If CP Prima does not undertake, just immediately pull out from Indonesia. Farmers want the termination of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS 2007) and become independent, as they had felt during the period of Gus Dur regime.
- ii. **Immediately do a fair and impartial trial on Nafian Faiz and other fish farmers.** If indeed there are no facts or sufficient evidence and legal over the alleged errors, they should be released immediately.
- iii. **Especially to the House of Representatives, to immediately carry out their control functions of law enforcement crisis faced by fish farmers,** to encourage the Police and Prosecutor to fully investigate various human rights violations, not to mention the alleged misuse of revitalization funds.
- iv. **Especially to the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries to proactively provide information in a transparent manner, related to the guarantee of the protection of the rights of Indonesian citizens (shrimp farmers)** for the usage of coastal resources and national shrimp prices standards.

Give your support to stop the circle of CP Prima exploitation of the shrimp industry. Please include name, institution, country of origin of the institution, and attach it to the petition page. Send it back to us, through Susan Herawati (email: [susanherawati84@gmail.com](mailto:susanherawati84@gmail.com)). Please copy and distribute the information on the petition as widely as possible.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation,  
Greetings to all of us,

Jakarta, November 8, 2010

Sincerely yours,

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