



Peace Brigades International Indonesia Project

Yayasan Bina Perdamaian Internasional Indonesia

JAKARTA SUB TEAM
T/F: +62 21 391 3734
pbi-jkt@indo.net.id

PAPUA SUB TEAM
T/F: +62 967 589 191
pbi_past@yahoo.com

WAMENA SUB TEAM
T/F: +62 969 32816
pbi.wamena@gmail.com

COORDINATION OFFICE
T/F: +62 274 4463 996
coordinator@pbi-indonesia.org

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN – PBI INDONESIA

AUGUST 2008.

1 INDONESIAN POLITICAL OVERVIEW WITH REGARDS TO PBI THEMES

- 1.1 NATIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
- 1.2 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONS WITH A PBI PRESENCE
- 1.3 EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

2 ACTIVITIES OF PBI INDONESIA

- 2.1 SUMMARY OF TEAM STATUS
- 2.2 MEETINGS WITH AUTHORITIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS
- 2.3 MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
- 2.4 PROTECTIVE ACCOMPANIMENTS
- 2.5 PARTICIPATORY PEACE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

3 PUBLICATIONS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. INDONESIAN POLITICAL OVERVIEW ↔

1.1 NATIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS ↔

Legend

↑=overall situation improved

↓=overall situation worsened

↔=overall situation remains similar

All conditions compared to previous months

Grassroots and Human Rights Initiatives

Families of those who disappeared during military operations in Aceh are welcomed by Regional Human Rights Commission

- On 22nd August, roughly 150 families related to those who have either disappeared or faced human rights abuses, as well as Human Rights NGOs, came to the Aceh office of the National Commission of Human Rights (KOMNAS HAM) in order to submit a document concerning previous cases of abuse in Aceh. The document is the compilation of data collected by Human Rights agencies. It lists 93 cases of forced disappearances during the time of military operations (1990-1998) that have been verified by KontraS HAM. The head representative of KOMNAS HAM Aceh, Sepriada Utama, received the families in order to allow them to give statements concerning the above cases as well as explaining the juridical process concerning cases of Human Rights violations.

Impunity and Access to Justice

Theological Students forced to evacuate campus

- Students from the Arastamar Evangelical School of Theology, in the East Jakarta neighborhood of Kampung Pulo, have been forced to relocate their campus to the other end of Indonesia's capital. Students and staff have been living in tents since their

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

campus was attacked by local Muslim groups on 25th July 2008 in which 18 students were injured. This is not the first time that the school has been targeted by hard-line Muslim groups, a sign of growing interfaith tension within the community. As yet the police have not detained anyone in relation to the attack.

Ahmadiyah

- On 1st September, South Sumatran governor Mahyuddin issued a decree banning Ahmadiyah and the activities of Ahmadiyah in the region. Meanwhile, in Java, Ahmadiyah is also facing increased harassment as, according to The Fahmina Institute, followers of Ahmadiyah cannot use 35 of their mosques in Western Java due to destruction or because of intimidation faced by the community. Earlier this month, on the 3rd August, thousands protested at the North Keraton in Solo calling for the immediate dissolution of Ahmadiyah. The rally included a speech by the chairman of the Indonesian Ulama Council (MUI), KH Ma'ruf Amin, who stated the sect should be disbanded or declare itself as lying outside of Islam.

Former top intelligence agent Muchdi faces murder charge in Munir case

- The trial of Muchdi Purwopranjono, the ex-vice head of Indonesia's Intelligence Agency (BIN), over his involvement in the murder of Human Rights activist Thalib Munir started on 21st August. Prosecutors have stated that Muchdi partook in the murder as an act of revenge against Munir whose Human Rights reporting, over the military shooting of students in 1998, had led to Muchdi's ousting as chief of Indonesia's Special Forces (KOPASSUS) in 1998. He has been charged under article 55 of the Criminal Code on premeditated murder, which carries a maximum penalty of execution.

Land rights and the Environment**Forced evictions in North Jakarta**

- On 24th August 2008, fighting broke out between residents in Tanjuk Priok, North Jakarta and police who were trying to evict those on the 26.5 Hectore piece of land. According to PBHI, the local government of North Jakarta wishes to clear the land to make way for a football stadium. Residents vow to defend their houses although the officials from North Jakarta administration have stated that they have sent three reminder letters to residents requesting they evacuate the land. They have also stated that no compensation will be given to those whose homes are cleared.

Other**Use of the Death Penalty**

- On the 6th August Rio Alex Bullo was executed. He was known as 'Si Martil Maut' and killed 4 people from 1997-2001 in Surabaya, Semarang, Yogyakarta and Purwokerto. Meanwhile, the Attorney Generals office has stated it will delay the execution of the three Bali bombers until after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. This will allow the three to fast and celebrate Idul Fitri in accordance with Islamic tradition. Previously, the Attorney Generals office had stated the three would face execution prior to Ramadan.

Education expenditure to increase

- The government has stated that the country's education sector is set to receive RP 224 trillion which is 20 percent of the states budget for 2009. This is in accordance with stipulations within the 1945 Constitution that states the minimum state expenditure on education should be 20 percent of its annual budget. The stipulation has rarely been followed in previous budgets throughout Indonesia's history.

1.2 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONS WITH A PBI PRESENCE ↓

Impunity and Access to Justice

One person killed during Wamena Indigenous People's day Celebration

- On 9th August, Opinus Tabuni, was shot and killed by an alleged stray bullet during the celebration of International Day of the World's Indigenous People in Wamena. During the ceremony, participants raised four flags; the Indonesian flag, the UN flag, a flag with the letter SOS, and the banned Bintang Kejora (Morning Star) flag that is deemed a separatist symbol by the Indonesian authorities. After the flag-raising, police reportedly moved in to take down the flag and fired warning shots in the air. Police were met by resistance from parts of the crowd. The event has resulted in increased tension within Wamena regarding the issue and has led to the police questioning those involved in the organizing of the ceremony (mainly from Dewan Adat Papua - Papua Customary Council, at both regional and Papua-wide levels) over both the legality of the ceremony and the flag-raising. Although the weapons of the police involved have been sent for forensic examination to determine where the deadly bullet came from, no results have yet been publicly confirmed. Police are still searching for the person, or persons, who initially raised the flag.

Six questioned over raising of Bintang Kejora flag in Wamena

- Six people associated with DAP (Dewan Adat Papua - Papuan Customary Council) and the events in Wamena on 9th August have undergone questioning by the police. Although they are officially witnesses and not suspects, any charges faced will be under regulations 106, 107 and 110 of the KHUP and face a maximum penalty of 20 years. Those currently being questioned are; Forkorus Yoboisembut (Head of DAP), Fadhal Alhamid (Vice Head of DAP), Lemok Mabel (Head of DAP for Baliem), Yulianas Hisage (Aug. 9 event organizer and director of PBI Peace Education partner organisation YSBA/ Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat - Space for Local Culture Foundation), Dominikus Sorabut and Adolof Hisage. Legal representation is currently being supplied by members of KontraS, ALDP (Alliance for Democracy in Papua) and LBH (Legal Aid Board).

Students protest over police questioning of Papuan Cultural Council(DAP) leaders

- Hundreds of students demonstrated outside the UNDP (United Nations Development Program) office and DPRP (Papuan Regional Assembly) on 22nd August demanding a cessation on the investigation of DAP members suspected to be involved in the Wamena incident. The protests, organized by KMMPTP (Koalisi Mahasiswa dan Masyarakat Peduli Tanah Papua) made two demands. First, they wanted to push the UN to stop the police investigation as the incident in Wamena was an incident that involved indigenous people celebrating a UN-sponsored day and therefore should fall under international law. Second, they wanted the police to release information on the shooting of Opinus Tabuni. They also demanded that the DPRP push to stop the investigation stating that Indonesia had violated the UN 13th September 2007 Agreement on Indigenous People to which it was a signatory.

Other

TPN/OPM (Army of the Papuan Freedom organization) soldiers surrender

- According to reports in Kompas, 156 alleged members of TPN/OPM (military wing of the Free Papua Organization) surrendered in Oksibil, reportedly because they can see the results of development in the area post-Special Autonomy. The ceremony was attended by high ranking officials from the government, military, police and intelligence services. The President has recently offered RP 98 billion for the construction of essential infrastructure and facilities in areas of Papua that border Papua New Guinea. On 26th August two more TPN/OPM members reportedly turned themselves in to police in Biak.

476 Papuans offered remission as part of Independence Day celebrations

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

- According to Kompas, 476 Papuan prisoners are to receive remission as part of Independence Day celebrations. The list of prisoners included Yusak Pakage and Filep Karma; two prisoners charged with treason for raising the Morning Star flag and recently the subject of calls to be released by 40 members of the US Congress. Government officials have denied any link between the letter and their inclusion in the list of people receiving remission. However, both Yusak Pakage and Filep Karma have refused the offer of remission. In the same statement they mentioned support from the US Congress, Amnesty International and an unnamed Human Rights NGO that has been working in Papua since 2005. They then announced themselves as leaders of a movement to free Papua.

Change in the Military Command of KODAM XVII/Cenderawasih

- On 19th August, Maj Jen Azmyn Yusri Nasution was sworn in as the new commander (Pangdam) of KODAM XVII/Cenderawasih. The new commander, whose previous position was commander of KOSTRAD Second Infantry, will replace Mayjen Haryadi, who has now become the Pangdam IV/Diponegoro. The new commander was a graduate of AKABRI's class of 1977, has previously held positions in both Poso and Aceh (Danrem). During the transition ceremony, the head of army staff, Agusti Sasongko, stated that rumors that the OPM were regaining strength were unfounded and that it was up to the local government, DPRD and MRP to initiate dialogue within Papua in order to ease unrest. He also requested that all soldiers in KODAM XVII/Cenderawasih 'embrace their brothers' who are misguided in their actions and understandings, whether this misunderstanding is expressed through separatism or any other expression that falls outside Pancasila. One of the first actions of the new commander was to visit the recently troubled area of Wamena on the 25th August where he stated the necessity of the military and community to work together to overcome economic problems as well as mistrust.

Cholera Outbreak

- According to The Cenderawasih Pos the number of victims in the Cholera outbreak (see Monthly Bulletin July 2008) in the district of Dogiyai reached 239. This figure has been contradicted by official health department figures which are much lower. Mediciens Du Monde have explained that difference between official and other figures may simply be due to the difficulty of knowing whether someone dies of cholera or other diseases which cause diarrhea. Government Health Authorities in Jakarta have stated the necessity to prioritize the treatment of the outbreak as well as conduct research into its spread so as to prevent any further outbreaks in the future although no coordinated effort has yet been organized.

1.3 EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS ↔

US Congress sends letter urging President to release two political prisoners in Papua

- 40 members of the US Congress signed a letter dated the 31st of July and addressed to Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, concerning the issues of the imprisonment of Filep Karma and Yusuf Pakage. It asked for the release of the two political prisoners. Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage (receiving 15 and 10 years respectively), in May 2005 were sentenced to treason for the unfurling of the Bintang Kejora flag at a demonstration on 1 December 2004. According to government authorities, Indonesia has always been open that the two were arrested not because of the peaceful demonstration but because the demonstration was for Papuan independence.

Malaysian authorities to deport Acehnese refugees by 2009

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

- The Malaysian government has told the roughly 25,000 Aceh tsunami refugees still living in Malaysia that they have until next January to leave the country. Ishak Mohamed, enforcement director of Malaysia's Immigration Department, stated that authorities would deport any Acehnese migrants who remained illegally in Malaysia after 5th January 2009. Malaysia's construction industry is dependent on foreign migrants who are mainly from Indonesia although Malaysian authorities frequently deport these migrants en masse due to fears that their presence leads to rising crime and social antagonisms.

2. ACTIVITIES OF PBI INDONESIA

2.1 SUMMARY OF TEAM STATUS

PBI currently maintains three sub-teams within Indonesia, one based in Jakarta and two in Papua; Jayapura and Wamena.

Jakarta Sub-Team: Arthur Van Witzenburg (Netherlands), Hanna Senft (Germany), Angela Bergner (Germany), Johanna Wolf (Germany)

Wamena Sub-Team: Jacob Nerenberg (Canada), Masha Kardashevskaya (Russia), Esther Cann (UK)

Jayapura Sub-Team: Lynda Mills (UK), Jane Canavan (UK), Henning Borchers (Germany), Gerrit Meyer (Germany), Sophie Crocker (UK)

2.2 MEETINGS WITH AUTHORITIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Meetings with the authorities and diplomatic corps are essential in order to socialize the work of PBI as well as enable such work to be carried out. These meetings also provide room for PBI to express concerns about current issues and situations of which we have first hand knowledge due to the field work carried out by the teams. The following meetings were held during August:

Indonesian Authorities

- 04/08/2008 Kapolda, Head of Papua police, Jayapura (Jayapura team).
- 15/08/2008 Kesbang, Jayapura (Jayapura team).
- 15/08/2008 & 21/08/2008 Head of Intelkam Polda POA (Intelligence, Papua police), Jayapura (Jayapura team).
- 13/08/2008 National Police Intelligence Department, Jakarta (Jakarta team).
- 27/08/2008 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta (Jakarta team).
- 12/08/2008 Head of Military District (KODIM) Wamena (Wamena team).
- 13/08/2008 Head of district police, Wamena (Wamena team)

Diplomatic Corps

- 10/08/2008, 11/08/2008 & 25/08/2008 United Nations (Jakarta team)
- 13/08/2008 & 25/08/2008 Canadian Embassy (Jakarta and Wamena teams).
- 14/08/2008 & 22/08/2008 United Kingdom Embassy (Jakarta and Wamena teams).
- 14/08/2008 United States Embassy (Jakarta team).

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

- 14/08/2008 & 20/08/2008 German Embassy (Jakarta and Wamena teams).
- 22/08/2008 Dutch Embassy (Jakarta and Wamena team).
- 22/08/2008 EU political advisor (Wamena team).
- 25/08/2008 UN Jakarta Human Rights Advisor (Wamena team).
- 25/08/2008 Military Attache Dutch embassy (Jakarta team)

2.3 MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

PBI Indonesia Project maintains regular contact within Indonesian civil society through regular meetings with civil society organizations. By doing so, we are able to gather and exchange information, monitor the current Human Rights situation and develop an in depth analysis of the internal political situation. The following meetings were held during August:

Meetings carried out by Jakarta sub-team

- 05/08/2008 PBHI- *Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan HAM Indonesia (Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association)*, Jakarta
- 06/08/2008 preparation meeting for peace day with Imparsial, Jakarta.
- 07/08/2008 OCHA-*United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*, Jakarta
- 13/08/2008 Peace Day at School with Imparsial/Jaringan Masyarakat Cinta Damai, Jakarta.
- 15/08/2008 Habibie Centre, Jakarta.
- 20/08/2008 Arus Pelangi, Jakarta.
- 21/08/2008 attended the initial hearing of the trial of Muchdi Purwopranjono-former deputy head of Indonesian Intelligence accused of participating in the premeditated murder of Human Rights activist Thalib Munir.
- 22/08/2008 WALHI-*Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (Indonesian Forum for the Environment)*, Jakarta.
- 27/08/2008 ELSAM-*Lembaga Studi dan Advokasi Masyarakat (The Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy)*, Jakarta.

Meetings carried out by Jayapura sub-team

- 04/08/2008 Deacon Pastor John Djonga, Jayapura.
- 07/08/2008 Field trip to Waris with Deacon Pastor John Djonga, Waris.
- 11/08/2008, 20/08/2008 & 27/08/2008 KontraS Papua, Jayapura
- 13/08/2008, 20/08/2008 & 27/08/2008 PBHI/KSA- *Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan HAM Indonesia (Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association)*, Jayapura.
- 13/08/2008 Emmanuel Goo (Potential Client), Jayapura.
- 14/08/2008 Pak Servo (Potential Client), Jayapura.
- 21/08/2008 Cunding Levy (journalist for Suara Perempuan Papua), Jayapura.
- 27/08/2008 LP3BH-*Lembaga Penelitian Pengajian dan Bantuan Hukum (Institute of Research, Investigation and Development of Legal Aid)*, Jayapura.
- 28/08/2008 SKP Merauke, Agats and Timika -*Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian (Office for Justice and Peace)*, Jayapura.

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

- 28/08/2008 Pendeta Gerson Abrauw GKI/KPKC – *Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua/ Bidang Keadilan, Perdamaian dan Keutuhan Ciptaan (Protestant Church in Papua/Field of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation)*, Jayapura

Meetings carried out by Wamena sub-team

- 03/08/2008, 04/08/2008, 11/08/2008 & 21/08/2008 YSBA - *Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat (Space for Local Culture Foundation)* and GKI/KPKC – *Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua/Bidang Keadilan, Perdamaian dan Keutuhan Ciptaan (Protestant Church in Papua/Field of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation)*
- 11/08/2008, 12/08/2008, 21/08/2008, 25/08/2008 & 28/08/2008 JAPH&HAM- *Jaringan Avokasi Penegakan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia (Advocacy Network for Upholding Law and Human Rights)*, Wamena
- 12/08/2008, 16/08/2008 & 20/08/2008 YSBA- *Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat (Space for Local Culture Foundation)*, Wamena
- 12/08/2008 Mission Aviation Foundation, Wamena
- 13/08/2008 Lakius, UN Volunteer for Bolakme, Wamena
- 20/08/2008 Search for Common Ground, Jakarta.
- 21/08/2008 World Peace Day committee meeting, Wamena
- 22/08/2008 Ibele, Wamena.
- 22/08/2008 Oxfam and YBAW, Wamena.
- 25/08/2008 Forum Persaudaraan Jayawijaya (Jayawijaya Friendship Forum), Wamena

2.4 PROTECTIVE ACCOMPANIMENTS

Wamena and Jayapura sub team carries out joint Protective Accompaniment for PBI client and Partner JAPH&HAM- Jaringan Avokasi Penegakan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia (Advocacy Network for Upholding Law and Human Rights).

On 27th August, PBI Wamena Sub-team together with member from Papua sub-team conducted a Protective Accompaniment (PA) for PBI client JAPH&HAM to the village of Kurima, roughly an hour outside of Wamena. JAPH&HAM was conducting an investigation into recent Human Rights issues and requested a PBI accompaniment. The aims of the PA were:

- 1) Provide protective accompaniment to JAPH&HAM during the journey to and from Kurima, and while in Kurima.
- 2) Provide a deterrent presence during the day while JAPH&HAM carried out their work.
- 3) Provide visible evidence to the security forces that JAPH&HAM have links with an international NGO.

The PA had the desired effect and allowed JAPH&HAM to carry out their work while socializing with the necessary authorities. It also allowed PBI to socialize their presence, objective and relationship with their client to local authorities, laying the ground work for further socialization of PBI in the region in the near future. JAPH&HAM expressed their satisfaction regarding the PA.

2.5 PARTICIPATORY PEACE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Wamena sub team carries out a follow up to workshop with partner organizations

Wamena sub-team worked with local partner YSBA (Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat- Space for Local Culture Foundation) and Jayapura partner GKI/KPKC (Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua/Bidang Keadilan, Perdamaian dan Keutuhan Ciptaan-Protestant Church in Papua/Field of

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) to plan and carry out a one-day Follow-up Day for the workshop on conflict transformation and facilitation skills that took place in October to November 2007. The Follow-up Day took place in Jayapura on the 5th of August and evaluated the impact of the workshop in terms of development and implementation of skills and knowledge gained.

Wamena sub team carries out a needs assessment with partner organizations

On 22 August 2008, the Wamena sub-team carried out a one-day needs assessment in collaboration with KPKC GKI (Bidang Keadilan, Perdamaian dan Keutuhan Ciptaan, Gereja Kristen Injili di Tanah Papua, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Desk of Evangelical Christian Church of Papua) and YSBA (Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat, Space for Local Culture Foundation). The 18 participants who took part are local KPKC coordinators from various regions of Papua. The needs assessment sought to evaluate the specific skills and knowledge these coordinators wish to develop, so that these can be addressed in an upcoming workshop on conflict transformation.

Wamena sub team works with local civil society actors to organize World Peace Day celebrations

At the request of local civil society actors, Wamena sub-team facilitated an ongoing series of committee meetings to organize the celebration of World Peace Day in September 2008, involving around 20 local NGOs plus various youth leaders. The event was first celebrated in Wamena in 2006 with support from PBI and little recognition from local authorities. The community has now taken a leading role, working hard to involve all local actors, and there are high hopes that the local Bupati and other authorities will lend their full support.

3. PUBLICATIONS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

English

- ETAN, *Letter from the US House of Representatives to the President of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the cases of Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage*, 31 July 2008, <http://www.etan.org/news/2008/09poc.htm>
- Amnesty International, *Investigate Police shooting of peaceful Papuan Protester*, 18 August, <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA21/017/2008/en/0b76887e-6d33-11dd-8e5e-43ea85d15a69/asa210172008en.pdf>

Bahasa Indonesia

- Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia, *Laporan Tahunan 2007 (Annual Report 2007)*, <http://www.komnasham.go.id/portal/files/LAPORAN%20TAHUNAN%202007.pdf>
- Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia, *Pernyataan Komnas HAM tentang SKB Ahmadiyah*, 2008, <http://www.komnasham.go.id/portal/id/node/8>
- Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia Indonesia, *Komitmen Republik atas Hak-Hak Manusia*, 2008, http://www.pbhi.or.id/jendela_lengkap.php?no=11

MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN PBI INDONESIA PROJECT-August 2008

- Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia Indonesia, *Situasi Hak-hak Manusia dan Demokrasi Pasca-Soeharto*, 2008,
http://www.pbhi.or.id/laporan_lengkap.php?no=33