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## **IndustriALL Calling on Indonesian Government to Stop Violence and Address Workers' Demands**

Dear Mr. President Yudhoyono,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-all-union.org) representing more than 50 million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in some 140 countries throughout the world. Our global union is proud of having strong affiliates in Indonesia, which are playing an active and constructive role in helping to bring about social change to improve social protection, achieve higher wages, and struggle against precarious working conditions, including outsourcing.

IndustriALL Global Union strongly condemns the violence perpetrated against peaceful striking workers in Bekasi during the national strike. More than 18 workers were injured, and at least three of them still remain in the hospital. According to reports, the police did not protect the workers during the attacks. We find these acts of violence against workers, who have the legitimate right to demonstrate and demand improvements in their working conditions, unacceptable and in violation of national law and international core labour standards, which your government has an obligation to uphold.

Therefore, we call on you to intervene immediately to put an end to any acts of violence and harassment of workers and, at the same time, engage in a genuine national dialogue with the trade unions to address their legitimate demands, which inter alia, call for the rise of the minimum salary-- so that it becomes a living wage--, implement the health insurance system, stop outsourced precarious work, and introduce laws to protect Indonesian domestic workers.

Sincerely yours,

Jyrki Raina; General Secretary