

A photograph of riot police in Indonesia, wearing helmets and carrying shields with the word 'ISITDA' on them. The scene is outdoors, possibly during a protest or riot. The police are in formation, and the background is slightly blurred.

STRENGTHEN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY IN INDONESIA

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Dear General Bambang Hendarso Danuri,

On 18 December 2008, police fired bullets and tear gas to evict residents from Suluk Bongkal village in Riau province. Police burned around 300 houses which were then flattened by bulldozers. During the eviction, two young children were killed and two people suffered gunshot wounds.

While most of the 200 arrested have now been released, in January 2009 a judge extended the detention of at least 75 people for illegally claiming land. They could face up to 10 years' imprisonment.

I urge the police to:

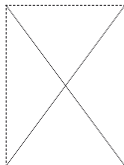
- Conduct an independent investigation into reports of excessive use of force by police during the eviction, and bring those responsible to justice.
- Review police regulations on the use of force to bring them in line with international standards.
- Set up an independent police complaints mechanism in order to strengthen police accountability and legitimacy.

Yours sincerely,

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