

# URGENT ACTION

## CHURCH CONGREGATION REMAINS AT RISK

**On Sunday 10 July, the congregation of the Taman Yasmin Indonesian Church (Gereja Kristen Indonesia, GKI) held their weekly religious service outside their sealed-off church. They had been at risk after receiving threats from the local community. However sufficient protection was provided by police and there were no reports of violence.**

The Taman Yasmin Indonesian Church (Gereja Kristen Indonesia, GKI) congregation were met by a group of protesters from the local community who attempted to disrupt the service by singing Indonesian national songs and trying to persuade the members to stop the service and move to a different location. According to local sources around 100 police officers were deployed to the area to separate the protesters from members of the congregation.

After the service two members of the congregation agreed to meet with some of the protesters to discuss the situation. Although the two felt intimidated during the meeting, they were able to clearly state the church's position that the Bogor city administration must comply with the Indonesian Supreme Court ruling ordering that the church be re-opened. A letter from the Mayor of Bogor to the congregation on 9 July again insisted that the congregation move to a new location to conduct their weekly religious services.

The congregation have now been invited to a meeting on 13 July with the protesters and the Bogor city administration to discuss the ongoing situation. However, some protesters have threatened to protest at next Sunday's service and the congregation remains at risk of attacks, harassment and intimidation.

### **Please continue to write in English, Indonesian or your own language calling on the authorities in Indonesia to:**

- Take adequate measures to guarantee the safety of the Taman Yasmin Indonesian Christian Church congregation, in accordance with their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion;
- Conduct prompt, independent and impartial investigations into all reports of intimidation, harassment and attacks against members of the Taman Yasmin Indonesian Christian Church and bring the perpetrators to justice in accordance with international fair trial standards;
- Immediately comply with the Indonesian Supreme Court ruling to re-open the Taman Yasmin Indonesian Christian Church and take steps to ensure that all religious minorities are protected and allowed to practise their faith free from fear, intimidation and attack.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 22 AUGUST 2011 TO:**

#### Mayor of Bogor

Diani Budiarto  
Balaikota Bogor, Jl. Ir. H. Juanda No 10,  
Bogor, West Java  
Indonesia  
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[inspektorat@kotabogor.go.id](mailto:inspektorat@kotabogor.go.id)  
**Salutation: Dear Diani Budiarto**

#### West Java Chief of Police

Inspector General. Putut Eko Bayuseno  
Jl. Soekarno Hatta No. 748, Gedebage,  
Bandung, West Java  
Indonesia  
Fax: +62 22 780 0029  
**Salutation: Dear Inspector General**

#### **And copies to:**

Head of the Indonesian National  
Commission on Human Rights (Komnas  
HAM)  
Ifdhal Kasim  
Jl. Latuharhary No. 4 B, Menteng  
Jakarta Pusat, 10310  
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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name: Congregation of the Taman Yasmin Indonesian Church  
Gender m/f: Both

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