

PRESS RELEASE

Stop Criminalization, Release Adetya Pramandira and Fathul Munif Immediately! Call for National Solidarity Against the Suppression of Civic Space

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The undersigned civil society organisations — International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID), KONTRAS, Kalyanamitra, PBHI, Yayasan Suara Nurani Minaesa, Koalisi NGO HAM Aceh, Flower Aceh, Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (KPI), Jaringan Kerja Lembaga Pelayanan Kristen di Indonesia (JKLPK), Institut KAPAL Perempuan, Lembaga Studi dan Advokasi Masyarakat (ELSAM), Ikatan Kemanusiaan untuk Korban Penghilangan Paksa Indonesia (IKOHI), and Yayasan Pemerhati Masalah Perempuan (YPMP) Sulsel — express profound concern and issue the strongest condemnation of the arbitrary arrest of two activists from Central Java, **Adetya Pramandira** (staff member of WALHI Central Java) and **Fathul Munif** (of Aksi Kamisan Semarang), executed by the Semarang Metropolitan Police (Polrestabes) on 27 November 2025.

These activists, integral to Indonesia's pro-democracy civil society ecosystem, have been arbitrarily linked to the demonstrations of late August and early September 2025. Their detention signals a clear regression in the protection of human rights and poses a grave threat to civic space in Indonesia.

This arrest provides the most recent and concrete evidence of the systematic pattern of repression comprehensively documented in the [Country Focus Report Indonesia 2025 published by INFID](#). The report affirms that human rights defenders and environmental activists in Indonesia continue to face **arbitrary arrests, intimidation, physical and digital violence, and impunity for perpetrators** — a pattern identical to that now experienced by these two individuals.

Although the Constitution and relevant legislation formally guarantee freedoms of assembly and expression, their implementation remains highly repressive and inconsistent, fostering a persistent climate of fear that suppresses critical voices.

Civil society hereby issues a national call for solidarity, urging all elements of civil society, pro-democracy organisations, academics, journalists, and the public to unite in opposition to the recurring practice of forced criminalisation designed to silence dissent.

Repressive Actions in Violation of the Rule of Law

The arrests of **Adetya Pramandira** and **Fathul Munif**, based on information from the Suara Aksi Legal Team, this was done without proper legal procedure and without prior summons as a witness, which is an unacceptable human rights violation.

1. Violation of the Principles of Legality and Due Process of Law

The arrests, executed without relevant evidence or clear procedure — outside the scope of an in flagrante delicto operation and without valid arrest warrants — contravene the principle of due process of law guaranteed by the Constitution and the Criminal Procedure Code (KUHAP). Such criminalisation represents an abuse of authority that undermines the foundations of a state governed by the rule of law.

2. Criminalisation as a Chilling Effect

The criminalisation of pro-environment and human rights activists constitutes not only an offence against individuals but an assault on democracy itself. The application of criminal provisions to allege **incitement** during demonstrations is a longstanding tactic intended to create a chilling effect, deterring civil society from voicing criticism. Should environmental activists advocating for future generations (such as Adetya Pramandira) and human rights

activists (such as Fathul Munif) be subjected to arbitrary prosecution, no assurance remains for citizens exercising their constitutional rights to freedom of opinion and assembly.

Call for Solidarity: Strengthening Democratic Resilience

Civil society emphasises that solidarity is essential to countering the instrumentalisation of law for repressive purposes. The Semarang incident represents merely the tip of the iceberg among dozens of cases of arbitrary criminalisation linked to the events of late August and early September 2025.

Civil society calls upon all pro-democracy and human rights stakeholders in Indonesia to:

To fellow civil society members and networks:

1. Immediately activate solidarity and defence mechanisms at local and national levels.
2. Conduct coordinated legal and public advocacy to ensure a fair and transparent process for Adetya Pramandira and Fathul Munif.
3. Utilise all media platforms (online and offline) to disseminate factual information and challenge the imposed narrative of criminalisation advanced by law enforcement authorities.

To the Government and law enforcement authorities:

1. **President Prabowo Subianto** is urged to exercise constitutional authority to order the immediate release of Adetya Pramandira, Fathul Munif, and all political detainees criminalised for exercising freedom of expression, and to terminate all related legal proceedings.
2. **The Chief of the Indonesian National Police** is urged to direct the Semarang Metropolitan Police Chief to release both activists unconditionally and halt proceedings forthwith; furthermore, to instruct all regional police commands nationwide to cease all forms of criminalisation against activists, to uphold and protect freedom of expression, and to take decisive action against officers who violate procedure.

To national human rights and democratic institutions:

1. **The National Human Rights Commission (Komnas HAM), the National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan), and the Ombudsman of the Republic of Indonesia** are urged to act promptly, conduct in-depth investigations into the alleged human rights violations and maladministration in this arrest process, and firmly advocate for the release and termination of proceedings against Mr Adetya Pramandira and Mr Fathul Munif.

Closing Statement

Civil society reminds the nation that the protection of human rights defenders and environmental activists serves as a key indicator of democratic maturity. This imposed criminalisation harms not only individuals but also endangers the future of democracy and the environmental agenda in Indonesia.

Solidarity remains our most effective form of resistance!

In solidarity:

1. International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)
2. Komisi untuk Orang Hilang dan Korban Tindak Kekerasan (KONTRAS)
3. Kalyanamitra
4. Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia (PBHI)
5. Yayasan Suara Nurani Minaesa
6. Koalisi NGO HAM Aceh
7. Flower Aceh

8. Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (KPI)
9. Jaringan Kerja Lembaga Pelayanan Kristen di Indonesia (JKLPK)
10. Institut KAPAL Perempuan
11. Lembaga Studi dan Advokasi Masyarakat (ELSAM)
12. Ikatan Kemanusiaan untuk Korban Penghilangan Paksa Indonesia (IKOHI)
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