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[Assine esta carta! Ação urgente em apoio à comunidade de Nagari Kapa, Sumatra Ocidental, Indonésia](#)

**Convocamos grupos, organizações e movimentos a apoiar esta carta em solidariedade aos agricultores que estão defendendo seu território contra as tentativas da empresa Wilmar International de transformar seus campos de arroz em plantações industriais de dendê.**

Prezadas amigas e amigos,

Desde 4 de outubro, os agricultores da comunidade de Nagari Kapa, em Sumatra Ocidental, Indonésia, estão enfrentando violentos ataques e prisões da polícia. Seu “crime”: defender seu território e dignidade contra as tentativas da empresa PT PHP I, uma subsidiária da transnacional Wilmar International, de transformar os campos de arroz da comunidade em plantações industriais de dendê.

Com a carta pública urgente abaixo, expressamos nossa solidariedade à comunidade de Nagari Kapa. A carta apela às instituições do governo indonésio e a polícia indonésia para que impeçam quaisquer novas agressões e violência contra os agricultores de Nagari Kapa e acelerem o processo de reforma agrária em andamento.

**Por favor, assine a carta preenchendo o formulário. Prazo final: 14 de outubro.**

Saudações,  
Secretaria Internacional do WRM

**Open Letter in solidarity with farmers of the Nagari Kapa community, West Sumatra, Indonesia.**

To:

Head, Indonesia National Police (KAPOLRI)  
Head, West Sumatra Regional Police (Kapolda Sumatra Barat)  
Minister of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning  
Governor of West Sumatra Province  
Head, Pasaman Barat Subprovincial District  
National Police Commission  
National Commission of Human Rights (KOMNAS HAM)  
National Commission on Violence against Women (KOMNAS Perempuan)

09 October, 2024

Since 4 October, the farmers of Nagari Kapa community in West Sumatra, Indonesia, have been facing violent police attacks and arrests. Their ‘crime’: defending their territory and dignity against the attempts of PT PHP I, a subsidiary of the transnational Wilmar International company, to turn the rice

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fields of the community into industrial oil palm plantations. Through this public letter, the undersigned organisations express their solidarity with the Nagari Kapa community. We urgently call on Indonesian government institutions and the Indonesian Police to prevent any further aggression and violence against the farmers of Nagari Kapa, and to accelerate the ongoing agrarian reform process.

The agrarian conflict between the people of Nagari Kapa, West Pasaman regency in West Sumatra, and the palm oil company PT Permata Hijau Pasaman (PHP), a subsidiary of Wilmar, has been going on for a long time and is now heating up again.

On 4 October, 2024, PHP 1 entered the farmland of Nagari Kapa to plant oil palm. To provide security, the Company managed to mobilise around 150 police and military police forces (Mobile Brigade/Brimob). On that same day, the community organized a peaceful sit-in protest to defend its farmland and clashed with the police forces. The West Sumatra Police arrested nine farmers from Nagari Kapa, including 6 women. In the evening the police released the farmers but, on 7 October, they arrested again five farmers and released them again on 8 October. The 6 women and 8 men who were arrested these days have been injured, due to police aggression. Most of them were beaten. A young woman was harassed by the police.

Since October 5, PT PHP 1 has been rapidly destroying people's crops and carrying out oil palm tree planting in day time and during the night.

The action of PT PHP 1 to force access to the land designated as priority site for the agrarian reform program with the protection of the West Sumatra Police units is a gross violation of farmers rights and the implementation of the agrarian reform program by the Government's Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning.

To prevent further perpetration of violent maltreatment of the Nagari Kapa people and to ensure the acceleration of the ongoing agrarian reform process, we demand the following:

1. The Head of National Police and the Head of West Sumatra Police must refrain from such a brutal provocation contradicting their role in the ongoing agrarian reform process; stop violence and criminalization now against the people; and pull back all police personnel from conflict land immediately.
2. The farmers arrested respectively on 4 and 7 October were extra-legally and violently "kidnapped" while in peaceful sit-in protest at the disputed land, transported to the Regional Police Headquarters in Padang for interrogation (witness "interview"), and then released. All that is done while the Police had received the notification for action, sent by LBH Padang on October 6, 2024 (see the ["Background information" here](#)), the only police requirement for such an action. The Head of West Sumatra Police must investigate the violent maltreatment by police personnel including female police officers to the farmers, including dragging, face hitting and sexual harassment.
3. The Head of West Sumatra Police cq. Head of West Pasaman Police Resort must take measures to re-plant the trees and planted crops being bulldozed since 4 October, 2024, till now, as well as ensuring that the people can continue using the land while the agrarian reform process for the conflict land is carried out, in their mandated duty to facilitate such a process.
4. The Minister of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning must take action and provide an executive order for the Head of the National Police, Head of West Sumatra Police and Head of West Pasaman Police Resort to facilitate the Nagari Kapa farmers in continuing their farming activities while

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participating in the agrarian reform process.

5. The Governor of West Sumatra Province must take action to make sure that the Subprovincial District (Kabupaten) Government in its capacity as party to the agrarian reform process prevents PT PHP 1 from destroying Nagari Kapa farmers' crops and from carrying out oil palm tree planting.

6. We appeal to the National Commission of Human Rights (KOMNAS HAM) and the National Commission on Violence against Women (KOMNAS Perempuan) to meet the Nagari Kapa farmers and conduct an investigation on the presence and action of ± 150 police personnel to protect PT Permata Hijau Pasaman I (PHP I), a subsidiary of Wilmar International forced-access to the conflict land designated as agrarian reform object (TORA)

**Signatories of this letter:**

1. Project SEVANA South-East Asia, International
2. Red Mesoamericana frente a la Palma Aceitera, International
3. World Rainforest Movement, International
4. Rede Jubileu Sul Brasil, Brazil
5. Rede Alerta Contra Desertos Verdes, Brazil
6. Amigas da Terra Brasil, Brazil
7. Articulação Agro é Fogo, Brazil
8. ATRr, Brazil
9. APROMOVA, Brazil
10. Oilwatch Latinoamerica, Brazil
11. Fórum carajás, Brazil
12. FASE Espírito Santo, Brazil
13. EPAAEB, Brazil
14. Amigas da Terra Brasil, Brazil
15. Rede intercomunitaria Almeirim em Ação-RICA, Brazil
16. Aldeia indígena pataxó Rio Do Cahy.FINPAT, Brazil
17. Conselho de gestão Kaapor, Brazil
18. Centro de Formação Saberes Ka'apor, Brazil
19. Movimento dos trabalhadores rurais sem terra MST, Brazil
20. MLT, Brazil
21. UFSB, Brazil
22. Struggle to Economize Future Environment (SEFE), Cameoon
23. Journalists for Earth (J4E), Cameroon
24. SYNAPARCAM, Cameroun
25. RADD, Cameroun
26. Montes Nativos, Colombia
27. Corporación Tierra Poderosa, Colombia
28. Asociación MINGA, Colombia
29. Mesa Ambiental de Jericó, Antioquia, Colombia
30. Asociación Kusikui, Colombia
31. Censat Agua Viva, Colombia
32. Universidad de la Guajira, Colombia
33. Feria del Buen Vivir Alto Putumayo, Colombia
34. Centro de Atención Psicosocial -CAPS, Colombia
35. REFEB CI, Côte d'Ivoire
36. Acción Ecológica, Ecuador

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  39. Acción Ecológica, Ecuador
  40. Salva la Selva/Salve a Floresta, España
  41. Muyissi Environnement, Gabon
  42. Rettet den Regenwald, Germany
  43. Indigenous Perspectives, India
  44. Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha, Indonesia
  45. Sundesk, Indonesia
  46. NUGAL Ecologica Indonesia, Indonesia
  47. School of Democratic Economics, Indonesia
  48. Perkumpulan Pegiat Kesehatan Masyarakat, Indonesia
  49. WALHI Jawa Timur, Indonesia
  50. TPOLS Secretariat, Indonesia
  51. Pusaka Bentala Rakyat, Indonesia
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  54. IRPAD-Afrique, Mali
  55. Otros Mundos Chiapas, México
  56. Justiça Ambiental, Moçambique
  57. Center for Indigenous Peoples research and development, Nepal
  58. Institute for Indigenous affairs and development, Nepal
  59. Palm Oil Detectives, New Zealand
  60. Cepka, Peru
  61. Organización Regional AIDSEP UCAYALI, Perú
  62. Luna que Doula, Perú
  63. Unyon ng mga Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (UMA), Philippines
  64. Confédération Paysanne du Congo, RD Congo
  65. Women's Network Against Rural Plantations Injustice (WoNARPI), Sierra Leone
  66. Biofuelwatch, UK
  67. The Oakland Institute, USA
  68. Friends of the Earth US, USA