

## **INDONESIA: After the riots of 1st May 2019 in Bandung, Surabaya and Makassar and a fierce repression, anarchosyndicalists and the AIT/IWA are in the viewfinder of the local police.**

The May Day demonstrations in Indonesia gave rise to various actions by anarchist and anarchosyndicalist groups. In Bandung, Surabaya and Makassar, several cortege including some black blocks, clashed with the police.

In Bandung, the event was mainly attended by high school students, students or precarious workers. Some were dressed in black or wore red and black flags. (see the release of the Anarchist Catut Library of Bandung in Annex 1). At the end of a chase with the riot police, 619 young people (including 14 young women) were arrested by the police who grouped them together, parked, undressed and shaved. They were then piled up like cattle in pickup trucks and transferred to the Central Commissariat.

Below the chronology of the events that occurred on May 1st 2019 in Bandung:



Protesters trapped by the police ...



May 1, 219 in Bandung (Indonesia): anarchist demonstrators penned by the police





May 1, 219 in Bandung (Indonesia): anarchist demonstrators parceled by the police are undressed







May 1, 2019 in Bandung (Indonesia): anarchist demonstrators stripped naked are piled in pickups by police



May 1, 2019 in Bandung (Indonesia): anarchist protesters are regrouped in the course of the police station after being shorn





According to medias, dozens of other anarchists have been held also in Surabaya and Makassar where rallies were organized.

Anarchist demonstration on May 1, 2019 in Surabaya



Anarchist rally on May 1, 2019 in Makassar

These arrests were not random. In Jakarta, 26,000 policemen were mobilized to oversee the KSPSI trade union, the country's main union and a true state in the state, to prevent any risk of "infiltration". During the demonstration in Jakarta and Bandung KSPSI violently attacked anarchosyndicalists who were demonstrating quietly.



Demonstration of May 1, 2019 in Jakarta, the anarchosyndicalist bloc is present in the demonstration

This is not the first time that KSPSI attacks our fellow companions. Already on May 1, 2018, the gathering of our friends of the PPSA (*Persaudaraan pekerja anarko syndicalis*, "fraternity of anarcho-syndicalist workers") had been attacked violently by the KSPSI.

At a press conference on May 2, 2019 at the South Jakarta police headquarters, Chief of Police Tito denounced the anarchosyndicalists as the instigators of these events. He said that "Anarchosyndicalism is a doctrine of foreign origin. It is an international phenomenon in which workers want to break the law and determine their own rules. This is called anarcho-syndicalism. This has been developing for a long time in Russia, then in Europe, in South America, including Asia. "According to him, this phenomenon has developed in Indonesia in recent years.

For his part, Chief of Staff Moeldoko called for intensifying the crackdown on anarchosyndicalists, to which General Tito responded that all the anarchist and anarchosyndicalist groups in Indonesia were mapped and that actions - including re-education - were going to be implemented. (see press release of Indonesia, Appendix 2) In addition, the head of the police Tito recalled that the anarchosyndicalism was an internationally structured movement, several newspapers recalling that the AIT (international anarchosyndicalist organization, whose general secretary went to Indonesia in June 2018) had launched a call to workers by 1 May (see Annex 3)

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## Annexe 1

### Statement from Catut Anarchist Library about MayDay 2019 Repression in Bandung

We are children of workers or laborers who work in factories, offices, warehouses, workshops, restaurants and wherever our parents bow to the employer.

We are school dropouts because we have to help our parents.

We are children who exclude ourselves from school because we refuse to continue the modern wage slavery system.

We are students who work part time, dividing our time between studying and work and are bullied on campus and in the workplace.

We are a generation that is taught how to be slaves and to be turned into ready-made products for industry.

We have to pay expensive tuition fees to be enslaved.

We are prospective workers, replacing our parents who lost their dignity, who feel inferior due to being labeled stupid, working hard under the demands of production, long work hours, low wages and high risk work environments.

We are the future. We have started a new page for a different era. An age without oppression and slavery.

We, are your children.

Solidarity to over 600 of our friends who experienced violence in Bandung.

Nobody is free until everybody is free!

*Kami adalah anak buruh yang berkerja di pabrik-pabrik, kantor, gudang, bengkel, restoran dan dimana saja orang tua kami membungkuk demi upah kepada majikan.*

*Kami adalah anak putus sekolah karena harus membantu orang tua. Kami adalah anak yang mengeluarkan diri dari sekolah karena menolak untuk melanjutkan sistem perbudakan upah modern.*

*Kami adalah pelajar dan mahasiswa yang bekerja paruh waktu, membagi antara waktu belajar dan ditindas, belajar di kampus dan tempat kerja.*

*Kami adalah generasi yang diajarkan untuk menjadi budak dan dibentuk sebagai produk siap pakai untuk industri. Kami harus membayar kuliah mahal untuk kelak diperbudak.*

*Kami adalah calon buruh, menggantikan orang tua kami yang jatuh martabatnya, merasa rendah diri akibat dicap bodoh, bekerja keras di bawah tuntutan produksi, jam kerja panjang, upah rendah, dan resiko kerja tinggi.*

*Kami adalah masa depan. Kami mengawali sebuah lembaran untuk zaman yang berbeda. Zaman tanpa penindasan dan perbudakan.*

*Kami, adalah anak-anakmu.*

*Solidaritas untuk 600 lebih kawan-kawan yang mengalami kekerasan di Bandung. Tidak ada yang bebas hingga semuanya bebas!*



Derrière ces masques noirs il y a le visage de vos enfants

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## Annexe 2

Extracts from indonesia's english-speaking media

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### Police Map Out Anarcho-syndicalism Members after May Day Clash

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*The Indonesian National Police (Polri) Chief General Tito Karnavian regretted the fact that the International Workers' Day, or [May Day](#), that was held in a generally peaceful manner were ruined by the vandalistic actions of Anarcho-syndicalism groups.*

*The anarchist group, mostly known for their all-black uniform largely vandalized public and private spaces during the rally on Wednesday.*

*"There is some sort of foreign doctrine in terms of workers' issues," said General Tito at the Polri headquarters on Thursday, May 2.*

*The police chief argues that the anarchy movement is an imported idealism from the international community, such as Russia and a*

*number of European countries before it entered Indonesia a few years back in Yogyakarta, Bandung, Surabaya, and Jakarta.*

*The [Police](#) chief announced that he had ordered police personnel to map out the group's members following a string of vandalism conducted during several May Day rallies on Wednesday and re-educate the young members joined in the anarchy movement.*

## Anarchist Group Incited May Day Chaos, Says Workers' Union

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TEMPO.CO, Jakarta - The Indonesian [workers' union](#) suspected the mass rally in Jakarta and across the nation in commemorating the International Workers' Day or May Day was infiltrated by members of anarchy groups.

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*"Events as these are not isolated to this year's May Day, last year I clashed with similar groups while rallying near the horse statue [in Jakarta]," said Andi Gani.*

*He urged police personnel to handle this issue before any members of the workers' union get blamed in future May Day rallies caused by the actions of the anarchy groups.*



Press article that implicitly implicate IWA-AIT as the origine for the events

## **Tentang Anarcho-Syndicalism yang Gerakkan Massa Baju Hitam di Hari Buruh**

Tim detikcom - detikNews

Massa berbaju hitam-hitam saat hari buruh di Bandung (Mukhlis Dinillah/detikcom)  
Jakarta - Kapolri Jenderal [Tito Karnavian](#) menyebut massa berbaju hitam-hitam yang membuat ricuh Aksi [May Day](#) di Kota Bandung sebagai kelompok [anarcho-syndicalism](#). Apa yang dimaksud dengan fenomena itu?

Tito menyebut [anarcho-syndicalism](#) sebagai fenomena internasional di mana pekerja ingin lepas dari aturan. Menurutnya, fenomena ini berkembang di Indonesia dalam beberapa tahun belakangan.

"Jadi maunya pekerja lepas dari aturan dan mereka menentukan aturan sendiri, makanya disebut dengan *anarcho-syndicalism*. Ini sudah lama berkembang di Rusia, kemudian di Eropa, Amerika Selatan, termasuk di Asia," jelas Tito di gedung Rupatama Mabes Polri, Jalan Trunojoyo, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Kamis (2/5/2019).

Baca juga: [Kapolri Sebut Massa Berbaju Hitam di Hari Buruh Kelompok Anarcho-Syndicalism](#)

Dikutip dari buku 'Political Theorists in Context' karya Stuart Issacs dan Chris Sparks, *anarcho-syndicalism* atau anarko-sindikalisme adalah cabang dari anarkisme yang berkonsentrasi pada pergerakan buruh. Anarko-sindikalisme meyakini bahwa hanya penghapusan sistem upah dan pembentukan manajemen industri yang mandiri dapat membebaskan para pekerja.

Sementara itu, seperti dikutip dari 'Anarcho-syndicalism in the 20th Century' karya V Damier, gerakan ini bangkit dalam dekade pertama abad ke-20. Gerakan ini menyebar ke berbagai negara di belahan dunia, dari Spanyol, Rusia, Prancis, Jepang, Argentina, Swedia, Italia, China, Portugal, hingga Jerman.

Pada 1922, International Workers Association (IWA) dibentuk sebagai federasi internasional untuk serikat buruh anarko-sindikalisme. Organisasi ini mengusung bendera berwarna merah dan hitam.

Baca juga: [Ratusan Remaja 'Hitam-hitam' yang Ditangkap Polisi Bikin Aksi Vandalisme](#)

Di situs resminya, IWA sendiri membuat seruan saat May Day 2019 kepada para pekerja. IWA menyatakan tujuannya agar para buruh mendapatkan kendali atas hidupnya.

Sebelumnya diberitakan, sejumlah pemuda diamankan polisi di Bandung lantaran dianggap mengganggu jalannya May Day. Kelompok berbaju hitam-hitam itu melakukan aksi vandalisme. Kehadiran mereka sempat dibubarkan polisi. Aksi kejar-kejaran pun terjadi. Para pemuda yang diamankan langsung digiring ke Mapolrestabes Bandung. Rambut mereka digunduli.

Di Surabaya, muncul pula massa berpenampilan hitam-hitam. Ulah mereka juga sama, bikin rusuh. Tanpa banyak bicara, massa berpakaian hitam-hitam ini langsung melakukan aksi duduk di depan Gedung Negara Graha di tempat massa buruh merayakan May Day, Rabu (1/5).

Baca juga: [Massa Serba Hitam Muncul Saat May Day di Prancis, 88 Orang Ditangkap](#)

Di Makassar, massa berpakaian hitam-hitam juga beraksi. Kata juru parkir di wilayah Panakkukang, 20 orang berpakaian hitam merusak spanduk reklame, mencoret dinding, dan melempar batu serta balok. Mereka juga melontarkan kata-kata makian.

About Anarcho-Syndicalism that Moves the Mass of Black Clothes on Labor Day

The masses dress in black on labor day in Bandung (Mukhlis Dinillah / detikcom)

Jakarta - National Police Chief Gen. Tito Karnavian called the masses dressed in black and the chaos of the May Day Actions in Bandung as an anarcho-syndicalism group. What is the phenomenon?

Tito calls anarcho-syndicalism an international phenomenon in which workers want to escape the rules. According to him, this phenomenon has developed in Indonesia in recent years.

"So workers want to get out of the rules and they determine their own rules, so it is called anarcho-syndicalism. It has long been developing in Russia, then in Europe, South America, including in Asia," explained Tito in the Rupatama Police Headquarters building, Jalan Trunojoyo, Kebayoran Baru, South Jakarta, Thursday (05/02/2019).

Quoted from the book 'Political Theorists in Context' by Stuart Issacs and Chris Sparks, anarcho-syndicalism or anarko-syndicalism is a branch of anarchism that concentrates on the labor movement. Anarko-syndicalism believes that only the abolition of the wage system and the formation of independent industrial management can free workers.

Meanwhile, as quoted by V Damier's 'Anarcho-syndicalism in the 20th Century', this movement arose in the first decade of the 20th century. This movement spread to various countries around the world, from Spain, Russia, France, Japan, Argentina, Sweden, Italy, China, Portugal, to Germany.

In 1922, the International Workers Association (IWA) was formed as an international federation for anarcho-syndicalism trade unions. This organization carries red and black flags.

Also read: Hundreds of 'Black-and-Black' Teens Arrested by Police Make Vandalism Actions

On its official website, the IWA itself made calls for May Day 2019 for workers. The IWA stated its aim for workers to gain control of their lives.

Previously reported, a number of young men were secured by police in Bandung because they were considered to interfere with the May Day. The group in black and black was carrying out vandalism. Their presence was disbanded by the police. Action chases ensued. The young men who were secured were immediately led to Mapolrestabes Bandung. Their hair is shaved.

In Surabaya, a mass of black and black appearance also appeared. They acted the same, making riots. Without much talk, the crowd dressed in black immediately took action sitting in front of the Grahadi State Building where the mass of workers celebrated May Day, Wednesday (1/5).

Also read: All-Black Mass Appears on May Day in France, 88 People Arrested

In Makassar, the crowd dressed in black also took action. A parking attendant said in the Panakkukang area, 20 people dressed in black damaged billboards, crossed walls and threw stones and beams. They also threw invective words.



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