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## Indonesia

## The state is obliged to protect striking PT Freeport Indonesia workers

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We fully support the strike by PT Freeport Indonesia workers for better wages and conditions. The government must guarantee legal protection to the workers and protect them against intimidation and threats while they are on strike and conducting negotiations with the company in accordance with Law Number 13/2003 on Labour.

The strike by around 8,000 PT. Freeport Indonesia employees in Timika, West Papua, is to demand that the management bring their wages into line with PT Freeport Mc Moran wage standards in other countries. Freeport currently pays its workers as little as US\$1.50 and hour and workers are demanding that this be increased to US\$3 (25,000 rupiah) an hour. Freeport workers in other countries currently receive an hourly wage of US\$15 or 128,250 rupiah per hour.

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