

State Apparatus Restricted People's Relief works

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A week before disaster, Indonesian government has announced the warning of heavy rains that may cause flood in certain area. Yet it did not inform about what to do or where to go or where to ask for assistance in case of flood.

since 2 February 2007 People who settle in Pedongkelan, a slum area in East Jakarta leaved their houses as 3 meters waters shrank their houses. They are look for save place on their own.

Urban Poor Union, an organization join into The National Liberation Party of Unity (PAPERNAS) initiated the work to collected and distributed aids. Having known that one police post in ITC Cempaka Mas was not affected by flood, SRMK requested to use the post to storage the aids

All of the sudden on 7 February 2007 police deputy came and asked to clear the post. She even asked a truck full of aids to go.

It is lately known that government build a new evacuation center and try to constricted every displaced person. Because of the evacuation that set by government is too far from their house, people refused to be remove.

For this reason police closed the aids post. An officer clearly said to SRMK chairperson, Marlo " We must close this post, If the aids are here, people will refuse to be removed" ,

The evacuation program is conducted response people's discontent. Government's slow response as well as incapability to provide proper relief assistance has raised people's discontent. Most of evacuation work, collecting and distributing aids are run by people's initiatives.

Furthermore it is the discontent to the government responding various disasters in many regions in the

past two years.

In the case of Flood in Jakarta, Government argues that affected areas are too wide. But they can answer what improvement they have made since flood disaster in 2002 has displaced 22.000 people.

Government now arguing flood-free infrastructure will absorb great amount of Local budget. An officials estimate US\$ 500 million to free Jakarta from Flood. In the opposite, foreign debt payment which absorbs 30% of State budget is never too high for government. The State allocation and response to the disaster has reaffirmed their character of putting the people as the last priority.

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Dear everyone

As the flood hit Jakarta, thousand of our members and generally thousands of the poor seek assistance.

National Liberation party of Unity (Papernas) through is members of Mass organization open our office in Jakarta and Bekasi to organize the assistance that is directly given to the evacuation site.

Papernas Member: Urban Poor Union (SRMK) that work daily in advocating the poor to have free health treatment in the hospital now opening their emergency tents in two evacuation site of West Jakarta Barat.

The assistance mostly need in West Jakarta barat, where the aid relief has not touch three evacuation sites where around 3000 people dwelled each site.

However, today the available food, mineral water,

vitamin, clothes, medicine and milk, blanket, sanitary napkins now has very limited. Therefore your assistance will be very much needed.

Emergency sites

- Jl. Kampung Guji Baru Rt 04/02 No. 19 Duri Kepa
Kebon Jeruk Jakarta 11510

- Jl. Sugriwa Persada Rt 004/ Rw 04 Kel. Rawa Buaya
Kec. Cengkareng Jakarta Barat - Indonesia

- Jl Tipar Cakung, Jakarta Utara - Indonesia

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