



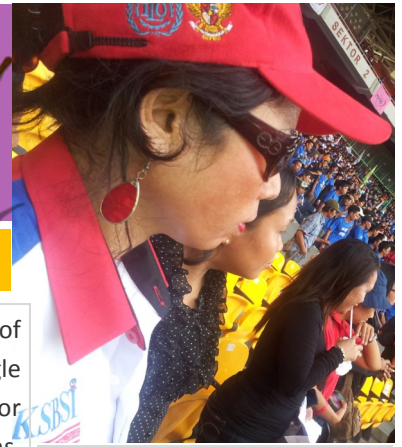
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3 Chairpersons of KSBSI affiliated Federations: Elli (GARTEKS Textile), Rasmina (FKUI Construction) & Ulli (NIKEUBA White Collar) witnessing the declaration

May 1, 2012 has recorded a new historical moment for the labor movement in Indonesia. On the international labor day yesterday, 3 Trade Union Confederations in Indonesia, namely KSPSI, KSPI and KSBSI, together with 8 Independent Trade Union Federations, namely; FSP TSK, FSBI, GSPMII, OPTIONS, LEM FSP, FSP FARKES, FS PEWARTA & SPIN declared the establishment of a joint struggle structure given the name of the MP/BI or IWC ('Majelis Pekerja/ Buruh Indonesia' or 'Indonesia Workers Council'). The IWC issued a manifesto of workers' struggle in Indonesia containing 6 main demands, namely;

1. Health Insurance for all citizen of Indonesia starting on January 1, 2014

2. Pension fund for all workers starting on July 1, 2015
3. Reject the policy of using cheap labor
4. Abolish outsourcing & short-term contract system
5. Allocating National and local budget for the welfare of workers and their families
6. Declare May 1st as a national holiday in Indonesia

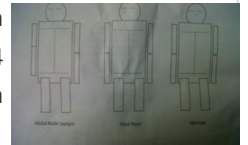
On celebration of the international labor day, more than 100,000 workers conducted demonstrations in front of the President' palace. From President' palace, workers held a rally to the main stadium to witness the declaration of the establishment of MP/BI. The main stadium filled with masses of workers from the capital city of Jakarta as well as surrounding cities. By using various attributes of each union, hundreds of thousands of

workers carried out a wave of mass, sing workers struggle songs and shout demands for better working conditions. First time in the history of the labor movement in Indonesia, the 3 trade union confederations were working together to prepare, funded and mobilize workers into one great force of movement.

In addition, the IWC has established a Joint Secretariat coordinated by the secretary general of each Confederation. Joint Secretariat has received institutional support from ILO Jakarta through a program of Indonesia Job Pacts.

In their manifesto, the ICW in particular expressed their sorrow over the alleged murder and trafficking of human body parts committed by 5 Polices

of Malaysia against 3 Indonesian migrant domestic workers, namely Herman (34), Abdul Kadir Jaelani (25) and Mat Noor (28) on March 24, 2012. The three men were shot dead as much as 1 to 4 times in several parts of the body and returned back to Indonesia on April 4, with stitches in the eye, chest and abdomen (see picture).



The 3 Confederations threatened to occupy the embassy of Malaysia in Jakarta if the government of Indonesia was slow to deal with the case. The 3 Confederations also demanded the government to stop sending migrant domestic workers to Malaysia.



Mudhofir (President KSBSI) was announcing the set up of MP/BI

Historical gathering of 100.000 workers on ...

