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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith the response of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to the Joint Communication (Ref.: AL IDN 4/2026 of 30 March 2026) concerning the attack against Mr. Andrie Yunus.

The enclosed response reaffirms Indonesia's commitment to protecting and respecting the rights of human rights defenders in the legitimate exercise of their activities, and underscores that acts of violence, intimidation, or reprisals against them are contrary to Indonesia's legal framework.

In this regard, the perpetrators of the attack have been prosecuted before the competent military court and sentenced to terms of imprisonment of up to three years, with some of the defendants additionally dismissed from military services.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 31 August 2026



Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights
Geneva

**Reply of the Government of Indonesia
to the Joint Communication of the Special Procedures Mandate Holders
Ref.: AL IDN 4/2026 of 30 March 2026**

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia takes note of the Joint Communication of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. We remain committed to our ongoing dialogue with the Special Procedures Mandate Holders regarding the advancement of human rights in Indonesia.

The Government reaffirms its full commitment to uphold, protect, and respect the fundamental rights to freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and association. Criticism constitutes a legitimate and constructive part of democracy, contributing to the evaluation and improvement of public policy.

These rights are fully guaranteed under the 1945 Constitution and are in line with Indonesia's international human rights obligations, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

In line with this framework, the Government also remains firmly committed to safeguarding human rights defenders, journalists, academics, and civil society actors, ensuring that they are able to carry out their work and exercise their rights free from intimidation, threats, violence, or reprisals.

This commitment is not only reflected in national laws but is also supported by institutional mechanisms that provide access to protection, remedies, and accountability. Furthermore, the Government continues to engage with relevant institutions and stakeholders to further strengthen the protection of civil and political rights in accordance with both Indonesia's constitutional mandate and its international obligations.

1. Clarification on specific Allegations

Indonesia's **high level commitment** to addressing this case was demonstrated by President Prabowo Subianto, who publicly condemned the acid attack against Mr. Yunus and emphasized that violence against individuals exercising their lawful rights, including human rights defenders, has no place in a democratic society governed by the rule of law. The President further instructed the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation to identify not only the direct perpetrators but also any individuals involved in planning, directing or ordering the attack.

The President also instructed law enforcement authorities to pursue all available leads and ensure that the investigation and judicial process are carried out comprehensively, independently, and in accordance with applicable laws and procedures.

2. Information on the Judicial Process Concerning the Acid Attack against Mr. Andrie Yunus

The Government regards this case as a serious matter. On 10 June 2026, the Military Court has rendered its judgment against four defendants, who were found guilty of aggravated assault

causing serious bodily injury against Mr. Yunus under Article 467(1) and (2), in conjunction with Article 20 of the Criminal Law.

The four defendants were sentenced up to three years' imprisonment, depending on their degree of participation. Additionally, two of the defendants were **dismissed from military service** after the Military Court found that they had played a leading role in planning and instigating the attack. This sentence exceeded those sought by the military prosecutor, who had not requested dismissal from military service.

During the proceedings, it was established that the defendants had deliberately planned to harm Mr. Yunus in connection with his activities and public criticism of the military institution, including through Mr. Yunus' intervention during a meeting on revisions to the Military Law on 16 March 2025, his decision to challenge the Military Law before the Constitutional Court, and his public statements concerning anti-militarism.

Irrespective of the motivations invoked by the perpetrators, such conduct is **wholly unacceptable and cannot be justified under any circumstances**. The Military Court further considered that the actions of the defendants were incompatible with the standards of conduct expected of military personnel and had adversely affected public trust in the military institution.

The legal process was conducted in accordance with applicable national laws and established judicial procedures. Both the proceedings and the delivery of the judgment were conducted transparently through hearings open to the public. The hearings were attended and extensively covered by national media, including through live broadcasts, thereby enabling public scrutiny and contributing to transparency and accountability throughout the judicial process.

3. Government Measures to Ensure the Protection and Recovery of Mr. Andrie Yunus and the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

The Government, through the Witness and Victim Protection Agency (Lembaga Perlindungan Saksi dan Korban/LPSK), has undertaken comprehensive measures to ensure the protection, safety, recovery, and fulfilment of the rights of the victim and his family.

Immediately after the incident, LPSK proactively established contact with the victim and his family without requiring any formal application for protection, as provided under Article 29 paragraph (2) of Law Number 31 of 2014 concerning Amendments to Law Number 13 of 2006 on the Protection of Witnesses and Victims.

This approach reflects the Government's commitment to ensuring timely protection and assistance for victims of serious violence and individuals facing risks related to activities concerning the promotion and protection of human rights.

LPSK also has undertaken protection measures for Mr. Yunus and his family since 16 March 2026, encompassing medical assistance, physical protection and security arrangements, psychological support, and procedural assistance throughout the ongoing legal process.

Medical assistance has continuously been provided through support for Mr. Yunus' medical treatment and care at Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital (RSCM), including the coverage of treatment

and hospitalization expenses to ensure that he receives the best possible medical care until recovery and until he is declared medically fit to resume normal activities. This assistance has included specialized surgeries and follow-up medical evaluations conducted by multidisciplinary medical teams. In parallel, psychological and psychiatric support has also been provided to support his mental and emotional recovery during both inpatient and outpatient care.

To ensure the safety and security of the victim and his family, LPSK has implemented close protection and security monitoring measures, including providing temporary secure accommodation facilities. The Government continues to monitor the situation closely to ensure that Mr. Yunus and his family remain in a safe and conducive environment.

To prevent the legal proceedings from resulting in revictimization, LPSK has maintained active coordination and communication with relevant law enforcement and judicial authorities, including civilian and military investigative bodies, prosecutors, and the court. The Government has also facilitated the submission of medical information and expert explanations regarding Mr. Yunus' health condition to the relevant judicial authorities whenever necessary.

In addition, the Government, through LPSK, has undertaken preventive and protective measures for other individuals connected to the case, including human rights defenders and witnesses who may face security risks. Since 27 March 2026, LPSK has provided physical protection in the form of security monitoring to four KontraS activists and volunteers, some of whom have been serving as witnesses in the ongoing investigation.

To this end, LPSK also has maintained close communication and coordination with KontraS, its networks, and the National Human Rights Commission (Komnas HAM).

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Government remains committed to ensuring accountability through a transparent and lawful judicial process, while protecting the rights, safety, and recovery of Mr. Yunus, his family, witnesses, and human rights defenders, in accordance with national law and Indonesia's international human rights obligations.
