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Glossary and Abbreviation

AAK Aliansi Anti Komunis (Anti Communist Alliance)
ABM Aliansi Buruh Menggugat (Alliance for Worker's

Demands)

Adat Custom, customary law
ADB Asian Development Bank

ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution

AFA Asian Farmers Association

AGRA Aliansi Gerakan Reforma Agraria (Alliance of Agrarian

Reform Movements)

Agrarisch Wet Land Law [Dutch]

AJI Aliansi Jurnalis Independen (Alliance of Independent

Journalists)

Aksi sepihak Unilateral action aliran political stream

AMA Kalbar Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Kalimantan Barat (Alliance of

Indigenous People of West Kalimantan)

AMAN Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (Indigenous

Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago)

AMPBT Aliansi Mahasiswa Peduli Buruh-Tani (Alliance of

Concerned Students for Workers and Peasants)

ANPA All Nepalese Peasant Association

API Aliansi Petani Indonesia (Indonesian Peasant's Alliance)

ARC Agrarian Resource Center

ASIA-DHRA Asian Network for Development of Human Resources in

Rural Areas

ASOCODE Asociación de Organizaciones Campesinas

Centroamericanas para la Cooperacion y el Desarollo (a

coalition of the Central American peasants)

ASPPUK Asosiasi Perempuan untuk Pengembangan Usaha Kecil

(Women's Association for Small Enterprise

Development)

Babinsa Bintara Pembina Desa (Non-commissioned Officer/

Village Supervisors)

Badan Pelaksana Executive Body

Bakorstanas Badan Koordinasi Bantuan Pemantapan Stabilitas

Nasional (Coordinating Body to Assist in Maintaining

National Security)

BAL Basic Agrarian Law

Bandar middleman

Bappenas Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional (National

Development Planning Agency)

BAPPIT Badan Pusat Penguasa Perusahaan-perusahaan Industri

dan Tambang (Central Administrative Committee of

Industrial and Mining Enterprises)

BAR Barisan Advokasi Rakyat (Committee for People's

Advocacy)

Berjiwa gotong royong spirit of mutual work

BFL Basic Forestry Law

Biaya siluman Invisible cost, unofficial fees

Bimas Bimbingan Massal (Mass Extension)

BKF Bangladesh Krishok Federation

BKMB Badan Koordinasi Mahasiswa Bandung (Bandung

Student Coordination Committee)

BKPM Badan Koordinasi Penanaman Modal (Investment

Coordination Board)

BKPMRI Badan Komunikasi Pemuda Remaja Masjid Indonesia

(Indonesian Mosque Youth Communication Bureau)

BKU Bharatiya Kisan Union

BPD Badan Perwakilan Desa (Village Representative

Council)

BPN Badan Pertanahan Nasional (National Land Agency)

BPRP Badan Perjuangan Rakyat Penunggu (Struggle Front of

Penunggu People)

BPRPI Badan Perjuangan Rakyat Penunggu Indonesia

(Struggle Front of Penunggu People of Indonesia)

BPS Badan/Biro Pusat Statistik (Central Bureau of Statistic)

BSP Biodiversity Support Program

BTI Barisan Tani Indonesia (Indonesian Peasant Front)
BUD Badan Urusan Dagang (Committee for Trade Matters)
BULOG Badan Urusan Logistik (Logistic Management Board)

CAPS Center for Agriculture Policy Studies

CBO Community-based Organization

CCFD Comite Catholique contra la Faim et pour le

Developpement

CEDAW Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of

Discrimination against Women

CNDS Center for National Democratic Studies

CRS Corporate Social Responsibility

CSSP Civil Society Support and Strengthening Program

Cukong local businessman who receives protection and

privileges from a powerful patron

Cultuurstelsel Cultivation system [Dutch]

Depkumham Departemen Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia

(Department of Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

Desa mengepung kota Encircling the cities from countryside, Mao's guerrilla

war strategy

DI Daerah Istimewa (Special Administrative Region)

Disbunprop Dinas Perkebunan Propinsi (Provincial Plantation

Authority)

Ditunggangi 'exploited'

DKI Daerah Khusus Ibu Kota (Special Administrative Region

of the Capital City)

DM Dewan Mahasiswa (Student Council of the University of

Indonesia)

Domein verklaring State Land Declaration [Dutch]

DPD Dewan Perwakilan Daerah (Regional Representatives

Assembly)

DPR RI Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Republik Indonesia (National

Parliament)

DPRD Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah (District or

Provincial Assembly)

Eceng gondok Kind of water hyacinth, eichornia crassipes, with swollen

petioles that float on water and has lavender flowers

Eigendom Ownership Rights [Dutch]

Electoral politicians Politicians who actually have an interest in approaching

people to get voter suppport

ELSAM Lembaga Studi Hak Azasi Manusia (Institute of Human

Rights Studies)

ELSPPAT Lembaga Studi Pedesaan dan Pertanian Terpadu

(Institute for Integrated Rural and Agricultural Studies)

Erfpacht Commercial use land rights [Dutch]

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

Farmaci Forum Aspirasi Rakyat dan Mahasiswa Ciamis (Ciamis

Students' Forum)

FDPY Forum Diskusi Perempuan Yogyakarta (Yogyakarta's

Women Discussion Forum)

FGD Focus Group Discussion

FIAN Foodfirst Information and Action Network

FKMY Forum Komunikasi Mahasiswa Yogyakarta (Yogyakarta

Student Communication Forum)

FMN Front Mahasiswa Nasional (National Student Front)

FoE-I Friends of the Earth International

Foker LSM Papua Forum Kerjasama LSM Papua (Papuan NGOs

Cooperation Forum)

Forda Jawa Barat Forum Daerah Jawa Barat (West Java Local Forum)

Forum LSM DI Yogyakarta Yogyakarta NGO Forum

FPB Forum Pemuda Betawi (Betawi Youth Forum)

FPMR Forum Pemuda dan Mahasiswa untuk Rakyat (People's

Youth and Student Forum)

FPPI Front Perjuangan Pemuda Indonesia (Indonesian Youth

Struggle Front)

FPPMG Forum Pemuda, Pelajar, dan Mahasiswa Garut (Garut

Youth and Student Forum)

Front Merah Putih Red and White Front

FSBKU Federasi Serikat Buruh Karya Utama (Karya Utama

Worker's Union)

FSPI Federasi Serikat Petani Indonesia (Indonesian

Federation of Peasant Unions)

FSPJT Federasi Serikat Petani Jawa Timur (Federation of East

Java Peasant's Union)

FWI/GWF Forest Watch Indonesia/Global Forest Watch

ganti garap replacement of cultivator

GBHN Garis-garis Besar Haluan Negara (Broad Outlines of

State Policy)

GERAK LAWAN Gerakan Rakyat Melawan Neokolonialisme (People's

Movement against Neo-colonialism)

Gerakan Pembetulan Corrective move

GERINDRA Gerakan Indonesia Raya (the Greater Indonesia

Movement)

GMO Genetically Modified Organisms

GMNI Gerakan Mahasiswa Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian

Nationalist Student Movement)

Golkar Golongan Karya (Functional Group)

Gotong-royong Working together in community

GPI Gerakan Pemuda Islam (Islamic Youth Movement)

GRA-Sumut Gerakan Reforma Agraria Sumatera Utara (Agrarian

Reform Movement of North Sumatera)

GRM Gerakan Rakyat Marhaen (Mahaenist People's

Movement)

GRO Grassroots Organizations

GTI Gerakan Tani Indonesia (Indonesian Peasant

Movement)

Hak asal usulOriginal rightsHak milikOwnership rights

Hak UlayatHasatilCustomary proprietary rights of communal propertyHametin Sustainibelidade Agrikultor Timor-Leste

(Strengthen Sustainable Agriculture in Timor Leste)

HGU Hak Guna Usaha (Commercial Use Rights)

HIPIS Himpunan Pengembangan Ilmu-ilmu Sosial (Association

for the Development of Social Sciences)

HIVOS Humanistich Instituut voor Ontwikkelings-

Samenwerking

HKTI Himpunan Kerukunan Tani Indonesia (Indonesian

Harmonious Farmers Association)

HMI Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam (Islamic Student's

Association)

HMN Hak Menguasai Negara (State Rights of Control)

HNSI Himpunan Nelayan Seluruh Indonesia (All Indonesian

Association of Fisherman)

HPHTI Hak Pengusahaan Hutan Tanaman Industri (Forestry

Estate Concession Rights)

HPMB Himpunan Pedagang Mandiri Bengkulu (Association of

Bengkulu Independent Traders)

HPMJT Himpunan Petani Mandiri Jawa Tengah (Central Java

Independent Peasant's Association)

HPMP Himpunan Pedagang Mandiri Bengkulu (Association of

Bengkulu Independent Traders)

HPNP Himpunan Petani dan Nelayan Pakidulan (*Pakidulan*

Peasant and Fisherfolk's Association)

HUMA Perkumpulan untuk Hukum dan Masyarakat

(Association for Law and Society)

Hutan lindung conservation forest

HYV High Yielding Varieties

IADI Program Initiatives for Advocacy Development Program in

Indonesia

IAIN-SGD Institute Agama Islam Negeri – Sunan Gunung Djati

(Sunan Gunung Djati Islamic Institute)

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural

Rights

ICW Indonesian Corruption Watch

IDRD Institute of Dayakology Research and Development
IFAD International Food and Agricultural Development
IFAP International Federation of Agricultural Producers

IGJ Institute for Global Justice

IHCSJ Indonesian Human Rights Committee for Social Justice

IISH International Institute of Social History
ILAP Indonesian Land Administration Project

ILC International Land Coalition
ILS International Labour Studies

INDECO Integrated Development Consultant

InDHRRA Indonesian Secretariat for Development of Human

Resources in Rural Areas

Indonesia Menggugat Indonesia Accuses

INFID International NGOs Forum on Indonesian Development

INFIGHT Indonesian Front for the Defence of Human Rights

INMAS Intensifikasi Massal (Mass Intensification)
INPI-Pact Indonesian NGO Partnership Initiatives

INSAN Informasi dan Studi Hak-hak Asasi Manusia (Centre for

Human Rights Information and Studies)

INSIST Institute for Social Transformation

IPK Ijin Pemanfaatan Kayu (Logging Permit)

IPPHT Ikatan Petani untuk Pemberantasan Hama Terpadu

(Farmers Association for Integrated Pest Control)

IRI Index of Rural Instability

IRRI International Rice Research Institute

Jabodetabek Jakarta-Bogor-Depok-Tangerang-Bekasi

JAKAD Jaringan Advokasi Rakyat (Advocacy Network for the

People)

Jakker Jaringan Kerja Kesenian Rakyat (Network of poor

People's Arts)

Jaluran land land allocated in between rows of tobacco plants for

food crops (*jaluran* strip cultivation)

JAPHAMA Jaringan Pembela Hak-hak Masyarakat Adat (Network

of the Defenders of Indigenous People's Rights)

JARIM Jaringan Informasi Masyarakat (Network for

Community Information)

JARNOP-PP Jaringan Organisasi Non Pemerintah Pendamping

Petani (Pro Farmers NGO Network)

JATAM Jaringan Advokasi Tambang (Network for Mining

Advocacy)

JKPP Jaringan Kerja Pemetaan Partisipatif (Indonesian

Community Mapping Network)

KAAPLAG Kesatuan Aksi Anti Pembangunan Lapangan Golf

(Action Group Againts Golf Course Development)

Kalangan tengah middle class

KAM LAKSI 31 Kesatuan Aksi Mahasiswa Laksi 31 (Laksi 31 Student

Action Front)

KAMAGA Komite Aksi Mahasiswa Garut (Garut Student Action

Committee)

Kanwil Pertanahan (Provincial Land Agency)

KARSA Lingkar Belajar untuk Pembaruan Agraria dan Pedesaan

(Learning Circle for Agrarian Reform and Rural

Reconstruction)

KARTI Komite Aksi Rakyat Tani Indonesia (Action Committee

of Indonesia Peasants)

KAU Koalisi Anti Utang (Anti Debt Coalition)

KAU-Unpad Keluarga Aktivis Universitas Padjadjaran (Activist

Group of Padjadjaran University)

KBH-B Kantor Bantuan Hukum Bengkulu (Bengkulu Legal Aid

Office)

Keppres Keputusan Presiden (Presidential Decree)

KIRAB Komite Solidaritas untuk Rakyat Blangguan (Solidarity

Committee for the People of Blangguan)

KKPI Kelompok Kebangkitan Perempuan Indonesia

(Indonesian Women's Awakening Group)

KMAI Komite Mahasiswa Anti Imperialisme (Student

Committee Against Imperialism)

KMG Komite Mahasiswa Garut (Garut Students' Committee)

KMP Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (Peasant Movement

of the Philippines)

KNPI Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia (National

Committee of Indonesian Youth)

KNUPKA Komite Nasional untuk Penyelesaian Konflik Agraria

(National Committee for Agrarian Conflict Resolution)

KOMNAS – HAM Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia (National Human

Rights Commission)

KON Komisi Ombudsman Nasional (National Ombudsman

Commission)

KONPORT Konsorsium Pendukung Gerakan Organisasi Tani

(Consortium to Support Peasant Movement

Organizations)

Kopkamtib Komando Operasi Pemulihan Keamanan dan Ketertiban

(Command for the Restoration of Security and Public

Order)

Kowani Korps Wanita Indonesia (Indonesia Women Corps)

KP Kantor Pertanahan (District Land Office)

KPA Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria (Consortium for

Agrarian Reform)

KPH Kesatuan Pemangku Hutan (Forest Supervisory Office)

KPI Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia (Coalition of Indonesian

Women)

KPMuRI Komite Pergerakan Mahasiswa untuk Rakyat Indonesia

(Student Movement Committee for Indonesian People)

KPSB Kelompok Perempuan untuk Solidaritas Badega

(Women's Solidarity Group for Badega)

KPU Komisi Pemilihan Umum (General Election

Commission)

KPUD Komisi Pemilihan Umum Daerah (Regional General

Election Commission)

Krismon 'Krisis moneter' (Monetary Crisis)

KRKP Komite Rakyat untuk Kedaulatan Pangan (People's

Committee for Food Sovereignty)

KRM Koalisi Rakyat Menggugat (Coalition for the People's

Demands)

KRRS Karnatka Rajya Raitha Sangha (Karnataka State

Farmers' Association)

KSBA Koalisi Solidaritas Kemanusiaan Bencana Alam

(Coalition of Humanitarian Solidarity for Natural

Disasters)

KSKP Kelompok Kerja Studi Perkotaan (Urban Studies

Working Group)

KSKPKO Komite Solidaritas untuk Korban Pembangunan Kedung

Ombo (Solidarity Committee for the Victims of Kedung

Ombo Dam Development)

KSKPLGC Komite Solidaritas untuk Korban Pembangunan

Lapangan Golf Cimacan (Solidarity Committee for the

Victims of Cimacan Golf Course Development)

KSMPSK Komite Solidaritas Mahasiswa dan Pemuda untuk

Sumber Klampok (Student and Youth Solidarity

Committee for Sumber Klampok)

KSMuRB Komite Solidaritas Mahasiswa untuk Rakyat Badega

(Student Solidarity Committee for the People of Badega)

KSPA Kelompok Studi Pembaruan Agraria (Agrarian Reform

Study Group)

KSPPM Kelompok Studi Prakarsa dan Pengembangan

Masyarakat (Study Group for People's Initiatives and

Community Development)

KTNA Kontak Tani dan Nelayan Andalan (Contact of Reliable

Farmers and Fishermen)

KUB Kelompok Usaha Bersama (Collective Enterprise Units)

KUD Koperasi Unit Desa (Village Cooperative Unit)

Kudatuli Kerusuhan Dua Puluh Tujuh Juli (27th of July incident)

KWPA Korean Women Peasants' Association

Landrente Land Tax [Dutch]

Landsdomein Crown Land [Dutch]

LAP Land Administration Project

LAPERA Lembaga Pembela Rakyat (Institute of Defenders of the

Peoples)

LARASITA Layanan Rakyat untuk Sertifikasi Tanah (Serving the

People with Land Certification)

LATIN Lembaga Alam Tropika Indonesia (Indonesia Tropical

Institute)

LBH Ampera Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Ampera (Ampera Legal Aid

Institute)

LBH Lembaga Bantuan Hukum (Legal Aid Institute)

LBHN Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Nusantara (Nusantara Legal

Aid Institute)

LEKHAT Lembaga Kajian Hak-hak Masyarakat (Institute for

Studies of People's Rights)

Lengser keprabon step down, abdicate, 'withdrawn from power'

[Javanese]

LKMD Lembaga Ketahanan Masyarakat Desa (Village

Community Resilience Board)

LMD Lembaga Musyawarah Desa (Village Consultation

Board)

LMPDP Land Management and Policy Development Project

LoI Letter of Intent

LPHAM Lembaga Pembela Hak-hak Azasi Manusia (Defence of

Human Rights Institute)

LPHAM Liga Pembela Hak-hak Asasi Manusia (League for the

Defence of Basic Human Rights)

LPIST Lembaga Pengembangan Ilmu Sosial Transformatif

(Institute for Development of Transformative Social

Science)

LPM Landless People's Movement

LPMA Lembaga Pembela Masyarakat Adat (Institute of

Defenders of Indigenous Peoples)

LPPP Lembaga Pendidikan dan Pengembangan Pedesaan

(Institute for Rural Education and Development)

LS-ADI Lembaga Studi-Aksi untuk Demokrasi Indonesia

(Action-Study Institute for Indonesian Democracy)

LSP Lembaga Studi Pembangunan (Institute for

Development Studies)

M Ha million hectare

M million

Mahkamah Kosntitusi Constitutional Court

Mandor overseer

MARI Majelis Amanat Rakyat Indonesia (The Indonesia

People's Mandate Council)

Maro Traditional sharecropping system with equal

margin/profit-sharing between the tenant and the

owner (1:1) [Javanese]

Menerima gadai mortgaging

MENPAN Menteri Negara Penertiban Aparatur Negara (Minister

of State for the Regulation of the State Apparatus)

Merapat Traditional sharecropping system with 3:4

margin/profit-sharing between the tenant and the

owner [Javanese]

Mertelu Traditional sharecropping system with 1:3

margin/profit-sharing between the tenant and the

owner [Javanese]

MOLNAR Movement for National Land and Agriculture Reform

MPR Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat (People's Consultative

Assembly)

MST Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra

(Movement of Landless Rural Workers)

Musyawarah Daerah (Local/District Meetings)

NASAKOM Nasionalis-Agama-Komunis (the Unity of Nationalists,

Religious People, and Communists)

NES Nucleus Estate and Smallholders

NFFC National Family Peasants Coalition

NJOP Nilai Jual Objek Pajak (Taxable Market Value)

NU Nahdatul Ulama

Opstib Pusat National Operation for Public Order

Organisasi Tani Indonesia Indonesian Peasant Organization

ORI Organisasi Rakyat Indonesia (Indonesian People's

Organization)

OTL Organisasi Tani Lokal (local chapter of peasant's

organization)

PAN Partai Amanat Nasional (National Mandate Party)

Panca Usaha Tani Five Farming Efforts

Panchayat Indian traditional social institution to mediate social

conflicts and resolutions, as well as for reconciliation among villagers, social groups, classes and castes

Panitya Agraria Yogyakarta Yogyakarta Agrarian Committee

Papernas Partai Persatuan Pembebasan Nasional (United

National Liberation Party)

Parkubel Partai Kucing Belang (Striped Cat Party)

Partai Buruh Labour Party

PD Partai Demokrat (Democrat Party)

Partai Hanura Partai Hati Nurani Rakyat (People's Consciousness

Party)

Partai Petani Peasant Party
Partai Republik Republican Party
Partai Pelopor Pioneer Party

Particuliere Landrijen private estates [Dutch]

PBB Partai Bulan Bintang (Crescent-and-Star Party)

PBHI Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia

Indonesia (Indonesian Association for Legal Aid and

Human Rights)

PBR Partai Bintang Reformasi (Star Reformation Party)

PDAP Perusahaan Daerah Agribisnis dan Pertambangan

(Local State Agribusiness and Mining Company)

PDI Partai Demokrasi Indonesia (Indonesian Democratic

Party)

PDI-P Partai Demokrasi Indonesia – Perjuangan (Indonesia

Democratic Party - Struggle)

PDK Partai Demokrasi Kebangsaan (National Democracy

Party)

PELITA Pembangunan Lima Tahun (Five-Years Development)

'pembangunanisme' 'developmentalism'

Pemerintahan SwaprajaAutonomous local governmentPenguasa Perang PusatCentral War Administration

Pengadilan Land Reform Land Reform Adjudication Court

PERADIN Persatuan Advokat Indonesia (Indonesian Advocate's

Association)

perantau tanah 'land migrants'; people who move or migrate from one

place to another looking for land that they can occupy to

improve their family income from agriculture

PEREKAT OMBARA Persatuan Masyarakat Adat Lombok Utara (United

Indigenous People of North Lombok)

PERGERAKAN Perhimpunan Penggerak Advokasi Kerakyatan untuk

Keadilan Sosial (People-Centered Advocacy Institute)

Perhepi Perhimpunan Ahli Ekonomi Pertanian Indonesia

(Indonesian Association of Agricultural Economists)

Perhutani State-owned Forestry Company

Peristiwa Jengkol 1958 incident at East Java Jengkol plantation estate

PERMATA Perhimpunan Masyarakat Tani Aceh (Acehnese

Peasants' Association)

Permendagri Peraturan Menteri Dalam Negeri (Regulation of the

Ministry of Internal Affairs)

Pertajam Persatuan Petani Jambi (Jambi Peasant's Union)
PETANI Persatuan Tani Nasionalis Indonesia (Indonesian

Nationalist Peasant's Union)

PETANU Persatuan Tani Nahdlatul Ulama (Nahdlatul Ulama

Peasant's Union)

PETANI MANDIRI Pergerakan Tani dan Nelayan Indonesia Mandiri (Self-

Reliant Indonesian Peasant and Fisherfolk's Movement)

Petani Menggugat The Peasantry Accuse / Peasant's Demands

Piagam Petani Jawa Barat West Java Peasant Charter

PIAR Pusat Informasi dan Advokasi Rakyat (Center of

Information and People's Advocacy)

PIB Partai Indonesia Baru (New Indonesian Party)

PIJAR Pusat Informasi dan Jaringan Aksi untuk Reformasi

(Centre of Information and Action Network for

Reformation)

Pilkada Pemilihan Kepala Daerah (Local [Direct) Election)

PIPHAM Pusat Informasi Hak Azasi Manusia (Centre for Human

Right's Information)

PIR-Bun Perkebunan Inti Rakyat (Nucleus Estate and

Smallholder Plantation)

PITL Persatuan Insan Tani Lampung (Lampung Peasant's

Union)

PK Partai Keadilan (Justice Party)

PKB Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa (National Awakening Party)

PKBH Perkumpulan Kantor Bantuan Hukum (Association of

Legal Aid Offices)

PKBHB Perkumpulan Kantor Bantuan Hukum Bengkulu

(Association of Bengkulu Legal Aid Offices)

PKBI Perkumpulan Keluarga Berencana Indonesia

(Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association)

PKI Partai Komunis Indonesia (Indonesian Communist

Party)

PKNU Partai Kebangkitan Nahdlatul Ulama (Moslem Scholars

Awakening Party)

PKPB Partai Karya Peduli Bangsa (Concern for the Nation

Functional Party)

PKPI Partai Keadilan dan Persatuan Bangsa (Indonesia

Justice and Unity Party)

PKS Partai Keadilan Sejahtera (Justice and Prosperity Party)

PMKI Persatuan Mahasiswa Kristen Indonesia (Union of

Indonesian Christian Students)

PNI Partai Nasionalis Indonesia (Indonesian Nationalist

Party)

PNP Perusahaan Negara Perkebunan (State Plantation

Company)

Pokja PSDA Kelompok Kerja untuk Pengelolaan Sumberdaya Alam

(Working Group for Natural Resources Management)

'Politik atas nama' Politics of 'on behalf of' the people

POPOR Partai Persatuan Oposisi Rakyat (Party of United

People's Opposition)

PPAN Program Pembaruan Agraria Nasional (National

Agrarian Reform Program)

PPBI Pusat Perjuangan Buruh Indonesia (Centre of

Indonesian Worker's Struggle)

PPN Perusahaan Perkebunan Nasional (National Plantation

Company, a state-owned plantation company)

PPNSI Perhimpunan Petani Nelayan Seluruh Indonesia (All

Indonesian Peasant and Fisherfolk Association)

PPP Partai Persatuan Pembangunan (Development Unity

Party)

PPPI Partai Pengusaha dan Pekerja Indonesia (Indonesian

Entrepreneurs and Workers Party)

PPR Partai Perserikatan Rakyat (People's Confederation

Party)

PPRTS Persatuan Perjuangan Rakyat Tani Subang (Subang

Peasant's Struggle Front)

PPTSI Perjuangan Persaudaraan Tani Seluruh Indonesia

(Fraternal Struggle of All Indonesian Peasants)

PRD Persatuan Rakyat Demokratik (Democratic Peoples'

Union)

PRD Partai Rakyat Demokrasi (People's Democratic Party)
PRN Partai Rakyat Nasionalis (Nationalist People's Party)

PRONA Proyek Operasi Nasional Agraria (National Agrarian

Operation Project)

PRPTE Peremajaan, Rehabilitasi dan Perluasan Tanaman

Ekspor (Rejuvenation, Rehabilitation and Extension of

Export Crops)

PSI Partai Sosialis Indonesia (Indonesian Socialist Party)
PSII Partai Syarikat Islam Indonesia (United Indonesia

Islamic Party)

PT Perseroan Terbatas (Limited Liability Company)

PT BAM PT Bandung Asri Mulia

PT BLA PT Bandung Lestari Abadi PT SAM PT Surya Andaka Mustika PTI Persaudaraan Tani Indonesia (Indonesia Peasant

Fraternity)

PTP Perseroan Terbatas Perkebunan (Limited Liability

Plantation Company)

PTPN Perseroan Terbatas Perkebunan Negara (State-Owned

Plantation Company)

PT-TUN Pengadilan Tinggi Tata Usaha Negara (State

Administration High Court)

PTUN Pengadilan Tata Usaha Negara (State Administration

Courts)

PUDI Partai Uni Demokrasi Indonesia (Indonesia Democratic

Party)

PWI Persatuan Wartawan Indonesia (Indonesian Journalist's

Association)

RACA Institute Rapid Agrarian Conflicts Assessment Institute

RDI Rural Development Institute

Reformasi Hukum Law Reform
Reformasi Reformation

REPELITA Rencana Pembangunan Lima Tahun (Five-Year

Development Plan)

ROPPA Réseau des Organisations Paysannes & de Producteurs

de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (Network of Farmers and

Producers' Organizations of West Africa)

RPP Rancangan Peraturan Pemerintah (Draft of Government

Regulation)

RUU Pertanahan Nasional Draft of National Land Law

SAE Survey Agro Ekonomi (Agro Economic Survey)

SAINS Sayogyo Institute

SBJ Serikat Buruh Jabotabek (Jabotabek Worker's Union)
SBM Serikat Buruh Makassar (Makassar Worker's Union)
SBSI Serikat Buruh Seluruh Indonesia (Federation of All

Indonesian Workers)

SBY-JK nickname of the duet of President Soesilo Bambang

Yudhovono and Vice President Jusuf Kalla

Serta NTB Serikat Tani Nusa Tenggara Barat (West Nusa Tenggara

Peasant's Union)

Sepetak Serikat Petani Karawang (Karawang Peasant Union)

SHMI Suara Hak Asasi Manusia Indonesia (Voice of

Indonesian Human Rights)

SKD Surat Keterangan Domisili (residency permit document)

SKEPHI Sekretariat Kerjasama untuk Pelestarian Hutan

Indonesia (Indonesian NGO Network for Forest

Conservation)

SKT Surat Keterangan Tanah (Document of Land Rights

Recognition)

SMDI Solidaritas Mahasiswa untuk Demokrasi di Indonesia

(Student's Solidarity for Democracy in Indonesia)

SMI Serikat Mahasiswa Indonesia (Indonesian Student's

Union)

SMID Solidaritas Mahasiswa Indonesia untuk Demokrasi

(Student's Solidarity for Democracy in Indonesia)

SMO Social Movement Organization

SMPT Senat Mahasiswa Perguruan Tinggi (University

Student's Council)

SNeB Serikat Nelayan Bengkulu (Bengkulu Fisherfolk's Union)

SNM Serikat Nelayan Merdeka (Freedom Fisherfolk's Union)

Sosialisme Marga Kinship-based Socialism

SP Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity)

SP-Banten Serikat Petani Banten (Banten Peasant's Union)

SPBU Serikat Perempuan Bengkulu Utara (North Bengkulu

Women's Union)

SPI Serikat Petani Indonesia (Indonesian Peasant's Union)

SP-Jateng Serikat Petani Jawa Tengah (Central Java Peasant's

Union)

SPJB Serikat Petani Jawa Barat (West Java Peasant's Union)
SPJT Serikat Petani Jawa Timur (East Java Peasant's Union)

SPKB Serikat Pemulung Kota Bengkulu (Bengkulu

Municipality Waste Collector's Union)

SPKS Serikat Petani Kabupaten Sikka (Sikka District Peasant's

Union)

SPL Serikat Petani Lampung (Lampung Peasant's Union)
SPM Serikat Petani Manggarai (Manggarai Peasant's Union)
SPORA Sekolah Politik Reforma Agraria (Political School for

Agrarian Reform)

SPP Serikat Petani Pasundan (Pasundan Peasant's Union)

SPP-U Serikat Petani Pasundan Utara (North Pasundan

Peasant's Union)

SPR Serikat Pendamping Rakyat (Indonesian Community

Organizer's Network)

SPREAD Supporting Program for Participatory Advocacy

Capacity

SPSB Serikat Petani Sumatera Barat (West Sumatera

Peasant's Union)

SPSS Serikat Petani Sumatera Selatan (South Sumatra

Peasant's Union)

SPSU Serikat Petani Sumatera Utara (North Sumatra

Peasant's Union)

SRI Sarekat Rakyat Indonesia (Indonesian People's Union)

State Gazette (Dutch)

STaB Serikat Petani Bengkulu (Bengkulu Peasant's Union)

Statuta Statute

STHB Sekolah Tinggi Hukum Bandung (Bandung Tertiary

Institute of Law)

STII Serikat Tani Islam Indonesia (Indonesian Islamic

Peasant's Union)

STKS Serikat Tani Kerakyatan Sumedang (Sumedang Populist

Peasant Union)

STN Serikat Tani Nasional (National Peasant's Union)

STPN Sekolah Tinggi Pertanahan Nasional (National Land

Academy)

SU-MPR Sidang Umum MPR (People Representative General

Assembly)

Surat Instruksi Directive Letter

Tanah jaluran Jaluran Land

Tanah Negara Bebas 'free' State Land

Tanah Negara State Land

Tanah Swapraja ex-autonomous [Sultanate] land

Tanah timbul sand bank; a new land area at the sea/lake/riversides

that appeared because of the decline of water level

Tap MPR Ketetapan MPR (People's Consultative Assembly

Decree)

TCSSP Tree Crops and Smallholders Scheme Project

TGHK Tata Guna Hutan Kesepakatan (Forestry Land Use

Agreement)

TMII Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (Beautiful Indonesia

Miniature Park)

TMPA Tri Manunggal Pasifik Abadi

TNI-AU Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Udara

(Indonesian Air Force)

TNKS Taman Nasional Kerinci Seblat (Kerinci Seblat National

Park)

Tokoh petani 'prominent peasant leader'

TRK Tim Relawan Kemanusiaan (Humanitarian Volunteer

Team)

Tugu Monas National Monument Statue

TWF Third World Forum

UGM Universitas Gadjah Mada (Gadjah Mada University)
UI Universitas Indonesia (University of Indonesia)
UII Universitas Islam Indonesia (Indonesian Islamic

University)

UKSW Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana (Satya Wacana

Christian University)

UN United Nations

onderbouw mass-organization of political parties [Dutch]
Unisba Universitas Islam Bandung (Bandung Islamic

University)

UNORKA Pambansang Ugnayan ng Nagsasariling Lokal na mga

Samahang Mamamayan sa Kanayunan (National Body of

Autonomous Local Rural People's Organizations)

Universitas Padjadjaran (Padjadjaran University)

Universitas Katolik Parahyangan (Parahyangan Catholic

University)

USAID United State Agency for International Development

USAID-BSP United States Biodiversity Aid Program

USU Universitas Sumatera Utara (North Sumatera

University)

UUPBH Undang-undang Pokok Bagi Hasil (Basic Sharecropping

Law)

Verponding land and building tax [Dutch]

VNPU Viet Nam Peasants Union

WALHI Wahana Lingkungan Hidup (Friends of the Earth

Indonesia)

WARSI Warung Konservasi Indonesia (Indonesian

Conservation Community)

WCARRD World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural

Development

WFP World Food Program

WIM Wahana Informasi Masyarakat (People's Information

Network)

WTO World Trade Organization

WWF World Wild Fund

YAPEMAS Yayasan Pengembangan Masyarakat (Community

Development Foundation)

YAPUSHAM Yayasan Pusat Studi Hak Asasi Manusia (Human Rights

Study Centre Foundation)

YAR Yayasan Akar Rumput (Grassroots Foundation)

Yayasan KEHATI Yayasan Keanekaragam Hayati (Biodiversity

Foundation)

YLBHI Yayasan Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Indonesia

(Indonesian Legal Aid Institute Foundation)

YLBHR Yayasan Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Rakyat (People's

Legal Aid Foundation)

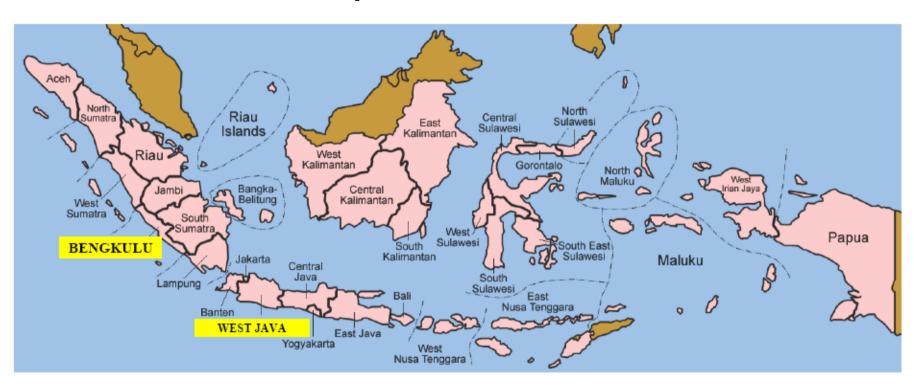
YPBHI Yayasan Pendidikan Bantuan Hukum Indonesia

(Indonesian Foundation for Legal Aid and Education)

YTM Yayasan Tanah Merdeka (Tanah Merdeka Foundation)

Map 1. Indonesia





Map 2. Provinces of Indonesia

Between Discourse and Action: Agrarian Reform and Rural Social Movements in Indonesia post-1965

ABSTRACT

This dissertation is about dynamics, emergence and development (changes and 'continuation') of rural social movements in Indonesia post-1965. Many studies have been conducted to examine the dynamics of the economic and political changes during and after the New Order took power in 1966, and its impacts to rural communities including rural unrest. But these studies were generally focused on the resistance of peasants or rural villagers, as so-called 'victims of development', to the oppression of the New Order regime. Other studies have focus on dynamics of pro-peasant and agrarian reform movements, their organizations and networks that emerged either in the midst of the authoritarian regime or during the *reformasi* era.

There is relatively less attention given to the strategic changes developed by pro-peasant activists and agrarian reform movements to the challenges of different regimes since the New Order. What were the contentious issues and debates about strategy and leadership among the activists that caused splits, the breakup of organizations, and the emergence of new movement organizations that were involved in politics? This dissertation will look into these issues.

This thesis will study the development of the discourse on agrarian reform in Indonesia since the '70s and attempts of 'urban-educated activists' to link their activism with rural radicalism that occurred in various land conflicts during the 1980s-1990s. This discourse was reflected in the development of various peasants' organizations, both at local and national levels, and in other national coalitions for agrarian reform.

This study concludes that there are three things to pinpoint about these dynamics: Firstly, trajectories of rural social movements in Indonesia post 1965 until now are reflected a 'transmutation' processes of urban-based and urban-led pro-peasant movements to 'urban-led and rural-based' movements. 'Transmutation' processes mean changes in qualities of organizing, issues and claims, and actions strategies while the substance of these changes remains the same.

In organizing activities and forms, important substances are establishing rural-urban alliances that were dominated by urban-educated activists. In issues and claims, important substances that remain are land rights for the people, policy changes towards pro-poor agrarian policies, and recognition of political rights of rural people. While in actions strategies, important substances that remains are a combination of advocacy, collective land claims actions and political actions.

Secondly, agrarian reform as a revived discourse was becoming a uniting issue for activists and peasants to strengthen their rural-urban coalition, and at the same time a source of contention among activists. On one side, through the idea of structural reform, rural-urban coalitions that emerged from protests against land evictions, continued to develop into more permanent movement organizations. On the other side, competitions to control the movement occurred amongst the activists as manifested through their debates on strategy and political orientation to push the government to implement agrarian reform. With a similar idea of structural reform on landholding, pro-agrarian reform activists built their owned movement organizations, using either the same or different consolidated peasant groups.

Thirdly, there is an exchange of interests between the activists and the peasants. Rural-urban coalitions as reflected in various movement organizations, such as local peasant's organizations, national coalitions of peasant movements or coalitions for agrarian reform, which emerged in the 80s until now, could be developed and maintained even though with different

types of organizing because activists can maintain the process of exchange of interests with peasant groups. Through these coalitions, ideological and political interests of the activists were exchanged for the material interests of the peasants for land, better livelihoods or improved rural infrastructures. The peasants could follow the activists' directions in the movement as long as their interests are articulated, but enthusiasm to be involved will decline once they got what they struggled for. Activists will lose their grassroots bases if they cannot discover new formulations of common struggle agendas that can bind again the different interests between them and the peasants.

The three characteristics that we have pinpointed in this thesis strengthened theoretical arguments which said that social movements is politics, and social movement organizations are actually political instruments both for activists and for the grassroots to express their interests politically in unconventional ways. Therefore the entrepreneurial leadership capacity of the activists had a significant role in determining e the dynamics of social movement politics.

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This dissertation was originally formulated because of dissatisfaction with various academic explanations about social movements, particularly rural social movements in Indonesia. A long involvement of more than two decades in these movements has of course influenced my perspective on them, as well as teaching me to be self-critical about the phenomena described in this thesis.

During this long involvement I heard and read many explanations about the politics of social movements in Indonesia that mostly focused on urban-based social movements, while explanations about the emergence of rural social movements were mostly colored by analyses of the peasantry as 'victims of development'. Almost all analysis about these phenomena were focused on the interests and claims of victims and protesters against development projects, reflected in slogans such as: 'Don't take our land!', or 'Return land to small cultivators!'

During my long involvement in these movements, I had seen, or perhaps it gradually developed in my mind as one who grew up in urban areas and has enjoyed a tertiary education, that there are political interests that are influenced by things beyond *just* peasants' interests on land. These interests had the power to influence the minds of peasants' defenders and organizers, namely social movement activists who 'eat, sleep and breath the urban way of life' but needed to build their political influence with the rural masses.

However rather than become trapped in an explanation about the dominance of the urban middle class riding roughshod over the peasantry, I have tried in this dissertation to explain how both peasants and activists have shared and exchanged their interests with the emergence and dynamics of change in rural social movements. In other words, I conclude in this thesis that rural social movement organizations are the vehicles developed by movement

participants, the activists and the rural villagers, to achieve different objectives based on different interests. This process of 'exchange of interests' was laid as the backbone of the emergence of new social movements particularly after 1965.

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