

## No Violence in Any Related Oil Palm Plantation Developments



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Between 1998 and 2002 alone, 479 people were reported as having been tortured in conflicts related to oil-palm development, defending community rights, and dozens of people have been killed in land-tenure disputes in Indonesia (Wakker, 2004).

Sawit Watch's case monitoring approximates that oil palm plantations related conflicts which represent an endless and long stories on complicated oil palm plantation companies' linkages with social conflicts, which is in 2005 estimated to have reached 143 conflicts (Sawit Watch, 2005).

In 2004, land conflicts in oil palm plantation were killed three (3) villagers of Tambusai Timur, Riau province. The incident happened when the villagers held demonstrations to demand their rights to an estate company of a big group palm oil plantation unexpectedly they were being confronted by private security (mercenaries), so-called Pamswakarsa of the PT. PSA oil palm plantation (Advocacy Team, November 2004).



In West Kalimantan, just few months ago, exactly on April 21, 2005, it was reported that a 'shoot' incident just hit a villager who joint with 200 other demonstrators from Belimbing sub-district, Melawi district. The demonstration took place as a reaction against an oil palm company's approach to open the fenced oil palm plots. Previously there was an agreement between the company, government, and community that the company was not allowed to harvest those plots because the lands was in dispute and promised to be resolved soon (Pontianak Post, Sabtu 23 April 2005).



in Oil Palm Plantation were Killed Villagers of Tambusai Timur, Riau Province

In Central Kalimantan, once again happened the same unexpected 'shoots' injured some villagers and killed Doni Andrianto (23) from Runtu villager (BPost, Sabtu, 11 June 2005). The incident was reported to occur when Runtu villagers and some neighbour villages held demonstration to defend their customary lands from being bulldozed further by a company to plant an oil palm plantation. Security forces of district police (Mapolres), army (TNI Batalyon 2361 Kalimantan Tengah), and Brimob (mobile brigades) personnel came to control the plantation (Advocacy Team, 2005).



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