

Media Statement

Investigate the Perpetrator of the Acid Attack Against Andrie Yunus!

Jakarta, 13 March 2026 – The Deputy Coordinator of the Commission for the Disappeared and Victims of Violence (KontraS), Andrie Yunus, has suffered an acid attack carried out by unidentified individuals, resulting in serious injuries across his body, particularly on both hands, face, chest, and the eye area.

The incident occurred shortly after Andrie Yunus finished recording a podcast at the office of the Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation (YLBHI) titled “*Remilitarisme dan Judicial Review di Indonesia* (Remilitarism and Judicial Review in Indonesia),” which concluded at around 23:00 PM. Following the incident, Andrie Yunus was immediately taken to a hospital to receive medical treatment. Medical examination results show that Andrie sustained burns covering 24% of his body.

Based on preliminary information we have gathered, at approximately 23:37, Andrie Yunus was riding his motorcycle on Jalan Salemba I - Talang, Central Jakarta. Two perpetrators then approached him from the opposite direction on Jalan Talang (Talang Bridge) using a motorcycle believed to be a Honda Beat automatic model produced between 2016 and 2021. The perpetrators were two men operating a single motorcycle, acting respectively as the driver and the passenger. The suspected characteristics of the perpetrators are as follows:

1. The first perpetrator, who was driving, wore a white-and-blue combination T-shirt, dark pants suspected to be jeans, and a black helmet.
2. The second perpetrator, who was the passenger, wore a black face covering or mask resembling a “buff” that covered half of his face, a dark blue T-shirt, and blue trousers rolled up to become shorter pants, suspected to be made of denim. One of the perpetrators then threw acid at the victim, striking parts of his body.

As a result of the attack, the victim immediately screamed in pain and dropped his motorcycle. He was quickly taken to the nearest hospital in Jakarta and received emergency medical treatment, particularly for his eyes which had been exposed to the liquid. Based on the examination results, no belongings of the victim were found to be missing or stolen either during or after the incident.

Based on the information we have gathered, we assess that this acid attack constitutes an attempt to silence critical voices in society, particularly human rights defenders. This should be understood in reference to Article 19 of ICCPR, articulated through Law No. 39 of 1999 on Human Rights, which states: “*Every person, group, political organization, community organization, non-governmental organization, or other social institution has the right to participate in the protection, enforcement, and advancement of human rights.*” Furthermore, Article 66 of Law No. 32 of 2009 on Environmental Protection and Management states: “*Any*

person who fights for the right to a good and healthy environment cannot be prosecuted criminally or sued civilly.” In addition, Regulation of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Indonesia No. 5 of 2015 on Procedures for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders affirms that human rights defenders who carry out activities to promote and protect human rights may face vulnerabilities to attacks or violations due to their work and are entitled to protection under the universal principles of human rights.

These regulations illustrate that Andrie Yunus is a human rights defender who has been actively engaged in efforts to promote and protect human rights as part of his responsibilities as Deputy Coordinator of KontraS. Moreover, this incident shows that the victim was attacked shortly after carrying out his work as a human rights defender. This can be seen from his activities prior to the podcast recording at YLBHI. Earlier that day, the victim left the KontraS office at around 3:30 PM to attend a meeting at the Celios office to discuss follow-up actions regarding the investigative report of the Fact-Finding Commission concerning the August 2025 protests. Furthermore, the victim had previously experienced several acts of terror and intimidation, particularly following the “Fairmount Protest Action” opposing the draft TNI Law in March 2025. Therefore, the victim should be entitled to protection under both national and international law recognized by the Republic of Indonesia, both as a citizen and as a human rights defender.

This incident must receive immediate and broad attention from various parties, including law enforcement agencies and civil society. The police must promptly conduct an investigation to uncover the perpetrators and the motive behind the attack. Acid attacks can cause severe and fatal injuries that may lead to death. Therefore, the perpetrators should face the most severe legal consequences, including charges of attempted murder as stipulated under Article 459 of the new Criminal Code, which states: *“Any person who with prior planning takes the life of another person shall be punished for premeditated murder with the death penalty, life imprisonment, or imprisonment for a maximum of 20 (twenty) years.”* It is therefore essential that law enforcement actions be taken against the perpetrators and that the state take serious steps in the future to protect public work in the field of human rights and law enforcement.

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*We attached below several of the recent findings.

ATTACHMENTS

Chronology of the Acid Attack by Unidentified Persons Against Andrie Yunus

Pre-Incident

- **9 - 11 March 2026**

Several unknown phone numbers repeatedly called the victim, with the following details (photos/screenshots attached):

- Monday, 9 March 2026: +62 814 79359924
- Monday, 9 March 2026: +62 858 73477977
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 857 90167249
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 857 90046722 (*suspected M-Banking fraud spam*)
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 856 57542476 (*suspected fraud under the name "Meggy"*)
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 857 90046702 (*suspected online loan debt collector*)
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 857 90167561 (*suspected "Rupiah Cepat" scam*)
- Thursday, 12 March 2026: +62 857 90046645 (*suspected fraud*)



Image 1. List of the last dials

- **12 March 2026**

- At approximately 15:30 - 16:00, Andrie departed from the KontraS office to the Center of Economic and Law Studies (CELIOS) office, located at Jl. Banyumas No. 12, Menteng, Central Jakarta, to attend a meeting.
- At around 19:30, the victim left the location and traveled for approximately 15 minutes, arriving at around 19:45 at the Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation (YLBHI) office, located at Jl. Diponegoro No. 74, to record a podcast together with Zainal Arifin, a staff member of YLBHI. The podcast discussed the theme "*Remilitarisme dan Judicial Review di Indonesia* (Remilitarization and the Judicial Review of the TNI Law.)"
- The victim began recording the podcast at the YLBHI office until approximately 20:00, but remained at the YLBHI office until around 23:00.
- After finishing the podcast recording, the victim went to a gas station in Cikini to refuel his motorcycle.
- At the time of the incident, the victim was wearing a black shirt, jeans, shoes, a bag, and a black helmet.

During the Incident

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- After refueling, the victim continued his route via Jalan Talang.
- At approximately 23:37, the victim was riding a yellow Yamaha Aerox motorcycle with license plate F 2069 UAY along Jalan Salemba I, Talang, when he noticed from a distance a motorcycle carrying two unidentified individuals traveling against the direction of traffic on Jl. Talang (Talang Bridge).
- The perpetrators were riding a two-wheeled vehicle, believed to be either a Honda Beat automatic model produced between 2016 and 2021 or an older model Honda Vario, with the following characteristics:
 - Primary color: black
 - Side panel: white triangular panel on the rear side
 - Rear light: bright red
 - License plate: not yet identified
- At approximately 23:37, the unidentified individuals carried out the acid attack, throwing acid at the victim exactly at the rumble strip (white road markings) located at coordinates -6.199845, 106.849676 (*photo attached*).



Image 2. Location of the Incident from the Direction of Jalan Salemba Raya



Image 3. Location of the Incident from the Intersection of Jalan Salemba I and Jl. Talang, Facing Toward Salemba Raya



Image 4. Screenshot of the Exact Coordinate Point

- The acid struck the right side of the victim's body, particularly his eyes, face, chest, and hands, causing him to scream in pain, stop his motorcycle, and drop it.
- According to the victim's account, he continued screaming for help, shouting: "AAAH, AAHH, AAHH, AHHH, AHHH, AHHH, AHHH, AHHH PANAS AAAHHH, AAAHHH, PANAS!" ("Hot! It's burning!"), while removing his shirt. He then shouted "ACID! ACID!", which caused nearby residents and passing motorists to gather around him.
- While the victim was calling for help, one resident immediately said: "Is this from KontraS? Is this from LBH?" The individual was described as having slightly balding hair.
- The victim's shirt melted after being exposed to the acid.
- The victim attempted to retrieve his motorcycle and bag, leaving his shirt behind at the location.
- The perpetrators sped away quickly along Jalan Salemba I toward Jl. Salemba Raya.
- The perpetrators are suspected to have dropped a stainless steel cup/glass while attempting to flee.
- At approximately 23:38, the victim got back on his motorcycle and headed to his rented residence in Menteng via the back roads.

- At approximately 23:40, the victim was taken by Rizky and Hardingga (his housemates) to Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital (RSCM) using two motorcycles.
- At approximately 23:48, the victim arrived at RSCM and received medical treatment.

Post-Incident

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- It was confirmed that no belongings of the victim were lost or stolen.
- Several CCTV cameras were identified along Jalan Salemba I that may have recorded the incident, including:
 - CCTV at BPK Penabur (A Private Protestant School)
 - Two CCTV cameras at the Technical and Functional Training Center (*Pusdiklat Tekfunghan*), Ministry of Defense
 - Two CCTV cameras at the intersection of Jalan Talang
- The victim is currently being treated by six doctors with different medical specializations, including ophthalmology (eye), ENT (ear, nose, and throat), neurology, orthopedics (bone), thoracic medicine, internal medicine, and dermatology.
- Based on the primary diagnosis from the medical team at RSCM, the victim sustained burns covering 24% of his body.
- The victim is currently awaiting a medical procedure involving eye surgery to replace the amniotic membrane tissue (amniotic membrane graft/transplant), which will be performed under local anesthesia.