

# **Monitoring The Trial Concerning The Murder of Munir**

## **Session XXI The Central Jakarta District Court Jakarta, 28 November 2005**

**Materali: Reading the charge (adjourning the court)  
Time: 13.30-13.40 Western Indonesian Time  
Place: The Central Jakarta District Court, second floor**

## **I. Before the court**

The agenda to read the charge has attracted many visitors. At 9.30 WIT, nearly 40 journalists are ready in the courtroom to cover the trial. Nearly 200 people who support Munir are also ready in the courtroom. They are among others FKMP (The Forum for the Community who are concern on environment), victims of Bojong Kemang case, victims of 1965 case, victims and families of Tanjung Priok case, Mei and Kidnapping case. They bring the posters of Munir with the statement: *"Justice for Munir"*, *"Munir's case a test of history"*, *"Anyone seek for justice"*. Around ten police officers from Gambir Precinct, Central Jakarta Police Station and soldiers from Gambir Regional Military Command stand guard around the building of the Central Jakarta District Court.

## **II. The judges adjourn the court**

The court is scheduled to start at 10.00 WIT and the chief judges open the court at 13.30 WIT. Then the judges said that the court adjourned since the prosecutors did not come. This is really disrespecting the court because there is no information or official statement since 10.00 WIT from the prosecutor on whether they would come or not. The clerk of the court and the legal advisers also do not know why the prosecutors do not come until the schedule changed at 13.30 WIT. Information around the people said that the prosecutor did not come since there was a problem in escorting the defendant, Pollycarpus. However, according to Pollycarpus' legal advisers, Pollycarpus and the escorting police are ready in Criminal Division, the Indonesian Police Headquarters since the morning. At 13.30, the panel of judges opens the court and adjourns the court since the prosecutors do not come and the panel of judges could not wait the prosecutors without official information from the prosecutors. The chief judges, Cicut Setiarso, said that the court with the agenda of reading the charge would be on Thursday, December 1, 2005. The crowd booed the judges for the adjourning since they have been waiting since 10.00 WIT.