



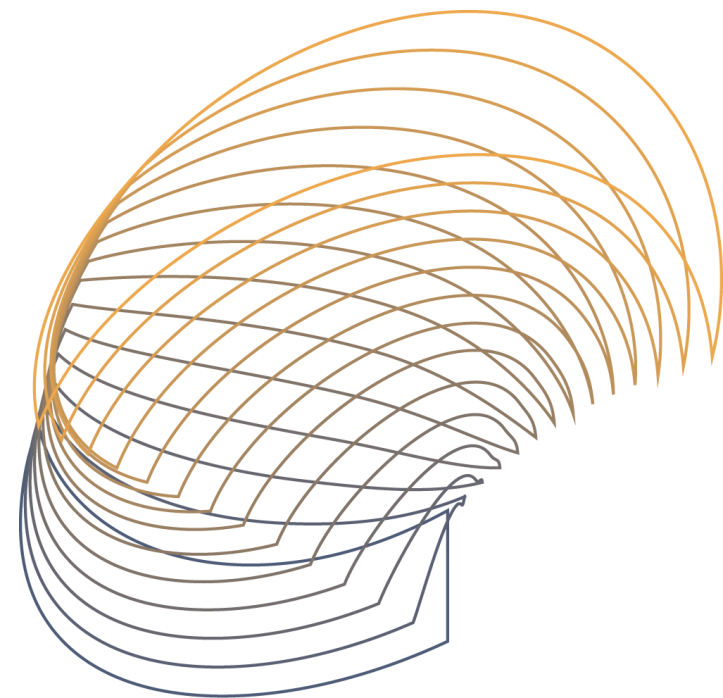
Defending Digital Rights  
in Southeast Asia

# STATEMENT UPR PRE-SESSION ON INDONESIA

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# INTRODUCTION



## PROFILE

SAFEnet is a **regional digital rights organisation** based in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia.

SAFEnet was founded in 2013 with a vision of **realisation of a digital space that upholds human rights values for all people.**

Its mission is **to defend digital rights in the Southeast Asia region**, including the right to access the internet, the right to express freely and the right to be safe in digital spaces.

## FOCUS AREA



**RIGHTS TO ACCESS THE INTERNET**



**RIGHTS TO EXPRESS FREELY**



**RIGHTS TO BE SAFE WHILE ONLINE**

## MAIN PROGRAMS



# CHALLENGES & IMPACTS



## Key Issues on UPR 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle

- 1) Providing protection the Human Rights Defenders,
- 2) Repealing blasphemy law,
- 3) Ending discrimination and violence against women and minority groups such as LGBTIQ,
- 4) Ensuring human rights obligations in Papua
- 5) Protecting human rights in particular freedom of expression, association and assembly

**Indonesia is partially implementing the recommendations or even not complying with previous recommendations.**

## Current Situation

- 1) In 2020, 67 cases of blasphemy occurred, 43 of these cases occurred online.
- 2) From 2018 through 2021, 56 cases targeted toward Human Rights Defenders. 147 digital attacks in 2020 and 193 attacks in 2021. Almost 60% targeted to Human Rights Defenders.
- 3) 510 OGBV cases in 2021, which many cases targeted toward WHRDs.
- 4) In 2021, 476 accounts have received a warning from Virtual Police for allegedly containing hate speech content.
- 5) The Indonesian government has shut down the internet in Papua and West Papua in 2019. In 2020, 4 reports of partial shutdowns. And in 2021, 12 reports of internet outages.

# RECOMMENDATION



- i. Repeal blasphemy laws that contravene the right to profess and manifest religion or belief online.
- ii. Provide comprehensive holistic protection to Human Rights Defenders, from judicial harrashment and offline and online attacks.
- iii. Comply with all of its obligations under CEDAW to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and gender minorities and protect their sexual and gender expression on the internet.
- iv. Lift all forms of unlawful surveillance, censorship, Internet shutdowns, and suppression of information on the internet.



**Thank you.**

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