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A plan for International Women's Day

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In Indonesia, Perempuan Mahardhika (Free Women Organization) is planning activities for the 8th of March 2011 following a three days Feminist School in three cities (in three islands) in Indonesia (Yogyakarta, Ternate-North Maluku, Makassar-South Sulawesi).

Now we are preparing for International Women's Day mobilization. Up to now, the Perempuan Mahardhika in 6 cities are ready to take part in IWD campaign action this year. The main issues are against poverty and discrimination - there will be specific demands campaign according to each cities particularities. Here are the details:

Medan, North Sumatra: Perempuan Mahardhika is organizing a campaign committee together with other democratic and left forces;

Jakarta: Perempuan Mahardhika and Accross Factory Worker's Forum (FBLP) together with several women's NGOs, democratic and left forces are taking part in a campaign committee called Women Liberation Committee (KPP). The specific demand will be against sexual harassment of women workers in North Jakarta Economic Zone. There will be an action to National Human Rights Commission to report the case.

Yogyakarta: Perempuan Mahardhika together with trade union and several left forces will campaign on general issues of women, including the specific demand against a type of sharia law called Anti Prostitution Regional Law in one of the districts in Yogyakarta.

Makassar, South Sulawesi: Perempuan Mahardhika (mostly student) will organize protest on general issues on women rights.

Samarinda, East Kalimantan: Perempuan Mahardhika (mostly student) will organize protest on general issues on women rights.

Ternate, North Maluku: Perempuan Mahardhika and several local democratic organizations will organize protest on general issues on women rights, including a campaign against sexual abuse of under-age woman conducted by the Personal Assistant of Sula Island's Mayor.