

# Why This Compilation Exists

---

Banda Aceh, Indonesia is a strict Islamic Shariah region. Punks are forced to have their heads shaved, are forced to pray, clothes burned, detained (64 were detained), and forced into “re-education” camps. Deputy mayor Illiza Sa’aduddin Djamel proudly claims that she personally supervised police raids in cafes and city parks. Djamel also has been quoted as saying “Punk is a new social disease” and also has been quoted as saying “Aceh is a Shariah region. Everyone should obey it and the punk community is clearly against Shariah”. These people are being jailed for being punk. They have not been charged with any crime. On Tuesday December 13, 2011 police took the 64 detainees to the Aceh State Police Camp and shaved their mohawks and dyed hair off and forced them into a lake.

Punk is a worldwide movement, and this is our lifestyle. This is our culture. We are proud to be punks and we stick together.

This compilation is a necessity. This compilation is a message to the world that we demand freedom and will not live in fear or ever change our lifestyle for anyone.

This compilation is also a message to the world that punk music is about a lot more than drinking beer and partying. It is a way of life that is ingrained in the hearts and minds of all who decide to be a part of it.

This compilation is an act of love - The love of punk rock and human rights. The minute I heard what was happening I knew something needed to be done. I just posted to the wall of my personal FaceBook page about what was happening in Banda Aceh and that I wanted to put together an international compilation to help raise money for the Aceh punks. Within a couple of hours I already had over 40 bands confirm that they wanted to submit a track to the compilation. In less than a week from the time of that original post I had 84 confirmed bands. Out of the 84 confirmed bands 73 actually submitted tracks.

When it comes to this compilation we really need people to help get the word out. Make posters. post online, set up benefit shows to help us get the CD version made. Get involved. This is OUR scene. This is a global effort. If you are a punk rocker then this is the time to stand up for your lifestyle.

## **FROM THE PUNK SCENE TO THE PUNKS OF BANDA ACEH.**

- Michael Rothstein “Mike Virus”  
info@evacuaterecords.com