
'DARK INDONESIA' PROTESTS AGAINST PRABOWO'S CUTBACKS ENTER FIFTH DAY

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Hundreds of students and activists rallied in major cities across the country on Friday as part of the Indonesia Gelap (Dark Indonesia) protests, which oppose President Prabowo Subianto 's policies, including Rp 306.7 trillion (US\$19 billion) in spending cuts that the protesters claim undermine their support systems.

On the fifth day of the protests as the sky darkened and rain began to fall, thousands of demonstrators, many dressed in black, gathered in streets near the Presidential Palace in Central Jakarta, carrying posters that read "The government consists of dumb people" and invoking Prabowo's beloved "first cat", saying if it could speak it would join the protests.

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