

Table 3:
Komnas' Experiences in Mediating Conflicts over Houses of Worships 2013-2021¹

No.	Case	Brief Description of the Case's Mediation	Period of Mediation	Source of Case	Result of Mediation
1.	The forced closure of the Indonesian Christian Church (GKI) Taman Yasmin in Bogor City, West Java	Komnas has been monitoring this high-profile and protracted case, which began with the forced closure of GKI Taman Yasmin, Bogor City. Komnas has actively mediated the case since 2008, facilitating meetings and dialogues between the parties in Bogor City which also involved several relevant parties from the central government. Throughout 2016, Komnas intensified its efforts to find a solution, among other things by making several recommendations to the local and central governments. In November 2016, the Mayor of Bogor informed the commission that there had been a breakthrough where he offered a settlement to the parties involved, and he also requested Komnas' support on this resolution. In August 2021, the Bogor City Government reached an agreement with the church construction committee to establish the church in a new location and the new permit has been issued.	Since 2008 until now	Monitoring and public complaint	Peace agreement reached through negotiation, Komnas provides support.
2.	The forced closure and destruction of 24 churches in Aceh Singkil District, Aceh	In May 2012, the Aceh Singkil District Government stopped the activities of 24 churches due to the demands of some residents who accused the churches of not having permits. Since December 2012, Komnas has mediated this case by issuing recommendations and facilitating meetings between church officials and both the Aceh Singkil District Government and the Aceh Provincial Government. In October 2015, there was a mass demonstration demanding the demolition of the churches. Because of this, a meeting took place at the Regent's Office which, among other things, agreed that the District Government would close 10 churches, which Komnas considered to be a violation of the law. On October 13, 2015, one church was burned and clashes occurred, resulting in one death and the displacement of some residents. In May 2016, Komnas facilitated a meeting between the parties that resulted in several agreements, including that the District Government would immediately issue the permits for churches that were not demolished and that Komnas would help return the displaced residents. Until now this case has not been resolved and Komnas is still mediating it.	Since December 2012 until now	Monitoring	Mutual agreement has not been fully reached and problems persist

¹ This table is based on Komnas reports, both published (accessible to public) and unpublished. When we considered some of these materials to be incomplete, we interviewed a number of people from Komnas as well as outside of Komnas, particularly those whose cases had been mediated by Komnas. Other detailed information was obtained by tracing mass media reports on these cases.

3.	The forced closure of Batak Karo Protestant Church (GBKP) in South Tangerang, Banten	In September 2014, the Batak Karo Protestant Church (GBKP) in Pamulang, South Tangerang, was forced to close by its neighbouring Muslim. Komnas made the efforts to conduct mediation between the church congregation and residents who rejected the church and monitored the progress. The case was resolved through dialogue between the parties.	September 2014	Public complaint	The case was resolved through dialogue between the two parties.
4.	The forced closure of seven churches in Cianjur, West Java	From December 2013 to February 2014, the Cianjur District Government closed seven churches on the grounds that they did not have permits. From October 2014 to June 2015, Komnas facilitated the mediation between the district government and church officials, which reached several agreements: one church would soon receive a certificate from the Cianjur District Urban Planning Office; two churches would soon obtain temporary permits as houses of worship; and four churches, located in shophouses, would find alternative land to build houses of worship. In December 2016, during a meeting with the Cianjur Regency Government, Komnas obtained an information that two of the abovementioned churches already had permits and the others were to follow.	From October 2014 until June 2015	Public complaint	Unclear. Komnas' reports in the last five years do not elaborate this case.
5.	The prohibition of Asy Syuhada Mosque's construction in Bitung City	In June 2015, Komnas received a complaint that the construction of Asy Syuhada Mosque in Aerujang Housing Complex, Girian, Bitung City, North Sulawesi, was obstructed by a group of residents. This was also followed by a complaint that local government officials prohibited Muslims from slaughtering sacrificial animals and commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's birthday at the mosque. Komnas responded to this report by immediately studying and obtaining more information about case. In September 2016, Komnas sent a letter to the North Sulawesi Police Chief, urging the police to ensure the safety during worship, including the celebration of Islamic holidays. This letter was replied with a report that the worship went well under the protection of the authorities. Regarding the construction of the mosque, Komnas also met with the leaders of the local PGI to encourage the PGI to actively seek a resolution. In November 2016, Komnas mediated the case, involving local customary and religious leaders, the mosque construction committee, and the Bitung City Government. This resulted in an agreement that the construction of the mosque would be carried out in a new location not far from the original site and that a religious education institution would be built in the original site instead.	Since the beginning of 2015 until the end of 2016	Public complaint	The mosque will be built in a new location not far from the original site, and a religious education institution will be built on the original site instead.
6.	The prohibition of As Syafiyah Musholla's construction in Denpasar, Bali	In 2008 a group of Hindus started prohibiting religious activities at As Syafiyah Mushalla, Denpasar, and until early 2015 the Denpasar City Government did nothing to stop the act of discrimination. In February 2015, Komnas monitored this case and mediated it through consultations, recommendations, and facilitation of meetings with the Denpasar City Government, Bali Provincial Government, Bali Provincial FKUB, Bali Religious Affairs Office, Mushalla Assyafiyah management, and various related parties. However, until now the	From February 2015 until now	Public complaint	No agreement has been reached and the musholla has not been constructed

		settlement of this case is still stalled due to the strong rejection from the community.			
7.	The forced demolition of Indonesia's Christian Huria Church (GHKI) in Samarinda city, East Kalimantan	In August 2015, Komnas received a complaint about the demolition of Christian Huria Church (GHKI) in Samarinda city, East Kalimantan. In response to this complaint, Komnas wrote to the Mayor of Samarinda and the East Kalimantan Police to ask for an explanation of the case and to guarantee the safety of the community. Komnas also urged the local government to seek the restoration of the congregation's right to own a church and conduct worship.	August 2015	Public complaint	Unclear. Komnas' reports in the last five years do not elaborate this case.
8.	The prohibition of Nur Musafir Mosque's construction in Batuplat, Kupang City, East Nusa Tenggara	In 2011 a group of Christians in Batuplat, Kupang, rejected the construction of Nur Musafir Mosque. The Kupang Local House of Representative responded to this demand by asking the mayor to temporarily stop the construction. As a result, Muslim residents were unable to continue the mosque's construction process. In response to this case, Komnas has mediated this case since January 2015 through maintaining correspondence and facilitated dialogue between the parties (July and August 2015). As the result of these efforts, the Kupang City Government, local FKUB, the Regional Office of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the community who initially rejected the mosque took part in helping the mosque to fulfil the requirements as stipulated in the PBM. In September 2015, the mosque could resume construction.	From July 2015 until August 2015	Public complaint	A peace agreement was reached and the conflict ended.
9.	The ban on religious worship services in five churches in Bandung city, West Java	In June 2015, Komnas received complaints from the representatives of five churches in Bandung City, West Java, that a religious organization had banned worship activities there because the churches did not have permits. The five churches are GBKP in East Bandung; Rehoboth Church; BNKP Nias Church; Seventh-day Adventist Church; and Mulia Kingdom Church. In June 2016, Komnas met with the Bandung City Government to mediate the case and was informed that two of the six churches had been issued a permit and was now able to conduct worship, while the other three churches had not yet applied for permit. By the end of 2016, the case had been resolved and the five churches were able to carry out worship services.	June 2015 until July 2016	Public complaint	A peace agreement was reached and church services resumed.
10.	The prohibition of Rahmatan Lil 'alamin Mosque's construction in Anday, South Manokwari, West Papua	In early November of 2015, Komnas received a report on the issuance of the Manokwari Regent's Letter regarding the termination of the construction of the Rahmatan Lil 'alamin Mosque in Andai, South Manokwari, West Papua, on the grounds that it had not met the requirements as stipulated in PBM 2006 and did uphold the local norms of the region as a Special Autonomy Region (Otsus). In December 2015, Komnas mediated the case by collecting the latest information and encouraging the parties to seek a mutually accepted settlement for all parties. The matter has been resolved and the mosque has been built.	December 2015	Public Complaint	The problem was resolved and the mosque has been constructed
11.	The pressure to cancel the construction of the Baiturahman Mosque	In February 2016, the Jayawijaya Churches Association (PGGJ), Jayawijaya, Papua, issued a statement demanding the Jayawijaya government to cancel the construction permit for the Baiturahman Mosque in Wamena and close all	February 2016	Public complaint	The problem was resolved and the

	in Jayawijaya Regency, Papua	mosques without permits. In response to this report, Komnas wrote to the Jayawijaya Regency Government to guarantee the rights of every citizen to practice their religion and conduct worship, encourage the majority group to be tolerant of minority groups, and resolve existing problems through dialogues in dignified manner. This issue has been resolved and the mosque has been built.			mosque has been constructed
12.	The forced closure of seven churches in Banda Aceh, Aceh	In May 2012, the Banda Aceh city government banned the religious worship in seven churches on the grounds that the churches did not have permits and were using shop houses as places of worship. In May 2016, Komnas mediated the case by meeting with church officials and the Banda Aceh city government and encouraging dialogue. Later, Komnas encouraged a meeting between the Aceh Provincial Government, the Banda Aceh city government, and the churches that had met the requirements for direct verification. Until now, the meeting has not been held.	Since May 2016 until now	Public complaint	Komnas' recommendation was ignored
13.	The forced closure of Batak Karo Protestant Church (GBKP) in Pasar Minggu, South Jakarta	In September 2016, Komnas received a complaint that the development plan of the Batak Karo Protestant Church (GBKP) in Pasar Minggu, South Jakarta, was rejected by residents because the church was thought to have no permit. As a result, the congregation of GBKP must conduct their worship services by moving from one place to another. In September 2016, the Mayor of South Jakarta facilitated a temporary worship location at the Pasar Minggu Youth Sports Center. In November 2016, Komnas called the South Jakarta city government to ask for clarification on this issue and encourage its resolution. Until now the problem has not been resolved.	From September 2016 until now	Public complaint	The problem is still going on until now
14.	The obstructions in issuing construction permit for Filadelfia Huriyah Kristen Batak Protestant (HKBP) Church in Bekasi Regency, West Java	In September 2015, Komnas received a complaint from the board of Filadelfia Huriyah Kristen Batak Protestant (HKBP) church in Tambun, Bekasi Regency, that the Bekasi Regent had not processed their church's construction permit, which had been guaranteed by a court decision and had been legally binding since 2010. This neglect continued even after the State Administrative Court (PTUN) of Bandung reported the case to the President on July 25, 2016. In December 2016, Komnas sent a letter requesting clarification to the Bekasi Regent, emphasizing that the above neglect is a form of human rights violation. However, to date Komnas has not received a response from the Bekasi Regent and the issue is still in limbo.	From December 2016 until now	Public complaint	The Bekasi Regent has not yet responded to Komnas' letter of reprimand and the problem persists
15.	Destruction of a house of worship owned by the followers of Sapto Dharmo in Rembang, Central Java	In November 2015, Komnas received a complaint from the Central Committee of the Sapta Dharma Association about the burning of their studio or place of worship by a group of Muslims in Plawangan, Kragan, Rembang District, Central Java. In June 2016, in a meeting between Komnas, the complainant and local Muslim leaders, both parties had not agreed on whether the burned place of worship would be rebuilt in the old or new location. In September 2016, in a meeting with the Rembang Regency Government, Komnas requested clarification and urged the Regency Government to resolve the issue by	From June until September 2016	Public complaint	A new house of worship had been built in an area not too far from the original location

		promoting dialogue between the two parties. Later, the complainants informed that the new house of worship had been built in an area not too far from the original location.			
16.	The ban on religious activities and the establishment of Yahweh Holy Spirit Leadership Church in Takari, Kupang Regency, East Nusa Tenggara	In 2016, Komnas received a complaint about the ban on religious activities and the establishment of Yahweh Holy Spirit Leadership Church in Takari, Kupang Regency, East Nusa Tenggara. The ban was carried out by local Christians who suspected that the church was part of the Jehovah's Witness sect. Komnas submitted letters requesting clarification on this matter to the parties, including the local government, from 2016 to 2019. In August 2020, Komnas facilitated a mediation meeting and the parties signed a peace agreement, which among other things states that the Rohul Kudus Yahweh Church is not part of the Jehovah's Witnesses/Yehowa sect, and that the Kupang Regency Government will inform this matter to residents to reduce stigma, and that PGI and the parties will support the resolution of this issue through deliberation according to the law and local wisdom.	Since early 2016 until August 2020	Public complaint	A peace agreement was reached and religious activities is allowed
17.	The rejection of the development of Jabal Nur Mosque, Adventist Church, and Indonesia Pentecostal Church (GPDI) in Manado, North Sulawesi	In May 2016, Komnas received a complaint from the management of Jabal Nur Mosque, in Gria Tugu Mapanget Asri Housing Estate, Manado City, that the construction of their mosque was obstructed by a group of residents on the grounds that it was not part of the the housing development plan. This case actually began in 2009, but a temporary solution was agreed upon during this time because the congregation could use the mosque on the condition that the mosque itself was not developed until the permit issue was resolved. The same obstacle was experienced in the construction of two churches in the same housing estate, namely the Adventist Church and the Mahanaim Indonesia Pentecostal Church (GPDI). In September and October 2016, Komnas mediated this case by conducting meetings with the parties and facilitating dialogue between the parties and other stakeholders. Among the outcomes of this mediation was an agreement that the housing developer would amend the development plan to accommodate the construction of the mosque and two churches above and that the local government would issue permits for the construction of the mosque and two churches.	September-October 2016	Public complaint	A peace agreement was reached
18.	The prohibition of Darul Hidayah Mosque's construction in Naibonat, East Kupang, Kupang Regency, East Nusa Tenggara	In early 2015, Komnas received a complaint from the construction committee of the Darul Hidayah Mosque in Naibonat, East Kupang, Kupang Regency that the construction plan of the mosque was rejected by a group of non-Muslim residents on the grounds of the the plan had not met the requirements of PBM 2006. In June 2015, Komnas began mediating the case by involving the parties and relevant institutions (including the Kupang regency government, the Kupang local parliament, and Kupang Military Regional Commands/Kodim), and obtained an agreement that dialogue would continue. In November 2016 at	From June 2015 until November 2016	Public complaint	The agreement containing the development plan of the mosque was reached along with the other five houses of worships. The location is called the Tolerance Village

		Kupang Regency Government office, Komnas conducted another mediation and obtained information that an agreement had been reached to build not only a mosque but also houses of worship for five other religions in the same location. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in January 2017, and the land handover would late take place on July 31, 2017. The site is now also called the Tolerance Village.			
19.	The rejection of Al Khairiyah mosque's development in Texas village, Manado city, North Sulawesi	Komnas received a complaint that the development of the Al Khairiyah Mosque in the former Texas Village, Manado City, was obstructed by a group of residents because it was accused of expanding the construction beyond its original site, which violated the city government regulations. On November 2016, Komnas mediated the case by meeting with the disputing parties and facilitating dialogue between the parties. The case was resolved and Komnas appreciated the Mayor of Manado for actively mediating the parties.	November 2016	Public complaint	Peace agreement was reached
20.	The ban on revival service (Kebaktian Kebangunan Rohani/KKR) of Christian community in Sabuga building, Bandung city, West Java	In early December 2016, Komnas received a report that a group of people disbanded the Revival Service (KKR) of Christians led by Pastor Stephen Tong at the Sabuga Building, Bandung City. In response to this report, Komnas requested clarification from the Mayor of Bandung and urged him to resolve the issue by promoting dialogue. In his response, the Mayor of Bandung stated that he had taken the necessary steps and that the revival service would be reconvened on December 23, 2016 in the same building. The Mayor of Bandung also said that this case became the momentum for the issuance of the Mayor's Circular Letter (December 7, 2016) stating that the conference hall could be used for incidental religious activities.	December 2016	Public complaint	The ban was lifted and the revival service was successfully implemented
21.	The obstruction to the establishment of a house of worship for the Indonesian Baptist Church (GBI) congregation in Tlogosari, Semarang City, Central Java	In October 2019, Komnas received a complaint about the obstruction to the construction of the Indonesian Baptist Church (GBI) in Tlogosari, Semarang City, Central Java. In November 2019, a mediation facilitated by Pedurungan Police resulted in an agreement that the problem would be resolved through a lawsuit at the State Administrative Court (PTUN). On September 17, 2020, Komnas mediated this case, involving, among others, the Semarang City Government, Semarang City FKUB, and other parties. In this mediation, among others, an agreement was reached: that both parties felt that the problem was not about the rejection of the church establishment but the Building Permit (IMB) issuance procedure; that both parties would maintain harmony and avoid stigmatization; and that the Semarang City Government would immediately issue an IMB if the requirements were met.	From November 2019 to September 2020	Public complaint	Peace agreement was reached