

THE 'CRIME' OF HAZE

Haze in the Context of Human Dignity
and Human Rights

Do we humans have a **right** to a
healthy **environment**?

1972 Stockholm Declaration

UN Human Rights Council
Article 3 of UNESCO UBDHR

Every person shall have the **right** to
live in physical and spiritual
prosperity, to have a home and to
enjoy a good and healthy
environment

Article 28H (1), 1945 Constitution of
the Republic of Indonesia

“This is not a national disaster. This is...vandalism against society, against the environment, and ultimately against ourselves... a man-made tragedy and a **crime**”

Vivian Balakrishnan,
Former Singapore Environment Minister

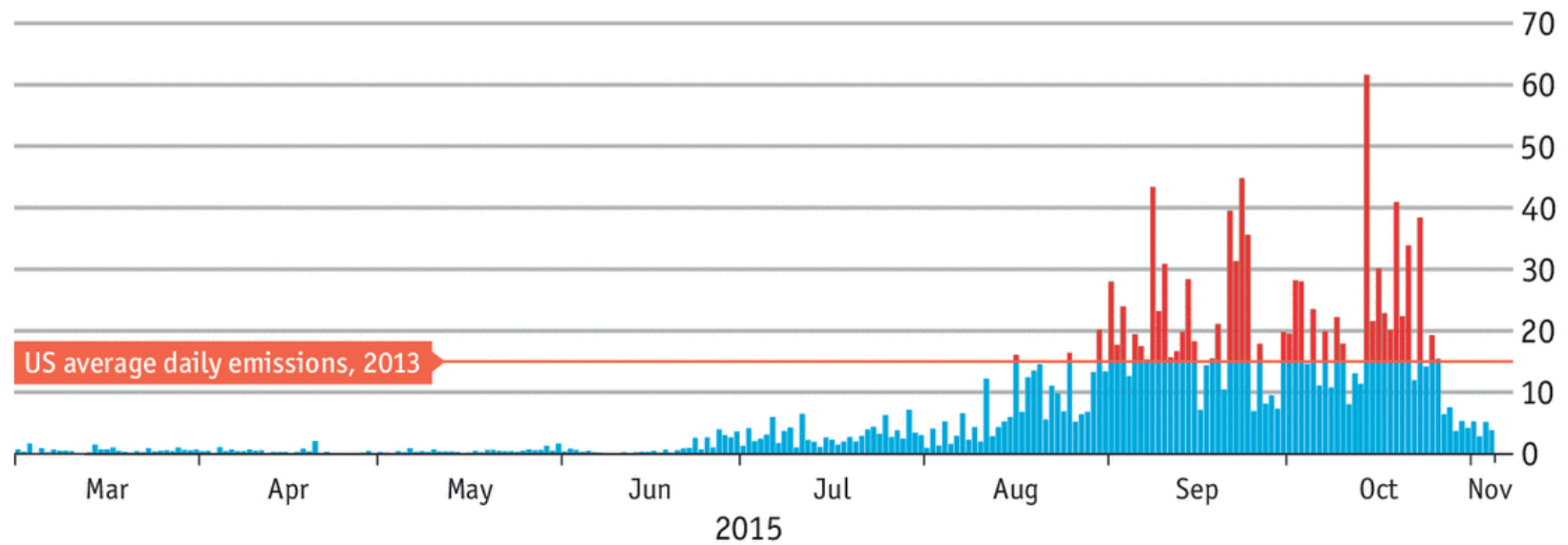
“The biggest environmental
crime of the 21st century”

Erik Meijaard,
Australia National University



Up in smoke

Daily emissions from Indonesian fires, m tonnes CO₂ equivalent



Sources: Guido van der Werf; WRI

Economist.com

“A **crime** against humanity of
extraordinary proportions”

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho,
Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana

“acts that are **deliberately**
committed as part of a widespread
or systematic **attack** directed against
any **civilian population**... during
peace or war”

Crimes against humanity

2015

19 deaths

almost 2000 PSI

43 million exposed to smoke

6 provinces declared emergencies

500,000 cases of respiratory tract infections



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Where are their **rights** to a good
and healthy **environment**?

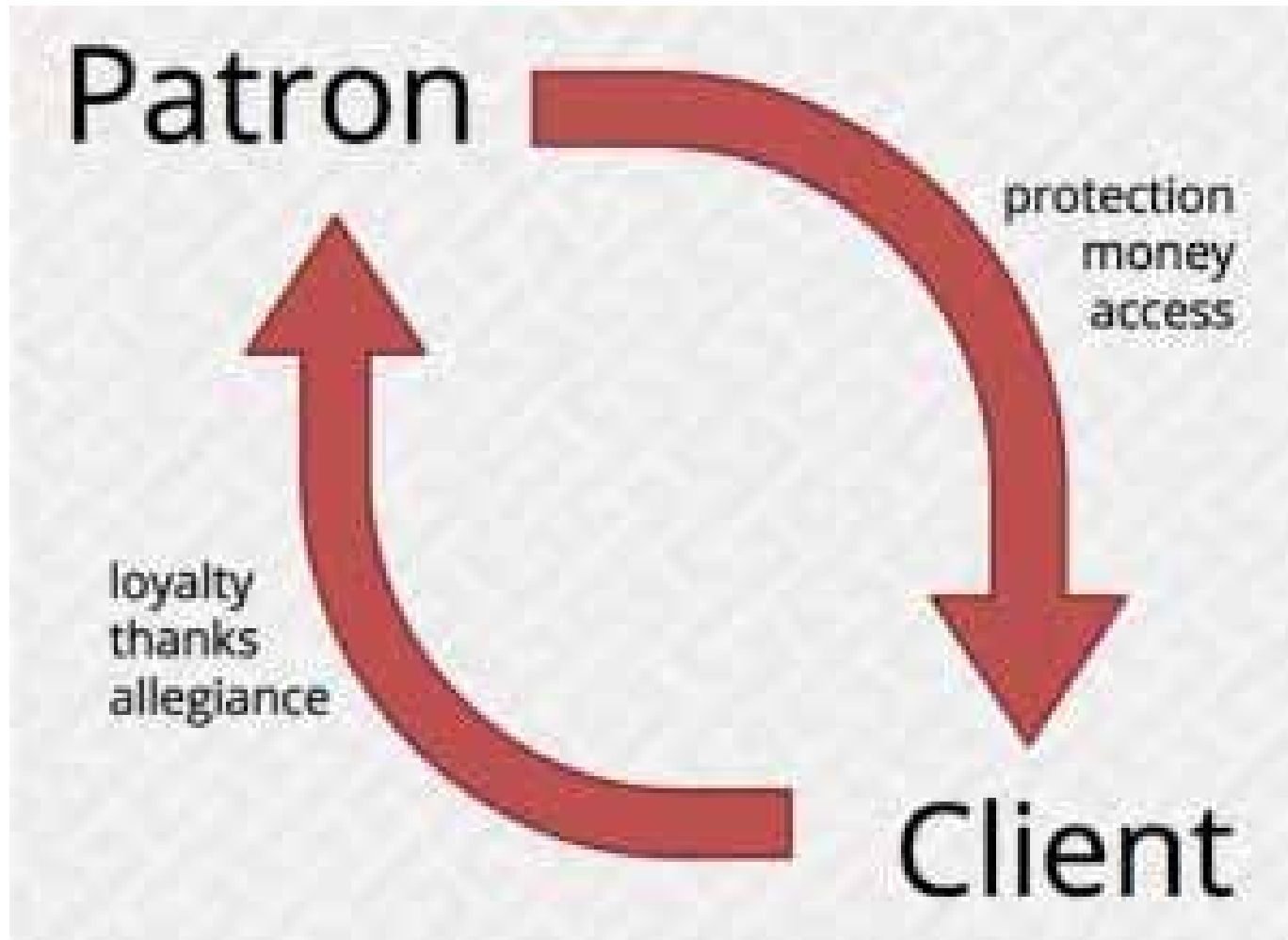
Who should uphold their rights?

“a handful of companies involved in **starting fires** to clear land and forest in Indonesia.. and **profiting** from the **exercise**”

Vivian Balakrishnan

“Either part of government policy, or
of a wide practice of atrocities
tolerated or condoned by a
government”

Crimes against humanity





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Law No. 32/2009 on the Protection
and Management of Environment
prohibits burning to clear land

Environmental **Crime**

The land, the waters and the natural resources within shall be under the powers of the State and shall be used to the greatest benefit of the **people.**

Article 33, Constitution of the
Republic of Indonesia



Singapore Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014

Criminalizing Haze

Crime against the environment

Violation of human rights

Crime against humanity

Thank **you.**

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