



SPORTS APPAREL GIANT

## Voice of Indonesia labor movement now relies on donations to survive



Cicih Sukaesih in her bedroom in Banten, Indonesia, in December. Cicih's fight against sweatshop conditions in the 1990s helped spark reform, but she paid a personal price. Photos by Muhammad Fadli, for ProPublica

*Cicih Sukaesih led fellow Indonesian workers in a strike in the '90s, part of a movement that led Nike to improve factory conditions.*

**Matthew Kish** The Oregonian/OregonLive

Once a month, American labor activist Jim Keady logs into Remitly, an app for transferring money abroad, at his New Jersey home and sends \$100 to a former Nike factory worker in Indonesia.

Cicih Sukaesih helped bring the world's attention to the lives of the young women in poor countries who made sneakers in the 1990s, first by organizing a strike and later by marching onto Nike's bucolic corporate campus in Oregon to demand a meeting with co-founder Phil Knight.

Her story — at a time of police and military harassment of labor organizers abroad — caught the attention of The New York Times and other news organizations. It also helped inform a generation of workers about their rights.

"She helped to birth, I would argue, the Indonesian trade union movement within Nike's supplier factories," Keady said.

But media attention and accolades don't pay the bills. Cicih had trouble finding work



Cicih during a visit to the United States to campaign for improvements in the labor practices of Nike suppliers.

following her 1990s activism. (Cicih prefers to go by one name. It's pronounced "Chee Chee.")

Decades after her crusade faded from the headlines, Keady and other labor organizers began sending Cicih money to keep her afloat. "She took a stand and she was a revolutionary," Keady said. "And she has nothing to show for it."

Now 62, Cicih welcomed a reporter for The Oregonian/OregonLive into her home last year, part of a reporting trip that included interviews with about 100 workers who make Nike sneakers, mostly in Indonesia, which was ground zero for the decade of sweatshop criticism that stained Nike's rep-

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Homicides down 28% in Portland in 2025

*Killings of Black Portlanders fell even more steeply than the overall decline.*

**Fedor Zarkhin** The Oregonian/OregonLive

Homicides of Black Portlanders plunged in 2025 even more steeply than an overall decline in killings, falling to numbers not seen since before the pandemic.

Homicides in Portland dropped from 71 in 2024 to 51 in 2025, a 28% decline that reflected a nationwide downturn in violent crime. That brought last year's homicides to just below the level they hit in 2020, the pandemic year when homicides spiked.

The 12 Black Portlanders killed in 2025 represented the lowest number since 2019 — a 61% decrease from the 31 homicides of Black people in 2024 and a 300% decrease from 47 in 2022, the year homicides peaked in the city with 101 overall.

Less than 6% of Portlanders are Black, and they continue to face a disproportionate rate of homicides. In 2024, Black people accounted for 44% of all homicide victims in Portland; in 2025 the rate was 24%.

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## ICE PROTESTS

### Judge restricts federal use of tear gas, munitions

*Temporary order lasts 14 days; next hearing set for March 2.*

**Maxine Bernstein**  
The Oregonian/OregonLive

A federal judge on Tuesday issued a temporary order prohibiting federal officers at Portland's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building from directing tear gas, pepper balls, rubber bullets or other munitions at people unless they pose a direct and immediate threat.

"The Court finds that the repeated shooting and teargassing of nonviolent protesters at the Portland ICE Building will likely keep recurring," U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon wrote in a 22-page opinion.

He noted that the "violence" by federal officers "is in no way isolated," adding: "Similarly, statements made by DHS

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