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antara publiceerde 31 januari hieronder volgende versie van incident tijdens zitting schmidtzaak op de dertigste, welke in ongunstige zin afwijkt van overige terzake verschenen berichtgeving.

the schmidt trial which today heard two witnesses a decharge from holland started after some 100 youths had staged a demonstration demanding death sentence for defendant. the demonstrators, members of several organizations in djakarta, had gathered in front of the court building and shouted: "capital punishment for captain schmidt". "we demand death sentence for the murderers of indonesian youths etc".

the chief public prosecutor sunarjo came out of the building and told them their demand would be taken into consideration. they were allowed to attend the court hearing on the condition that they would act calmly and refrain from intimidations on the witnesses.

during an interval of the court session chief prosecutor sunarjo told the press the demonstrators demand would certainly receive full attention and that the demonstration itself was "good".

he continued to say that even so, the public prosecutor and the judge may by no means be pressed into taking a partial decision. sunarjo said with emphasis that even in the face of this demand, any decision to be taken or sentence to be passed must be impartial and unforced.

the demonstrators themselves declared to the press that their reason for demanding the death sentence for defendant was that they thought it only just to punish murderers of indonesian youths by death. the reason for demonstrating they said was because so many witnesses had been imported specially from holland, while these witnesses were in fact also involved in the illegal organizations. the youths had also noticed with indignation the intention of dutch lawyer van empel to come to indonesia. unquo.

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