

INDONESIA Hasan Basri (m), aged 50

Amnesty International has just received information that Hasan Basri has been held in military detention since 1 January 2002. According to the report he has been tortured. He is currently being held in Linud 700/BS Military Post in Pulo Ie in Jeuram village, Krueng Sabee Sub-district, West Aceh District. There are serious concerns for his safety.

Hasan Basri was arrested in Datar Luas village, Krueng Sabee Sub-district, West Aceh District, by military from Yonif Linud 700/BS. It is believed that he was detained because the military suspected that two of his children were members of the Free Aceh Movement, *Gerakan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM).

According to reports, Hasan Basri was initially taken to Kabong Military Post, located in the former Agriculture office (PPL Pertanian) in Krueng Sabee Sub-district. He was subsequently moved to the military post in Pulo Ie, Jeuram village, where he is currently being held.

A representative from a local non-governmental organisation (NGO) who was allowed access to him in early February reported that Hasan Basri was suffering injuries including cracked teeth and blurred vision as a result of being tortured. The Commander at the military post had also threatened to kill him.

The Commander also threatened the NGO representative, stating that he did not believe in human rights, that President Megawati had told them not to be afraid of violating human rights, and that if he were to shoot a member of the NGO and throw them in Krueng Sabee river there would be no consequences for him.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Serious human rights violations, including unlawful killings, "disappearances", torture and arbitrary arrests, are continuing in Aceh during military and police operations against the armed opposition group, Free Aceh Movement, *Gerakan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM). Local human rights groups have reported that around 1,500 people were killed during military operations in 2001, most of them civilians. GAM has also been responsible for human rights abuses.

Those detained by the police or military in Aceh are also at grave risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations. Under Indonesian law, the military does not have the authority to detain people.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Indonesian or your own language:

- urging the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Hasan Basri unless he is to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence in which case he should be transferred to police custody;
- urging the authorities to provide guarantees for his safety, including from further torture or ill-treatment;
- calling for reports that he has been tortured in military custody to be immediately investigated;
- urging that he is given immediate access to lawyers, his family and medical attention.

APPEALS TO:

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 April 2002.