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Further information on 175/01 (ASA 21/031/2001, 18 July 2001) - Fear for safety/fear of torture or ill-treatment

INDONESIA Indra P Keumala (alias Iin), [m] aged 21
Happy (alias Lalok), [m], aged 22

Indra P Keumala and Happy have been released without charge after being tortured in police custody.

Between 10 and 20 police officers at the Rikit Gaib Police Sector (Polsek) kicked and beat the two human rights activists all over their bodies causing serious injuries. Indra's fingers were burnt with cigarettes and an iron bar was used to attack their genitals. They were covered with water mixed with faeces, beaten with a broom handle, verbally abused, spat on and threatened with death.

Indra and Happy were forced to sign documents they did not understand. They were released in the evening of 18 July after being detained for around 24 hours.

Indra is a volunteer with the Aceh branch of the *Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence* (Kontras), a non-governmental human rights organisation. Happy is a member of the *People's Crisis Center* (PCC), an Aceh-based volunteer organisation, which distributes aid and monitors human rights violations. They and two colleagues had been stopped by the police on 17 July as they were returning from Central Aceh where they had been investigating serious allegations of human rights abuses. Indra was taken by the police, and Happy was detained when he went to Polsek to inquire about him.

Amnesty International will be following-up the torture allegations. No further action is needed from the UA Network at this time. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.