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**15 December 2000**

**Further information on UA 374/00 (ASA 21/74/00, 8 December 2000) - Fear of torture/arbitrary arrest**

**INDONESIA**                      **Up to 99 people, including around 50 students**  
**New name:**                      **Johannes Bonai, human rights activist**

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Most of those arrested in relation to the killing of two police officers and a security guard in Papua are believed to have been released, although the police have refused to tell human rights monitors if any are still held. In the meantime, a leading human rights activist is being held for questioning after having criticised the security forces' conduct during raids to find those responsible for the killings.

Johannes Bonai, the director of the Institute for Human Rights Advocacy (Elsham), was summoned by the police on 15 December after Elsham made a statement accusing the security forces of arbitrarily arresting people, killing three student and torturing others during raids on 7 December. He is held for questioning under Article 311 of the Criminal Code, which punishes slander by up to four year's imprisonment. If he is to be detained, Amnesty International would consider Johannes Bonai to be a prisoner of conscience. There are fears that other members of Elsham may be arrested.

Elsham reported that one student, 18-year-old Elkius Suhuniab, was shot dead by members of the Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) during the raid and two other students, Johny Karrunggu (18) and Orry Doronggi (17) died in police custody as a result of torture. The organization said that a total of 101 people were arrested at the time, including 19 children between the ages of seven and 18 and that members of the police and Brimob reportedly also tortured the detainees, including by beating them.

While Amnesty International recognizes the right of the Indonesian authorities to bring to justice those responsible for the killings, it is concerned that the rights of any suspect who may still be in detention should be protected in accordance with national and international standards.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or in your own language:**

- urging the authorities guarantee that the three remaining detainees will not be tortured or ill-treated, and that they will have access to lawyers, medical attention and members of their families;
- expressing grave concern that Johannes Bonai has been summoned for questioning purely on the basis of his legitimate role in publicising alleged human rights violations;
- calling on the authorities to immediately carry out an independent and thorough investigation into the allegations of unlawful killings, torture and arbitrary detentions during the raids on 7 December.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear Commissioner-General Bimantoro**

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**Salutation: Dear Sir**

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