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Further Information on UA 150/03 (ASA 21/023/2003, 28 May 2003) Fear for safety

INDONESIA	M. Hassan (m), aged 30
	Amir (m), aged 35, farmer
	Mulkan (m), aged 50, law consultant
	Tarmizi (m), businessman
	20 villagers (names unknown)
killed:	Muhammad Jamal (m), aged 40, employee of TV company

The body of Muhammad Jamal, an employee with the production department of the state television company TVRI, was found on 17 June, near Banda Aceh town.

Muhammad Jamal had “disappeared” on 20 May, after being taken from the TVRI offices by a group of men who some sources claim were from the military. According to a media report, Muhammad Jamal was found in a river, his eyes and mouth covered by tape, arms bound and a noose with a boulder attached was fastened around his neck.

M. Hassan, Amir and Mulkan are now known to be being held in the Regional Police Station (Polda) in Banda Aceh. They have had access to lawyers, but have not yet been charged. M. Hassan was reportedly arrested during a “sweeping operation” to hunt down members of GAM in his home village of Paya Kunyut in Montasik Sub-district, Aceh Besar District. Amir was also detained on 24 May, while on his way to his garden in Lampanah village, Indrapuri Sub-district, Aceh Besar District. Mulkan was arrested five days earlier, on 19 May, at his home in Baiturrahman Sub-district, Banda Aceh town.

There is no further information available on the whereabouts of Tarmizi or 20 villagers.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor these cases and is campaigning on their behalf using other longer-term methods.