

UA 224/02 Fear for safety/torture or ill-treatment**INDONESIA** Zikrillah (m) aged 18, student and human rights activist
Nasrudin (m)

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Zikrillah and Nasrudin who are being held in military detention in Aceh province. They are at risk of torture, ill-treatment or being killed.

On 6 July, Zikrillah, who is a volunteer with *Jaringan Rakyat Pemantau HAM* (JRP HAM), the People's Network for Human Rights Monitoring in Pidie District, was taken from his home in Beuracan, Mereudu Sub-district, Pidie during military operations to capture members of the armed opposition movement, the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). According to information received from an Aceh based human rights group, Zikrillah was taken to the Mereudu Sub-district Military Command (Koramil) where he was interrogated, tortured and forced to admit that he was a member of GAM. He is reportedly not a member of GAM and may have been detained solely because of his human rights activities.

He was later moved, together with a man called Nasrudin and two others who had also been held at Koramil, to a temporary military post established by troops from the Army Strategic Command (Kostrad) in the village of Dayah Jambe, also in Mereudu Sub-district. The two unnamed men were subsequently released. Zikrillah and Nasrudin are still detained and are believed to be at serious risk of torture or ill-treatment.

While in detention Zikrillah has also reportedly been threatened because of advocacy carried out by a local human rights group on his behalf.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Grave human rights violations, including unlawful killings, "disappearances" torture and detention without charge, are continuing in Aceh where military and police operations are being carried out against the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). Local human rights groups have reported that at least 1,500 people were killed as a result of these operations during 2001. Many of those killed are believed to be civilians.

Anyone detained by the police or the military in Aceh is at grave risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations. Human rights defenders have been the target of human rights violations. At least nine are thought to have been unlawfully killed since 1999, others have been unlawfully detained and tortured. As with most other human rights cases in Aceh, no investigations have taken place and perpetrators have not been brought to justice.

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

- urge the authorities to take immediate steps to ensure that Zikrillah and Nasrudin are not subjected to torture or other human rights violations and to ensure that they have access to lawyers, medical assistance and members of their families;
- call on the authorities to transfer the two men to police custody where they should be charged with a recognizably criminal offence or released;
- call on the authorities to immediately establish an impartial and effective investigation into allegations that Zikrillah has been subjected to torture.

- remind the authorities of their obligation to protect human rights defenders in carrying out their legitimate, peaceful activities.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 August 2002.