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INDONESIASyaifuddin Gani, human rights lawyer
Nazaruddin Ibrahim, human rights lawyer

Human rights lawyers Syaifuddin Gani and Nazaruddin Ibrahim were released today.

They were arrested on 4 January 2000 in Sigli, Pidie district. The precise reasons for their arrest are unknown, though it is thought to have been linked to their active involvement with non-governmental human rights organizations in Aceh.

The police have confiscated a laptop belonging to Syaifuddin Gani, and it is not clear whether he and Nazaruddin Ibrahim will face legal proceedings.

Thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is needed from the UA network.