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Possible

INDONESIA Alibasyah Husen, aged 30
Samsul Bahri (Killed)

Alibasyah Husen has "disappeared" after being detained by police in Aceh on 3 September 2000. Amnesty International is concerned for his safety.

The Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) took Alibasyah Husen to Pidie Police Resort (Polres) after he was injured in a motorcycle accident. Witnesses claim to have seen him in police detention, and the police reportedly initially admitted to holding him. However, when Alibasyah Husen's family later asked for confirmation of his whereabouts, the police denied that he was in their custody.

Alibasyah Husen and his companion, Samsul Bahri, were involved in a motorcycle accident when they tried to avoid a security force attack on the armed opposition group, Free Aceh Movement (*Gerakan Aceh Merdeka - GAM*), in the Mutiara Sub-district, Pidie District. According to unconfirmed reports, Brimob members killed Samsul Bahri on the spot.

Alibasyah Husen was connected with GAM but was not armed at the time of his arrest, according to his family. Amnesty International believes he risks being tortured or killed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Indonesian government and GAM began a three-month suspension of armed operations in Aceh on 2 June, known as the "humanitarian pause", to allow humanitarian aid to be delivered in the province. This has now been extended in principle, and the two sides are negotiating the exact terms of the extension.

At first, this agreement appeared to have a positive impact on the human rights situation in Aceh. However, both sides have continued to commit human rights violations after the agreement came into effect, and recent reports indicate that the situation has deteriorated.

Extrajudicial executions continue to take place, sometimes during police and military operations to find GAM members. Arbitrary arrests, torture and "disappearances" are also being reported.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately clarify the whereabouts of Alibasyah Husen, and to guarantee that he will not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging the authorities to ensure that he has immediate access to a lawyer of his own choice, medical attention and to members of his family;
- calling on the authorities to immediately investigate allegations that Samsul Bahri was extrajudicially executed by members of Brimob.

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