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Further information on EXTRA 95/96 (ASA 21/36/96, 21 June 1996) - Use of excessive force / Fear for safety and new concern: Fear of ill-treatment

INDONESIA Indonesian Democratic Party demonstrators in Jakarta

There are reports that between 40 and 70 people involved in the march on 20 June by members of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) have been arrested. One official source quoted by Reuters said that "at least 54 people had been detained". According to some reports demonstrators were first taken to the headquarters of Kostrad - the Army Strategic Reserve Command, but were subsequently transferred to Polda - Jakarta's main police station. To Amnesty International's knowledge the authorities have not provided the names of those being held.

PDI activists gathered on 21 June at the party's headquarters in Jakarta. There was a heavy troop presence in the area but there are no reports of any clashes taking place. Reports of injuries sustained by demonstrators during the march on 20 June continue to be received. In addition, a number of soldiers are said to have been injured by stones thrown by demonstrators.

Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of those involved in PDI demonstrations for the duration of the Medan congress. In addition, while the organization recognises the right of the Indonesian authorities to bring to justice anyone who may have been responsible for acts of violence, it is concerned that at least some of the detainees may have been arrested for their peaceful participation in the march and fears that all the detainees are at risk of ill-treatment in custody.

PLEASE CONTINUE APPEALS AS SPECIFIED IN ORIGINAL ACTION, PARTICULARLY TELEGRAMS CALLING FOR POLICE RESTRAINT AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS AS RALLIES CONTINUE IN JAKARTA.

IN ADDITION: please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or in your own language:

- urging the authorities to provide details of the names of those detained in relation to the PDI demonstration on the 20 June;
- calling for all possible measures to be taken to ensure the safety of the detainees, including allowing them access to the International Committees of the Red Cross, lawyers and their families;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of the detainees, unless they are charged with recognisably criminal offences under existing laws.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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