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Arbitrary Detention

22 November 1995

INDONESIA **Yusfiq Hadjar, human rights activist, French national**
Mindo Rajagukguk, human rights activist
Neti, trade unionist
and two others

Five people, including one foreign national, were arrested on 22 November 1995 in Jakarta. Amnesty International is concerned that the five appear to have been arbitrarily detained and that their arrest is an attack on peaceful human rights activities.

The five, Indonesian human rights activist Mindo Rajagukguk, French national human rights and pro-democracy activist, Yusfiq Hadjar, Neti, a labour activist with independent trade union, *Serikat Buruh Sejahtera Indonesia* (SBSI), and two others whose names are not known, were arrested by police around 2pm in Jakarta. It is believed that the five were arrested after observing the trial of former politician Sri Bintang Pamungkas. They left the court, had lunch in a restaurant together, and were apparently arrested after leaving the restaurant. They are believed to have been taken first to a police station in Sawah Besar, Jakarta, and then transferred to the Police Area Command in Central Jakarta where they are currently being questioned by the police. It is not known whether they will be charged and they are believed to have been arrested without warrants. Independent lawyers are currently attempting to meet with them.

It is thought that the five were arrested because of the presence of Yusfiq Hadjar who is known as a human rights and political activist. Amnesty International is concerned that the five appear to have been arbitrarily detained for the peaceful exercise of their freedom of association.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Restrictions on freedom of speech and association have continued during 1995 with human rights, pro-democracy and labour activists and journalists frequently being the target of arbitrary arrest and imprisonment. Politician Sri Bintang Pamungkas is currently being tried in Jakarta for allegedly insulting the president, an offence which is punishable with a maximum prison sentence of six years. The accusation against him is that he insulted the president while attending seminars and a demonstration in Hannover, Germany, in April concerning human rights violations in Indonesia and East Timor. Amnesty International has called on the Indonesian Government to drop the charges against Sri Bintang Pamungkas. If convicted, Amnesty International would consider him a prisoner of conscience.

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

- urging the Indonesian Government to clarify the charges against Mindo Rajagukguk, Neti, Yusfiq Hadjar and the two others;
- urging the government to release the five unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging the authorities to ensure that they are guaranteed access to lawyers of their own choice;

- urging the authorities to ensure that individuals are not subjected to arbitrary detention as a result of their peaceful activities in defence of human rights.

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