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Further Information on UA 124/05 (ASA 21/007/2005, 13 May 2005) Possible "disappearance"/fear for safety

INDONESIA Nirmala Ohee (f), aged 29 Demy Bebari (m), aged 31, husband of Nirmala Ohee, and their family

Nirmala Ohee, wife of human rights activist Demy Bebari, is safe and well after returning to her family in Papua province. Amnesty International currently has no information on what happened after she went missing on 12 May.

Local human rights organisations in Papua province feared that Nirmala Ohee had been abducted. She had told her husband she had been followed and watched in January 2005. Demy Bebari has said that he and his family have repeatedly been intimidated and have received death threats, since he gave a statement to an US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team examining the 2002 killings of two US citizens and one Indonesian in Mimika District, Papua province, as part of his work with the Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy (ELS-HAM). Other members of ELS-HAM involved in an investigation into the attack were subjected to intimidation and harassment during the course of the investigation. There are also credible reports that witnesses were intimidated.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation of all human rights defenders and their families in Papua province.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required at present.