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Fear of torture/ill-treatment

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INDONESIA Irwan Adriyansah, student

Irwan Adriyansah, a young activist from the West Java city of Bandung, was arrested on 26 February 1997 by men in plain clothes, believed to be from the security forces. Eyewitnesses to his arrest fear that he is being held incommunicado in military custody, but lawyers in Bandung have so far failed to locate him. Amnesty International fears that he may be tortured or otherwise ill-treated while held incommunicado.

Irwan Adriyansah was arrested at around 6pm from his home in Jalan Pahlawan, Bandung. It is believed that various opposition pamphlets including one from the People's Democratic Party (*Partai Rakyat Demockrasi*, PRD) and the magazine *Suara Independen*, Independent Voice, were confiscated from his home at the time of his arrest.

The PRD has been blamed by the authorities for riots which broke out in Jakarta in July 1996. There are currently 14 members of the PRD and its affiliated organizations on trial in Jakarta and Surabaya under the Anti-subversion Law. Also currently on trial in Jakarta is Andi Syahputra who has been charged with insulting the President in connection with the printing of *Suara Independen*, which is produced without government authorization.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Torture and ill-treatment of political detainees is common in Indonesia and the risk is heightened for those held incommunicado where they are denied access to independent lawyers. Following the riots in Jakarta in July 1996, up to 108 individuals were arbitrarily arrested, with dozens being held incommunicado before being allowed access to lawyers. Some of those held incommunicado were subjected to torture and ill-treatment.

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

- asking for information on the exact whereabouts of Irwan Adriyansah;
- requesting guarantees that he will not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that he has access to independent legal counsel and to his family;
- calling for his immediate and unconditional release if he is being held for the peaceful expression of his beliefs.

APPEALS TO:

**MILITARY COMMANDER REGION III/SILIWANGI
(covers West Java)**

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Siliwangi
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Telegrams: Pangdam III Siliwangi, Bandung, Indonesia

Salutation: Dear Commander

MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 April 1997.