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Further information on UA 46/98 (ASA 21/07/98, 11 February 1998) - Fear of incommunicado detention

INDONESIA Pius Lustrilanang, 29
New name - Desmond J Mahesa, 33

There is still no news of the whereabouts of Pius Lustrilanang, the student activist from the People's Democratic Alliance (Aldera) who has been missing since 4 February 1998.

Amnesty International is also concerned for the safety of another activist, Desmond J Mahesa, who is the Director of the Legal Aid Institute (Lembaga Bantuan Hukum) Nusantara in Jakarta. He was last seen on 3 February. Eight military intelligence officers are reported to have visited his office the day before he was last seen. Concerns about Desmond's whereabouts have been conveyed to Indonesia's National Commission on Human Rights (Komnas HAM). There are fears that as in the case of Pius Lustrilanang, Desmond may have been arrested by the security forces and is being held in incommunicado detention.

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

- urging the police to investigate the report that Desmond J Mahesa is missing;
- urging that if he has been arrested, he be given immediate and regular access to lawyers of his choice and that any charges against him be clarified;
- urging that if he is being detained for his peaceful political beliefs he be released immediately and unconditionally.

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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 30 March 1998.