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**UA 161/01**        **Fear for safety/Fear of torture or ill-treatment**        **28 June 2001**

**INDONESIA**      **Idawati binti Hanafiah (f) aged 38**  
**M. Jafar Ibrahim, aged 38**

The two people named above were arrested by Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) officers in Aceh Province on 26 June. Both are now believed to be held at Pidie police station (*Police Resort, Polres*). The police are reportedly refusing to let their relatives see them, and Amnesty International is concerned that they are at serious risk of torture or ill-treatment.

According to local sources, Idawati binti Hanafiah was working at her coffee stall in Rambong Meunasah Gadeng village, Mutiara Sub-district, Pidie District when she was arrested. The Brimob officers reportedly ransacked her stall and confiscated several of her belongings, including money and jewellery. Her brother-in-law, M. Jafar Ibrahim, was arrested at the same time, and they were both taken away in a truck. According to local people, shouts or screams could be heard coming from inside the truck as it drove away.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Serious human rights violations, including unlawful killings, torture and arbitrary detention, are continuing in Aceh during military and police operations against the armed opposition group, the Free Aceh Movement (*Gerakan Aceh Merdeka, GAM*). New military operations began in May 2001 and hundreds of extra troops have been sent to the province over recent weeks. It is estimated that over 600 people have been killed in the conflict during the first six months of this year - many of them civilians.

Those arrested or abducted by the military or the police in Aceh are at serious risk of torture, ill-treatment, "disappearance" or extrajudicial execution. On 18 June 2001, three high school students were shot dead after they, their classmates and two teachers were detained and beaten by Brimob officers. The children had been attending a graduation ceremony when Brimob raided the school in Caleng, West Aceh, after a Brimob member was killed in a clash with GAM.

Peace talks between the Indonesian government and GAM are due to resume next week. Previous efforts at dialogue have had no impact on the level of human rights violations in the province.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:**

- urging the authorities to guarantee that Idawati binti Hanafiah and M. Jafar Ibrahim will not be subjected to torture or other human rights violations;
- calling on the authorities to give them immediate access to lawyers, their families and medical treatment;
- asking for them to be released immediately and unconditionally unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation:**    **Dear Senior Commissioner**

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**Salutation: Dear Commissioner-General**

[Note: the name of the National Police Chief is not included as the post is currently the subject of political dispute. Please just address letters to "National Police Chief"]

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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 9 August 2001.