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Further Information on UA 182/03 (ASA 21/028/2003, 20 June 2003) Fear of torture or ill-treatment New concerns: Unlawful detention/fear for safety

INDONESIA	Nuraini (f), aged 29, human rights defender Zakaria Ismail (m), aged 65, farmer, her father Zulkifli (m), aged 50	
New names:	Asiah (f) Afridal Darmi (m) Syarifa Murlina (f) Members of the Commission for Invo Victims of Violence (Kontras) Members of Aceh Branch of Legal Aid	

On 28 June, Nuraini was transferred from police detention in Pidie District to the Police Headquarters (Polda) in Banda Aceh, Nanggro Aceh Darusalam (NAD) Province, where she has been visited by lawyers.

She was reportedly beaten, threatened with weapons and forced to strip shortly after she was initially detained. She has not been formally charged with any offence. Amnesty International considers her to be a prisoner of conscience detained on account of her peaceful and legitimate human rights activities. Nuraini is not believed to have been tortured since she was transferred to Polda Aceh. There is no further information on Nuraini's father, Zakaria Ismail and neighbour, Zulkifli who were arrested with her on 20 June.

Other staff and volunteers of the Aceh branch of the Commission for Involuntary Disappearances and Victims of Violence (Kontras), where Nuraini works, and the Legal Aid Institute - Aceh (LBH-Aceh), another leading non-governmental organization, are also believed to be at risk of illegal detention and other human rights violations. On 28 June, seven men in plain clothes, believed to be members of the Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) visited the offices of LBH-Aceh on two occasions. During the first visit they asked to speak to Asiah, who is the Coordinator of Investigations for Kontras. They left after they were informed that Kontras, who had previously shared an office with LBH-Aceh, had recently moved to another office. It is believed that the police are looking for Asiah because of her role in gathering information on human rights violations collected by Kontras volunteers in the field, such as Nuraini.

One hour later, the seven unidentified men returned to the office of LBH-Aceh. They then asked for two lawyers with LBH-Aceh, Afridal Darmi and Syarifa Murlina. Neither of them was in the office at the time. Having failed to locate the two lawyers, the seven men then searched the office, kicked down a door and threw books onto the floor. They threatened to return, though they have not yet done so. LBH lawyers represent political prisoners in NAD. Nuraini is among their clients.

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

- expressing concern that Nuraini has been detained solely on account of her human rights activities and urging the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release her;

- expressing concern about reports that Nuraini has been tortured and calling for an immediate, independent and impartial investigation into these allegations;

- urging the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Zakaria Ismail and Zulfilki if they are being detained solely on account of their peacefully held views or activities, and to guarantee they will not be tortured or ill-treated in detention;

- expressing concern that Asiah, Afridal Darmi, Syarifa Murlina and other members of the Commission for Involuntary Disappearances and Victims of Violence (Kontras) and the Legal Aid Institute - Aceh (LBH-Aceh) may be at risk of illegal detention and other human rights violations;

- reminding the authorities of the legitimate role of human rights defenders and their responsibility to protect them in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

APPEALS TO:

Chief of Police, Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) Brigadier General Bahrumsyah Kasman Kapolda Aceh Jalan Cut Meutia No. 3 Banda Aceh, Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Indonesia **Telegram:** Kapolda NAD, Banda Aceh, NAD, Indonesia Fax: + 62 651 23670 Salutation: Dear Brigadier General

Military Commander, Kodam / Iskandar Muda Maj.Gen Endang Suwarya Markas Komando Daerah Militer Iskandar Muda JI. Ahmad Yani, Simpang Lima Banda Aceh, Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Indonesia Telegram: Pangdam Iskandar Muda, Banda Aceh, NAD, Indonesia Fax: + 62 651 27063 / 26979 (if someone answers, please ask for the fax: "saya mau kirim fax") Salutation: Dear Major General

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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 11 August 2003.