

INDONESIA Bahraini (m), aged 25

Bahraini, a farmer from Krueng Meusegop village in Aceh Province was detained by members of the Indonesian Military, *Tentara Nasional Indonesia*, (TNI) on 1 September 2002. It is believed that he is being held at Samalanga Sub-district Military Command Post (Koramil Samalanga). There are serious fears for his safety, as detainees are commonly tortured by the military in Aceh.

At around 2pm, Bahraini and another man were reportedly stopped by troops stationed at Dayah Simpang Mamplam Military Post in Samalanga Sub-district, Aceh Jeumpa District (TNI BKO Posko Dayah Simpang Mamplam) as they passed by on a motorbike. Both men were detained and taken to Samalanga Koramil.

Bahraini reportedly remains in detention, though his travelling companion was released at around 4pm on the same day. When contacted by a local human rights organization, the Commander of Samalanga Koramil denied that Bahraini had been detained. According to unconfirmed reports however, Bahraini has been forced to accompany the military as they carry out their operations.

Bahraini has not had access to his family or lawyers. On 5 September, a representative from Krueng Meusegop village was reportedly allowed to see him in Samalanga Koramil. The representative was not permitted to speak to him and has reportedly expressed concern that Bahraini may have been tortured or ill-treated.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Grave human rights violations, including unlawful killings, "disappearances", torture and detention without charge are continuing in Aceh where military and police operations are being carried out against the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). Local human rights groups have reported that at least 1,500 people were killed as a result of these operations during 2001. Many of those killed are believed to be civilians. Reliable figures are not available for this year, but it is thought that unlawful killings of civilians by both the Indonesian security forces and GAM are taking place on a similar, if not higher scale.

Anyone detained by the police or the military in Aceh is at grave risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations. Human rights defenders have also been the target of human rights violations. At least nine are thought to have been unlawfully killed since 1999, others have been unlawfully detained and tortured. As with most other human rights cases in Aceh, no investigations have taken place and the perpetrators have not been brought to justice.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately clarify the whereabouts of Bahraini and expressing concern for his safety;
- calling on the authorities to provide guarantees for Bahraini's safety, including assurances that he is not subjected to torture or other human rights violations;
- requesting that he is given immediate access to his family, lawyers and any medical attention he may require.

APPEALS TO:

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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 20 November 2002.