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Further information on UA 100/98 (ASA 21/28/98, 30 March 1998) - Incommunicado Detention / Fear of ill-treatment / Health concern

INDONESIAAndi Arief, 26, political activist

Andi Arief, who has been in incommunicado detention since 28 March 1998, is now known to have been transferred to the Police Headquarters in Jakarta and to have received a visit from a lawyer. Serious concerns remain for his state of health, however, in view of the serious medical illnesses from which he suffers, including diabetes.

Andi Arief is the leader of SMID, the Indonesian Students' Solidarity for Democracy, an organization regarded as illegal by the Indonesian Government. He was kidnapped in Lampung, South Sumatra, by unidentified men and has been held in secret military detention for the past month during which the military authorities denied any knowledge of his whereabouts.

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

- urging the authorities to clarify the precise charges under which Andi Arief is being held;
- urging the authorities to ensure that Andi Arief has regular and on-going access to independent legal counsel, his family and to medical professionals; urging the authorities to release him unless he is to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence.

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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 4 June 1998.