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Further information on UA 296/02 (ASA 21/038/2002, 1 October 2002) - Fear for safety/intimidation

**INDONESIA Alberth Rumbekwan (m)  
Activists working with the Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy  
(ELS-HAM) in Jakarta**

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On 11 October two men forcibly entered the Jakarta office of the Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy (ELS-HAM). It is believed that they were looking for Alberth Rumbekwan, the head of ELS-HAM's Jakarta office.

At around 12.30pm, two men, reportedly carrying knives, forced open the gate in front of the ELS-HAM office and broke open the main door, which was locked. The two men reportedly entered every room and spent 30 minutes destroying books, documents and other items in the office. They also took computer discs and a number of ELS-HAM documents. ELS-HAM activists who hid in the bathroom heard the two men saying that the person they were looking for was not there. Alberth Rumbekwan was not in the office at the time of the incident.

Two days earlier, on 9 October, Alberth Rumbekwan had received an anonymous phone call asking him to identify himself. After he did, he was told that "if you want to stay safe, don't make phone calls or send e-mails anywhere. If you want to stay safe, from now on don't get involved."

These incidents follow reports by ELS-HAM staff in Jakarta and Papua that they were being followed, and reports that the Papua office of ELS-HAM is under surveillance. This appears to be in connection with a press release issued by ELS-HAM on 25 September, in which ELS-HAM stated that there were indications that the military's Special Forces Command (Kopassus) may have been involved in an attack near the PT Freeport Indonesia gold and copper mine in Tembagapura, Mimika District, Papua Province. Three people, including one Indonesian and two American citizens, were killed in the attack.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in Bahasa Indonesia, English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Alberth Rumbekwan and other ELS-HAM activists in Jakarta, and urging the authorities to take immediate, concrete measures to guarantee their safety;
- calling on the authorities to investigate the threats and intimidation against ELS-HAM and to take immediate and appropriate action against those responsible;
- calling for the authorities to ensure that all members of the police and military are made aware of the legitimate role of human rights defenders and their responsibility to protect human rights defenders under 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.

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**Salutation: Dear President**

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 21 November 2002.