

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 145/95 (ASA 21/56/95, 22 November 1995) - Arbitrary Detention

INDONESIA Yusfiq Hadjar, French national
Mindu Rajagukguk
Neti, trade unionist
Asep Muslim

Sophie Bahar

All five people named above have been released from police custody without being charged. Yusfiq Hadjar, a French national, has been deported from Indonesia.

Mindu Rajagukguk, Neti, Asep Muslim and Sophie Bahar were released at around 8pm on 22 November after being detained and questioned by police for around eight hours. They claim to have been told by the police that they were being held because of a police investigation into the activities of a foreign citizen, believed to be Yusfiq Hadjar.

Yusfiq Hadjar was held in police custody overnight and was apparently handed over by the police to the Immigration Department after 8am on 23 November. He was deported to the Netherlands on a plane which left Jakarta around 2pm.

Amnesty International is concerned that the five appear to have been arrested because of the peaceful activities of Yusfiq Hadjar. As further evidence of government attempts to restrict the activities of those engaging in peaceful political and human rights activities, the arrests are consistent with comments and attacks by the Indonesian Government during 1995 against Indonesian human rights and political activists, both those working outside and inside the country. In April, Indonesian President Suharto criticised Indonesians providing information to outside organizations and individuals concerning human rights violations. Others have been charged or threatened with charges for their alleged role in demonstrations outside the country concerning human rights violations in Indonesia and East Timor.

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

- welcoming the release from detention of all five people;
- expressing concern that Yusfiq Hadjar appears to have been arbitrarily detained and interrogated for his peaceful activities, and that the other four were detained because of their connection with him;
- urging the authorities to ensure that individuals can engage in peaceful human rights and political activities without fear of arbitrary arrest and interrogation.

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