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Further information (5) on UA 198/96 (ASA 21/55/96, 10 September) and follow-ups ASA 21/58/96, 12 August; ASA 21/59/96, 14 August; ASA 21/61/96, 16 August; ASA 21/62/96, 19 August - Fear for safety / possible prisoners of conscience / torture / medical concern / prisoner of conscience

INDONESIA

released: Hendrik Dikson Sirait  
Abadi Halawa  
Ganda Manurung  
Freddy Manurung  
Mangasi  
Simson Simanjuntak  
Ronald Naibaho  
Parlindungan Sibuea  
Benny Sumardi (previously listed as Benny S)  
Budi Pratong  
Syamsul Bachri  

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28 alleged PRD activists in Bali

Thirty-nine people arrested in the past weeks for their alleged involvement in the disturbances in Jakarta on 27 and 28 July have been released from detention. Of the 39, at least three are still facing charges under the Anti-subversion law, while others face charges under the Indonesian Criminal Code.

The 28 alleged PRD activists arrested in Bali on 7 August were released the same day, although 11 of them were called back for questioning. It is not clear if they are facing charges themselves, or are being questioned as witnesses in relation to other cases.

The seven (six students and one other) who were arrested in Medan, North Sumatra on 6 August, Abadi Halawa, Ganda Manurung, Freddy Manurung, Mangasi, Simson Simanjuntak, Ronald Naibaho and Parlindungan Sibuea, were all released on 9 August.

Benny Sumardi, the owner of the house in which Budiman Sujatmiko and other members of the Partai Rakyat Demokratik (PRD) had been hiding, was released on 21 August. Benny Sumardi has to report to the police twice a week and is still facing charges of harbouring criminals.

Budi Pratono and Syamsul Bachri were released on bail on 21 August. Both are still facing charges under the Anti-subversion law.

Hendrik Dikson Sirait was released on bail on 26 August. He has to report regularly to the police and is still facing charges.

Nyonya B Veronica Sembiring, female, who was released on 15 August (see follow-up to UA 198/96, ASA 21/62/96, 19 August) is also still facing charges relating to the possession of ammunition.

A total of 183 people have been arrested or summoned for questioning since the raid on the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) on 27 July and subsequent disturbances on 27 and 28 July. At least 33 of the 183 are still being detained.

Amnesty International considers most, if not all, of these people to be prisoners of conscience.

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

- welcoming the fact that the above 39 individuals are no longer held in detention, but calling for the charges against all those who were held solely because of their peaceful beliefs or activities to be dropped;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of all other detainees who are being held solely for their peaceful activities;
- requesting guarantees that none of the 33 people still held will be subjected to ill-treatment or torture;
- asking the authorities to ensure that all the detainees are given access to independent lawyers of their own choosing and to their families.

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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 25 October 1996.