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Further information on UA 173/99 (ASA 21/66/99, 22 July 1999) - Possible "disappearance"/fear of torture or ill-treatment

INDONESIAAyub Hasan, ambulance driver Izwar Puteh, volunteer humanitarian worker

Amnesty International has learnt that Izwar Puteh, who was arrested on 17 July 1999, was released from military custody on 22 July. He is believed to have been ill-treated in custody, and is injured, although the details are not yet clear.

Ayub Hasan is in military custody, and has reportedly been ill-treated. It is thought that he has not yet had access to human rights lawyers.

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

urging the authorities to provide guarantees for the safety of Ayub Hasan;
urging the authorities to ensure that he has regular access to human rights lawyers, his family and medical professionals, and that he is immediately released if he is not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
urging the authorities to ensure that there is an independent and impartial investigation into allegations that both Ayub Hasan and Izwar Puteh have been ill-treated.

APPEALS TO:

COPIES TO:

Military Commander Region I/Bukit Barisan (covers North & West Sumatra and Aceh) Major General Abdul Rahman Gaffar Pangdam I/Bukit Barisan Markas Besar KODAM I Medan Sumatra Utara Indonesia

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 8 September 1999.