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**MALAYSIA: Anderson Mutang Urud (Andy Mutang)**

On 5 February 1992 police authorities arrested Anderson Mutang Urud, a Kelabit (one of the ethnic groups in Sarawak, Malaysia), and detained him in the police station in Pissau Garden, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. He is reportedly suffering from a gastric disorder.

Although the Malaysian government has not made public the reason for his arrest, Amnesty International believes that he may have been arrested because of his non-violent activities against logging operations in the State of Sarawak, Malaysia including participation in local and international campaigns to stop logging and deforestation in Sarawak.

Andy Mutang, as he is popularly called, is a member of the Sarawak Indigenous People's Alliance (SIPA), a group established in 1991 to operate an information and research centre promoting sustainable land use, to work with indigenous communities affected by logging, to liaise between organizations and people interested in alternative development and agriculture, and to promote the trade of local indigenous craft.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The arrest was reportedly made under the Emergency (Public Order and Prevention of Crime) Ordinance, 1969 which provides for detention without charge or trial. Under Section 3(1) of this Ordinance anyone may be arrested without a warrant who is deemed by the authorities "of having acted or being about to act or being likely to act in any manner prejudicial to public order". Those arrested may be held for 60 days without either being charged or having to appear before a court, and may thereafter be given detention orders specifying any period not exceeding two years.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/telephone calls/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern at the arrest and detention without charge or trial of Andy Mutang under the Emergency (Public Order and Prevention of Crime) Ordinance, 1969 on 5 February 1992;
- requesting that Andy Mutang be released immediately and unconditionally

if he is not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;

- requesting that Andy Mutang be provided immediate access to adequate medical facilities;

- urging the government to ensure that the fundamental human rights of Andy Mutang are upheld in accordance with internationally accepted legal standards.

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**APPEALS TO:**

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30098 EPUPM MA (for attention of Prime Minister Mahathir)**

**Salutation: Dear Prime Minister**

Chief Minister of Sarawak:

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Chief Minister of Sarawak and Minister of Forestry  
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and to diplomatic representatives of Malaysia in your country.

Appeals from parliamentarians, businesspeople, lawyers, journalists, medical groups, academics from Japan and ASEAN countries would be particularly welcome.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 March 1992.