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Further Information on UA 79/04 (ASA 21/007/2004, 23 February 2004) Possible "disappearance" / fear for safety. New concerns: Incommunicado detention / fear of torture or ill-treatment

INDONESIA

Masrizal (m)  
Iwan Irama Putra (m), aged 27, human rights defender  
Harlina (f), aged 22, student, human rights defender

Released:

Nova Rahayu (f), aged 23, student, human rights defender  
Nursida (f), aged 22, student, human rights defender  
Syafuruddin (m), human rights defender

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Three of the six people believed to be at grave risk of torture and ill-treatment following their detention in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province (NAD) have now been released. However, Masrizal, Iwan Irama Putra and Harlina remain in detention. They have reportedly been beaten and are at risk of further torture or ill-treatment. They have not had access to lawyers or family members.

Masrizal, Iwan Irama Putra and Harlina were detained during a series of arrests that took place in the provincial capital of Banda Aceh between 19 and 23 February. They were initially held at the Police Mobile Brigade (*Brigade Mobil*, Brimob) post in the Lingke area of Banda Aceh, where they were reportedly beaten. On 26 February media quoted police as stating that they were being detained in Aceh Regional Police Station (*Markas Kepolisian Daerah*, Mapolda). They are reportedly being held on suspicion of involvement in an attack on a Brimob post in 2000, in which three Brimob officers were killed.

Nova Rahayu and Nursida, who were detained on 23 February, were released at around midnight the same day after being held for around 18 hours at the Brimob Lingke post. Syafuruddin, who was also detained on 23 February, was released after being detained briefly by members of Brimob.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Masrizal, Iwan Irama Putra and Harlina who are being detained in Mapolda Aceh;
- expressing concern about reports that they have been beaten, calling for an immediate independent and impartial investigation into these allegations, and urging the authorities to provide guarantees that they are not subjected to any further torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that they are given immediate access to lawyers of their own choosing, adequate medical treatment and members of their families;
- reminding the authorities that certain rights, including the right to life and protection from torture, cannot be limited or suspended even in times of a military emergency.
- calling on 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 and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

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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 10 April 2004.