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INDONESIANasrullah Ibrahim (m), aged 45  
Muhammad (m), aged 22  
Riza Pahlevi (m), aged 23

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Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of the three men named above. Their current whereabouts are unconfirmed, though they are believed to be held at the regional police headquarters, (*Markas Polisi Daerah, Mapolda*), in the provincial capital Banda Aceh, Aceh Province. They are at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

The men are members of the human rights organization Solidarity for Victims of Human Rights Abuse, *Solidaritas Persaudaraan Korban Pelanggaran Hak Asasi Manusia* (SPKP HAM). They were detained by uniformed police at 9.30pm on 12 March, at Nasrullah Ibrahim's house in Seumet village, Montasik Sub-district, Aceh Besar District. The following day at around 1.30pm, the police returned to the house and confiscated a computer.

Sources in Aceh do not know why the three were detained, but when the police returned, an officer reportedly asked Nasrullah Ibrahim's wife where weapons were stored in the house, to which she replied that there were no weapons.

Human rights activists who went to the regional police headquarters to inquire about the three, were told that they were not in police custody. However, information received through other sources indicate that the men may be held there.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Serious human rights violations, including unlawful killings, "disappearances", torture and arbitrary arrests, are continuing in Aceh during military and police operations against the armed opposition group, Free Aceh Movement, *Gerakan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM). Local human rights groups have reported that around 1,500 people were killed during military operations in 2001, most of them civilians. GAM has also been responsible for human rights abuses.

Anyone detained by the police or military in Aceh is at grave risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations. Human rights defenders have been the victims of extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention and torture.

Others have been accused of criminal offences which are believed to be primarily intended to intimidate them and discourage them from continuing their human rights work.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately clarify the whereabouts of Nasrullah Ibrahim, Muhammad and Riza Pahlevi and the reasons for their detention;
- urging the authorities to provide guarantees that they will not be subjected to torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations, and that they be given immediate access to lawyers, their families and medical attention should they require it;
- urging the authorities to ensure that they be released immediately and unconditionally unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

#### APPEALS TO:

Chief of Police for Aceh  
Irjen Yusuf Manggabarani  
Markas Polres Daerah Aceh  
Jl. Cut Meutia  
Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar  
Aceh, Indonesia

**Telegrams: Chief of Police for Aceh, Banda Aceh, Indonesia**  
**Fax: + 62 651 22488**  
**Salutation: Dear Inspector General**

Resort Police Chief, Aceh Besar  
Lt. Col. Sayed Husainy  
Kapolres Aceh Besar  
Markas Polres Aceh Besar  
Jl. T.M Daud Beureueh No. 71  
Banda Aceh, Aceh  
Indonesia

**Telegrams: Resort Police Chief, Banda Aceh, Indonesia**  
**Fax: + 62 651 21729 /41507 (if answered, please ask for a fax tone)**  
**Salutation: Dear Lt. Col.**

**COPIES TO:**

National Chief of Police  
Com. Gen. D'ai Bachtiar  
Markas Besar Kepolisian RI  
Jl. Trunojoyo 3  
Kebayoran Baru  
Jakarta Selatan  
Indonesia

**Telegrams: National Chief of Police, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia**  
**Fax: + 62 21 7201402**  
**Salutation: Dear Commander General**

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 April 2002.