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Further information on UA 331/92 (ASA 21/15/92, 23 October 1992) - Legal Concern

INDONESIA: Dadang Trisasongko, human rights lawyer

Amnesty International has received further information concerning Dadang Trisasongko, a human rights lawyer arrested on 19 October 1992 on charges of "subversion" and "incitement".

Dadang Trisasongko was released on 23 October 1992, pending further investigation of his case and the charge of "subversion" was subsequently dropped. However he still faces charges of "expressing hostility toward the government" (Article 154 of Indonesia's Criminal Code) and "incitement" (Article 160). If found guilty of "incitement" he could face a sentence of up to six years' imprisonment. The maximum penalty for "expressing hostility toward the government" is seven years' imprisonment. In addition, police maintain that there is a basis for the allegations that he opposed the government.

Amnesty International remains concerned as to the fate of Dadang Trisasongko.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either on English, Indonesian or in your own language:

- acknowledging the release of Dadang Trisasongko on 23 October and the withdrawal of subversion charges, but expressing concern that he still faces charges under Articles 154 and 160 of Indonesia's Criminal Code;
- expressing concern at the recent arrest of the human rights lawyer Dadang Trisasongko in connection with legal defence work on behalf of the community of Singosari-Gresik;
- expressing concern that Mr Trisasongko was denied the right to have a lawyer present during his interrogation by the police, a right which is guaranteed by Indonesia's own Code of Criminal Procedure (KUHAP);
- asking to be informed of the precise reasons for his arrest and of the nature of the charges to be brought against him.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 December 1992.