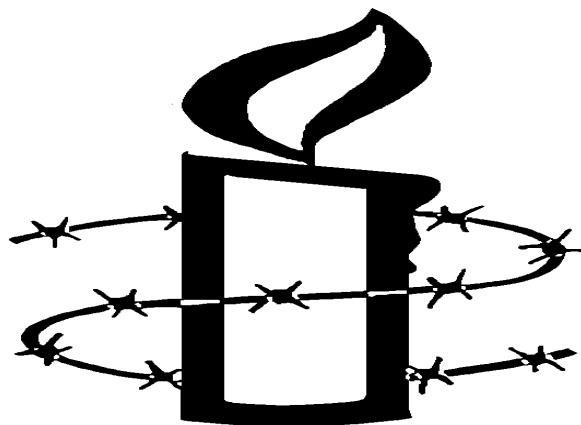

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Arrests of activists in connection with the March 1998 Presidential Election

Name	Arrest Details	Current Status
<p>Wimanjaya Liotohe September 1997</p>	<p>Wimanjaya Liotohe was arrested on 24 September 1997 after announcing his intention to run as a Vice-Presidential candidate in the March 1998 elections and following publication of a pamphlet which was critical of President Suharto.</p>	<p>Still detained and currently on trial for insulting the President at the South Jakarta District Court under Articles 134, 136 and 137 of the Criminal Code.</p>
<p>Five members of the Indonesian United Democratic Party, (PUDI) - in Malang, East Java 19 January 1998</p>	<p>Five people - Nurussulah Nawawi, Moh. Faiqh, Riko Fariza Adityatama, Lila Martasari and Dedi Suprpto - were arrested during a joint military and police raid on the PUDI office in Malang on 19 January. They were detained for around 27 hours and released after they refused to sign prepared statements without the presence of lawyers.</p>	<p>Three were released without charges. Two - Nurussulah Nawawi and Moh. Faiqh - were charged with holding a gathering without prior permission under Article 510 and required to report to police. Charges appear to have been dropped.</p>
<p>Desmond Mahesa - possibly arrested 3 February</p>	<p>Pro-democracy activist and Director of the Legal Aid Institute Nusantara (<i>Lembaga Bantuan Hukum</i>) in Jakarta, was last seen on 3 February. Eight military intelligence officers are reported to have visited his office the day before he was last seen.</p>	<p>Not known if he has been arrested but there are fears for his safety.</p>
<p>Pius Lustrilanang - possibly arrested</p>	<p>Activist with the People's Democratic Alliance (Aldera). Last seen on 4 February and believed to be in</p>	<p>Not known.</p>

4 February	military custody.	
Seven activists in Bogor 7 February	Seven student activists, Herlan Artono, Robert, Feri Hamzah, Wahyu, Abel, Imral and Abdi, from Aldera, were arrested at around 4 pm during a demonstration at a mosque in Bogor where the activists were distributing copies of a speech made by ousted PDI leader Megawati Sukarnoputri. They were taken into police custody and were released on 8 February. One of those arrested, Robert, claims to have been subjected to ill-treatment including being hit, when he was arrested.	Four of the activists - Herlan Artono, Abdi, Robert and Wahyu - were released on reporting conditions and facing charges of “expressing hatred” towards the government under Article 154 of the Indonesian Criminal Code. No further action taken by the police but the charges have not been formally dropped.
Six activists in Bandung 9 February	Six activists from Aldera in Bandung held for one day.	Believed to have been released without charges within 24 hours.
Activist in Sukabumi - name not known 10 February	Activist arrested on 10 February after being found with 30 copies of a speech by ousted PDI leader, Megawati Sukarnoputri.	Released after one day.
146 pro-democracy activists in Jakarta 11 February	One hundred and forty-six people from a pro-democracy group called the Red and White Front (<i>Barisan Merah Putih</i>) were arrested as they staged a protest march in Jakarta. There are allegations of beatings during the arrests. One of the women taken into custody claimed that she was not participating in	123 are still in police custody and are now believed to be facing charges under Law Number 5/PNPS/1963 which carries a maximum prison sentence of five years.

	<p>the demonstration but was selling food at a nearby stall. She was however detained along with her three year old child who was also held in custody.</p>	
<p>17 student activists in Bogor 12 February</p>	<p>Seventeen members of Aldera, Adi, Herlan Artono, Made, Ucok, Ferry Batubara, Feri Hamzah, E'eng, Kodir, Dedi, Michel, Eko, Robert, Robby, Kimung Mulyadi, Herly Moenara, Doni and Imral. (Includes four Aldera members who were previously taken into custody during the arrests in Bogor on 7 February). They were arrested by police just after midnight from their office. They were asked if they had obtained police permission for the meeting the police claimed that they were in the process of holding. The activists argued that it was not a meeting but were nevertheless arrested. No arrest warrants were issued. Items were confiscated from the office by the police without the documentation required under Indonesia's Criminal Procedures Code for this.</p>	<p>All released within 24 hours.</p>
<p>Three students from Bandung 13 February</p>	<p>Three student activists - Juandi R, Dianto Bachriadi and Azwar Zulkarnaen - arrested in Bandung, West Java during routine police traffic checks. They were taken into custody when the police found pro-democracy literature in their car. Access to lawyers was granted only after human rights lawyers protested to the police.</p>	<p>Dianto Bachriadi and Azwar Zulkarnaen were released without charges. Juandi R is still in custody and facing charges of "expressing hatred" towards the government under Article 154 of the Criminal Code.</p>
<p>Around 50 child labourers and labour activists in</p>	<p>Around 35 child labourers and 15 activists were arrested following a demonstration by a group called the "Global March Against Child Labour" in Jakarta.</p>	<p>The children were believed to have been released on the afternoon of 14 February and the 15 activists were released later the same night. During interrogation, the</p>

<p>Jakarta</p> <p>13 February</p>	<p>The activists included Aris Merdeka and Netty.</p>	<p>15 activists were threatened with charges under Article 217 of the Criminal Code which punishes those who refuse to move from a public place when ordered to with a maximum prison sentence of three weeks. The charges have not been formally dropped by the police but do not appear to have been pursued.</p>
<p>Five student activists in Garut, West Java</p> <p>16 February</p>	<p>Five students from the Garut Youth and Students' Forum (<i>Forum Pemuda Pelajar Mahasiswa Garut</i>) - Mahmud Yunus, Agus Rully Ardiyansyah, Cepi Kunaefi, Tanto Sugianto and Muhamad Iqbal - were arrested at 10.30 pm by police and soldiers from the District Military Command (Kodim) in Garut. They were detained at Kodim until around 2 am on 18 February when they were transferred to police custody. There were reportedly subjected to ill-treatment during interrogation by the military and denied access to lawyers. They were released on 19 February. Items, including computer equipment, were confiscated from their office.</p>	<p>Released on condition that they report to police twice a week. Not believed to be facing charges.</p>
<p>Three women demonstrators in Jakarta</p> <p>23 February</p>	<p>Three women - Dr Karlina Leksono Supeli, Gadis Arivia Effendi and Wilasih Noviana - from a group called Voice of Concerned Mothers (<i>Suara Ibu Peduli</i>) were taken into custody following a demonstration in Jakarta protesting against rising prices.</p>	<p>Released on 24 February after one night in police custody. Charged and tried under Article 510 of the Criminal Code. In March, all three were convicted and sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.</p>
<p>22 Demonstrators in Palu</p>	<p>Arrested following a peaceful demonstration in Palu.</p>	<p>All released except for Sukri who remains in police custody. It is not clear on what charges he is being held. It is believed that the police have not issued a Detention</p>

26 February		Order.
<u>Detektif & Romantika</u> magazine Chief Editor March	Chief Editor, Margiono, is being questioned under Article 137 of the Criminal Code which punishes insulting the president with a prison term of one year and four months, in connection with a cover illustration of the magazine which depicted President Suharto as a king. Margiono has also been suspended from the official Indonesian Journalists' Association for two years.	Not detained but questioned by police on 7 March for 10 and a half hours.
Cipayung activists 8 March	Forty-three students arrested during a peaceful demonstration in Yogyakarta.	All released. One student charged under Article 510 and believed to be facing trial on 12 March.
Berar Fathia [f] 9 March	A pro-democracy activist, arrested at the trial of <i>Suara Ibu Peduli</i> (SIP) member Dr Karlina Leksono Supeli, in possession of leaflets proclaiming Berar Fathia's candidacy for the presidential elections.	Currently detained in Polda , Metro Jaya and believed to be facing charges under Article 160 of the Criminal Code in conjunction with Law Number 5/PNPS/1963. Article 160 punishes those who incite others to disobey a government order or to break the law with a maximum imprisonment of six years.
Eleven student and labour activists 8 - 10 March	At least eight members of the independent trade union SBSI and three student activists were arrested in different locations. Farah Diba [f], a member of SBSI and three student activists Wandu Nicodemus, Kuldip Singh and Widi Wahyu Widodo were arrested in Jakarta during a demonstration on 8 March. Yudi Rahmat and Yudi Hermanto were arrested in Jakarta on 9 March on suspicion of holding an illegal	All 11 are still be in police custody in Jakarta, Serang, and in Lampung. At least four of the SBSI members have been formally charged under Law Number 5/PNPS/1963 as have the three student activists.

	<p>meeting and distributing an SBSI protest letter. They were detained first in military custody at the District Military Command in North Jakarta where they are believed to have been subjected to electric shocks. They have now been transferred to police custody. Sanusi was believed to have been arrested in Jakarta on 10 March. Sukirman was arrested in Lampung on 10 March and is currently detained in police custody in Lampung. Three other SBSI members, Seno, Mahmut and Sumanti, were arrested on 10 March in Serang.</p>	
<p>“People’s Summit” arrests 10 March</p>	<p>Nine people were arrested during a pro-democracy gathering in North Jakarta. The nine are Ratna Sarumpaet, Coordinator of SIAGA (Solidarity for Amien Rais and Megawati), Ging Ginanjar, journalist, Alexius Suria Tjahaja Tomu, human rights lawyer, Fathom Saulina (Ratna Sarumpaet’s daughter), Bonar Tigor Naipospos (Director of Indonesian Humanitarian Association, MIK and a former prisoner of conscience), Wira (human rights activist), Joel Thaher, (artist and activist), Aspar Paturus and Adi Hermawan.</p>	<p>Currently being detained in police custody in Jakarta. All nine have now been formally named as suspects and charged under Law Number 5/PNPS/1963, except for Ratna Sarumpaet who has also been charged with Article 154 of the Criminal Code .</p>