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UA 355/93 Death threats/harassment

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INDONESIA Ahmad Jauhari, lawyer, aged 28

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of Ahmad Jauhari.

A note containing death threats against him was found shortly after his house was wrecked by ten men in the early hours of 6 October 1993. The violent attack and threats appear to have been motivated by his work on behalf of farming communities in the Bogor area of West Java. He works for the Ampera Legal Aid Institute (LBH-Ampera) in Bogor.

The note left behind by the attackers read: "Johari! Leave Rancamaya now, or be ready to die like a dog! Pity your wife and child! If you stay you will never be safe. Johari! You're a dead man. Get out now. If you don't I'm going to kill you. I repeat. Leave this place. You are filth!"

Ahmad Jauhari was not in the house at the time but his wife, who had given birth to their first child only a few days before, was. As far as Amnesty International is aware, his wife and child were not physically harmed.

The identity of the attackers is not yet known to Amnesty International. However, the timing and context of the attack has raised suspicions of police involvement, or complicity. Less than two weeks before the attack Ahmad Jauhari had been detained by the authorities in Bogor for two or three days because of his involvement in a land dispute in the Bogor Regency. Soon after this incident LBH-Ampera and three other human rights organizations filed a case against the Bogor Chief of Police claiming that the arrest of Ahmad Jauhari and others had been illegal. In response, the Bogor Chief of Police made allegations about those supporting the farmers in the land dispute case which could, in Amnesty International's view, have encouraged enemies of those involved to believe that they could take action against them with impunity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ahmad Jauhari was among a group of over 300 peaceful protesters who were detained by military authorities in Bogor after taking part in a demonstration in Jakarta on 24 September 1993. They had been protesting about a long-standing land dispute in the Bogor Regency. Most of the group were held for 13 hours before being released without charge and permitted to return to their homes. However, five of those detained, including Ahmad Jauhari, two other human rights activists and two university students, were held for interrogation and reportedly remained in custody until 27 September. It is not clear whether any of the five have been formally charged. (See EXTRA 82/93, ASA 21/23/93, 30 September 1993.)

Four human rights organizations, including LBH-Ampera, filed a case against the Bogor Chief of Police, challenging the legality of the arrest of the LBH-Ampera activists. The Chief of Police accepted the suit, but is understood to have made public statements claiming that one of the human rights organization that supported the Bogor farmers had used methods identical to those of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) and mass organizations prior to the 1965 coup attempt.

In the Indonesian political context such accusations are extremely serious. Tens of thousands of former members of the PKI, banned since 1965, remain subject

to restrictions affecting their freedom of movement and civil rights, including the right to vote, to travel and to work. Furthermore, people who were, or who are alleged to be, members or supporters of the PKI continue to be treated with considerable suspicion and even hostility. Statements such as those made by the Bogor Chief of Police could therefore be highly inflammatory. The fact that they have been made by an authority such as the local police chief could create an atmosphere in which enemies of Ahmad Jauhari would feel free to act with impunity.

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

- urging the authorities to take immediate and effective measures to guarantee the safety of Ahmad Jauhari and his family;
- calling on the authorities police to investigate the identities of the attackers and the motivations for their actions;
- urging that once identified, the perpetrators be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Maj. Gen. Banurusman

Susilo Sudarman
 Coordinating Minister for Political/Security Affairs
 Jl. Merdeka Barat No. 15
 Jakarta, Indonesia
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Faxes: + 62 21 36 0517/7782 (c/o Foreign Ministry)
Salutation: Dear Minister Susilo Sudarman

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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