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INDONESIA Saiful Anwar (m), aged 34

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Saiful Anwar was arrested at around 2pm on 3 August in Langsa town, East Aceh District, Aceh Province. His whereabouts are unconfirmed, but it is believed that he is being held at Idi Rayeuk Police Sector (Polsek Idi Rayeuk). He may have "disappeared", and is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Saiful Anwar was allegedly arrested at Langsa Old Bus Terminal by members of Gegana, an elite police unit, and taken away in a Black Kijang truck. He had just returned from Medan, North Sumatra Province. It is not known why he was arrested. Police officers at Polsek Idi Rayeuk have reportedly refused to provide information about whether or not Saiful Anwar is being held there.

Anyone detained by the police or the military in Aceh is at a high risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Grave human rights violations, including unlawful killings, "disappearances", torture and detention without charge, are continuing in Aceh where military and police operations are being carried out against the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). Local human rights groups have reported that at least 1,500 people were killed as a result of these operations during 2001. Many of those killed are believed to be civilians. In the majority of alleged human rights cases in Aceh, no investigations have taken place and the perpetrators have not been brought to justice.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately clarify Saiful Anwar's whereabouts and the reasons for his detention;
- calling on the authorities to provide guarantees that he will not be subjected to torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations while in custody;
- urging that he is given access to lawyers, members of his family and any medical assistance he may need;
- requesting that Saiful Anwar is released immediately unless he is to be charged with a recognized criminal offence.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

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Lt. Col. Drs. H. Abdullah Hayati  
Kapolres Aceh Timur  
Markas Polisi Resort Aceh Timur  
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**Salutation: Dear Lt. Col.**

National Police Chief  
Gen. D'ai Bachtiar

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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 23 September 2002.