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Fear for

INDONESIA Israfil (m), farmer, aged 22
Ismail (m), farmer, aged 45

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of two men, Israfil and Ismail, who are being detained by the military in Aceh Province. They have not been given access to their families or lawyers, and are at risk of ill-treatment or torture.

Both men were arrested at around 8.30am on 16 August by members of the Army Strategic Reserve Command (Kostrad) during military operations. Israfil was arrested in Peulandok Ujong Baroh village, Trieng Gadeng Sub-district, Pidie District, while Ismail was arrested in Tampui village in the same sub-district. Both reportedly attempted to flee when troops arrived in their villages. According to local sources, they are being held in a warehouse in Trieng Gadeng Sub-district, where the Kostrad troops who detained them are stationed. Both government and private warehouses have been used to station troops in Aceh.

During the operations in Tampui village, members of the military reportedly beat two villagers with their guns and kicked them.

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. Reliable figures are not available for this year, but it is thought that unlawful killings of civilians by both the Indonesian security forces and GAM are taking place on a similar, if not higher, scale.

Anyone detained by the police or the military in Aceh is at grave risk of torture, ill-treatment or other human rights violations. Human rights defenders have been the target of human rights violations. At least nine are thought to have been unlawfully killed since 1999, others have been unlawfully detained and tortured. As with most other human rights cases in Aceh, no investigations have taken place and 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 provide guarantees for the safety of Ismail and Israfil, including that they are not subjected to torture or other human rights violations;
- urging that they are given immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical attention;
- expressing concern that the two are being held in an unofficial place of detention, and urging the authorities to clarify the reasons for their arrest and transfer them to an official place of detention;
- calling on the authorities to investigate reports that two villagers were beaten during the operations.

APPEALS TO:

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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 8 October 2002.