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Fear of torture or ill-treatment / medical concern

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INDONESIA	Saddar bin Bahar (m) aged 27]	Under armed guard at Bulukumba Hospital
	Salassa bin Tarigu (m) aged 40]	
	Siing bin Sattu (m) aged 19]	
	Sappewalli (m) aged 19]	
(Polres)	18 people (named below)]	Detained at Bulukumba Police Resort
	2 people (named below)]	Detained at Kendang Police Sector (Polsek)
Killed:	Barra bin Badullah (m) aged 41		
	Campe (m) aged 31		
	Ansu bin Muso (m) aged 25		
	Raju (m)		
	Muharram (m) aged 50		

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of twenty-four people who are being detained in South Sulawesi Province. There are reports that several of them have been beaten in custody and that they have not received adequate medical care for injuries sustained at the time of their arrest.

On 21 July, around 1,000 farmers in Bonto Mangiring village, Bonto Mangiring Sub-district, Bulukumba District, South Sulawesi Province occupied land used by the rubber plantation PT PP London Sumatera Indonesia TBK and started cutting down rubber trees. Around 200 police officers from Bulukumba, Bantaeng, Sinjang Police Forces and the Police Mobile Brigades (Brimob) were sent to disperse the farmers. It is not clear who initiated the violence which ensued. Some reports indicate that police fired into the crowd of protesting farmers without warning. The police have stated that they acted in self-defence after being attacked by farmers carrying knives, spears and molotov cocktails.

At least five people are reported to have died as a result of gunshot wounds they sustained during the clash. Barra bin Badullah and Muharram reportedly died from gunshot wounds to the head, while Campe and Raju were shot in the chest. Ansu bin Muso died in Bulukumba hospital on 25 July from a gunshot wound to his leg.

Forty-two people were reportedly detained following the incident. Eighteen of them are still being held in Bulukumba Police Resort (Polres), where they are believed to have been beaten and intimidated by police officers. They are Dahlan bin Mappa (m, aged 30), Darman bin Sapa (m, aged 24), Baya bin Selle (gender unknown, aged 20), Burhanuddin bin Gea (m), Russak bin Manneng (m), Gea bin Adam (m), Tamrin bin Pananro (m), Odding bin Baco (m), Johan bin Mantahia (m), Sapa bin Tana (m), Sembang bin Sumbu (m), Barwis bin Muso (m), Nasir bin Matta (m), Balluto bin Cupang (m), Saktraing bin Pabahara (m), Juli bin Bahar (m), Hj. Badaria (gender unknown, aged 45) and Bece binti Baco (f). Gea bin Adam is reportedly suffering from a gunshot wound in his arm, while Dahlan bin Mappa, Darman bin Sapa and Baya bin Selle have sustained black eyes. According to reports, none of those detained at Bulukumba Polres have had access to medical treatment.

Saddar bin Bahar, Salassa bin Tarigu, Siing bin Sattu and Sappewalli, who sustained gunshot wounds are currently under police guard in Bulukumba hospital. Another two men, Andi Baso Riadi and Andi Mappasomba, who handed themselves in to police after learning that they were wanted, are being held in Kendang Police Sector (Polsek). Both men are members of the People's Education Institute (YPK). Police have accused members of the YPK, which carries out democracy and human rights advocacy, of instigating

the land occupation. Several YPK members have been placed on a wanted list. The organization's office and the homes of several activists and their parents have also been searched.

Those detained are reported to have had access to lawyers, but Amnesty International believes that they remain at risk of torture or ill-treatment, and is concerned about reports that they have not been given access to adequate medical care.

The National Human Rights Commission (Komnas HAM) sent a fact-finding team to South Sulawesi on 30 July to investigate possible human rights violations.

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

- expressing concern about reports that those being detained have been subjected to beatings and urging the authorities to provide guarantees for their safety, including a guarantee that they will not be subjected to further ill-treatment or torture or other human rights violations;
- urging that they be given immediate access to adequate medical care in accordance with international standards such as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners;
- expressing concern about the possible excessive use of force by police in causing deaths and injuries;
- welcoming the investigation by The National Human Rights Commission (Komnas HAM) and urging that a full and independent investigation of human rights violations be carried out, that the findings be made public and that anyone suspected of committing human rights violations be brought to justice in trials that meet international standards for fair trial.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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