

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 198/96 (ASA 21/55/96, 7 August 1996) - Fear for safety / Possible prisoners of conscience

INDONESIA Coen Hussein Pontoh

Dita Sari

Mohammad Shaleh

Hendrik Dikson Sirait, aged 24

Lisa Febrianti (f), aged 22

Trio Yohanus Mulyato

Zainal Abidin, aged 24

I Sunarman Purwosaputro

Patriatno

Titin

Budi Pratong (previously listed as Agus Sukarmanto)

Syamsul Bachri

Agustyana

Nyonya B Veronica Sembiring (f)

new arrests:

Budiman Sujatmiko

Petrus Haryanto

Kendar Kusmandar

Benny S

Garda Sembiring

Ignatius Pranowo

and four others (names unknown)

On 11 and 12 August 1996, the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI) are believed to have arrested a further 10 people in Jakarta in relation to riots which broke out after the security forces raided the office of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) in the capital on 27 July (see original UA).

A statement by Indonesia's official news agency, Antara, on 12 August said that the new detainees included Budiman Sujatmiko, Petrus Haryanto, Kendar Kusmandar, Benny S, Garda Sembiring and Ignatius Pranowo. The names of four others also believed to have been taken into custody are not known. The military has stated that all 10 are being held for questioning and have not yet been formally charged. A military spokesman has said that they are being held in the Attorney General's office, although Amnesty International fears that they may be in military custody and denied access to lawyers. The organization has not been able to independently confirm the arrests.

The arrests bring to at least 34 the number of people believed to be in custody for their alleged connection with the *Partai Rakyat Demokratik* (PRD), the People's Democratic Party, which the government is blaming for the disturbances.

The PRD has been linked by the military to the now-banned Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) in an attempt by the authorities to justify the crackdown on the group and any individual alleged to be associated with it. So far, there has been no evidence that any of those already arrested have engaged in violent activities.

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of the activists. Torture of political detainees is common in Indonesia. Five students from Yogyakarta, Central Java, were beaten in police custody after being arrested on 2 August 1996 for their alleged involvement with the PRD. (For further

information, see *Indonesia: Raid on PDI Office*, ASA 21/46/96 and *Indonesia: PDI Raid: Update*, ASA 21/48/96 and *Indonesia: PDI Raid: Reprisals Continue*, ASA 21/56/96, 9 August 1996).

PLEASE CONTINUE ACTION AS SPECIFIED IN ORIGINAL ACTION, AND ALSO: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:

- asking for information on the exact whereabouts of the 10 people detained in Jakarta on 11 and 12 August 1996;
- requesting guarantees that none of the detainees will be subjected to ill-treatment or torture;
- calling for the detainees to be given prompt access to independent lawyers of their own choosing and to their families;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of any of those among the detainees who are being held solely for their non-violent political activities.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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