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Further information on UA 198/96 (ASA 21/55/96, 7 August 1996) and follow-ups (ASA 21/58/96, 12 August and ASA 21/59/96, 14 August 1996) - Fear for safety / Possible prisoners of conscience and new concerns: Torture / Medical concern / Prisoner of conscience

INDONESIA Hendrik Dikson Sirait, aged 24, student activist

new arrests: Dr Tjiptaning, medical doctor

Abadi Halawa, student

Ganda Manurung, student

Freddy Manurung, student

Mangasi, student

Simson Simanjuntak, student

Ronald Naibaho, student

Parlindungan Sibuea

released: Wahyu Widyanarko

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Amnesty International's fears for the safety of all those still detained since the security forces raided the office of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) on 27 July 1996 (see original UA) have been heightened by reports that one of the detainees, Hendrik Dikson Sirait, has been severely tortured and is being denied medical treatment.

It has now been confirmed that Hendrik Dikson Sirait, a member of the student activist organization, *Pijar*, who was arrested on 1 August 1996 (see original UA) is being held at Polda, the district police headquarters in Jakarta. His family and lawyers have been able to visit him once. He has been badly tortured while in custody including being burnt with cigarettes, given electric shocks and beaten. He may be suffering from head injuries. According to Amnesty International's information Hendrik Dikson Sirait has not received any medical treatment for his injuries.

Amnesty International has learned of further arrests. A doctor, Doctor Tjiptaning, who had helped to treat the wounded after the security forces raided the PDI office was arrested by the military on 14 August. There has been no information on his whereabouts and it is assumed that he does not have access to lawyers, placing him at serious risk of ill-treatment or torture.

Doctor Tjiptaning was arrested from his clinic in the Tangerang district of Jakarta at 9pm by officers from Koramil Ciliduk (Ciliduk's Sub-District military command) and BIA (Armed Forces Intelligence Agency). He had previously been detained on 28 July for 24 hours. Following his release he had received frequent visits to his clinic from the authorities including members of the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI). Lawyers had protested against the harassment of Doctor Tjiptaning prior to his arrest on 14 August. Amnesty International believes that Doctor Tjiptaning is a prisoner of conscience.

Amnesty International has also received unconfirmed reports that six students and one other person have been arrested in Medan, North Sumatra. According to a report in the Indonesian journal, *Suara Pembaruan Daily* on 13 August, Abadi Halawa, Ganda Manurung, Freddy Manurung, Mangasi, Simson Simanjuntak, Ronald Naibaho and Parlindungan Sibuea were arrested from various different places in the city on 6 August and have been held in local police custody since

9 August. It is not known where the seven were held in the intervening three days.

All of those arrested, except for Parlindungan Sibuea are students at various universities in Medan. In the *Suara Pembaruan* report they are said to have described themselves as supporters of the former PDI head, Megawati Sukarnoputri, and to have taken part in several demonstrations in her support since she was ousted from her position of chair of the PDI in June. There is no indication that any of the seven have been involved in any violent activities.

Wahyu Widyanarko who was arrested by the military on 12 August in Jombang, East Jakarta (see previous update, ASA 21/59/96) is believed to have been released. The total number of people believed to be in custody now stands at at least 70. The situation of all the other detainees listed previously remains unchanged and appeals on their behalf may continue.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia or English or in your own language:**

- calling on the authorities to provide details of the whereabouts and exact charges against Doctor Tjiptaning and to ensure that he has access to lawyers;
- calling on the authorities to confirm the arrests of the seven people arrested in Medan and to provide details of any charges against them;
- expressing serious concern that Hendrik Dikson Sirait has been tortured, appealing to the authorities to ensure that no detainees are subjected to ill-treatment and torture;
- urging the authorities to provide urgent medical treatment to Hendrik Dikson Sirait and any other of the detainees who have been injured;
- expressing serious concern that Hendrik Dikson Sirait has been tortured, appealing to the authorities to ensure that no detainees are subjected to ill-treatment and torture;
- urging the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Doctor Tjiptaning and any other detainees who are being held solely for their peaceful activities.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 September 1996.