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INDONESIAM Jamil, 45

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of M Jamil, who has "disappeared" following his arrest on 8 July 1999 in the province of Aceh, in northern Sumatra.

M Jamil, from Matang Teungoh Village, Jambo Aye Sub-district, was arrested by a unit of riot police called *Pasukan Penindak Rusuh Massa*, who were in Jambo Aye after actions by the armed opposition group *Gerakan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM), the Free Aceh Movement, were reported in the area. Two other men arrested at the same time were released after two days in military custody.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Serious human rights violations, including "disappearances" and unlawful killings, have increased since the end of 1998 in the course of Indonesian National Army (TNI) counter-insurgency operations against GAM. People have also been arbitrarily arrested and detained. In February at least seven people were unlawfully killed when the TNI fired on a procession in Idi Cut, East Aceh. On 3 May, human rights monitors claimed that at least 40 people were killed in Krueng Geukueh, Dewantara Sub-District, Aceh Utara District, when the TNI fired on a demonstration. GAM have also been accused of committing human rights abuses.

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

- urging the authorities to immediately establish and make public the whereabouts of M Jamil and to provide guarantees for his safety;
- urging the authorities to ensure that, if he is found to be in custody, he has regular access to human rights lawyers, to his family and to medical professionals, and that he is immediately released if he is not to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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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 25 August 1999.