



Aan Susandi during his court hearing  
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## INDONESIA: COMPLICITY IN ACTS OF TORTURE

In the presence of three police officers, Aan Susandi, aged 30, was allegedly severely beaten and subjected to arbitrary detention.

Credible local sources told Amnesty International that on 14-15 December 2009, three police officers from the Criminal Investigation Unit of the North Maluku provincial police headquarters, summoned and detained Aan Susandi on the 8th floor of the Artha Graha-SCBD building in Jakarta from 2pm until 1.30am, apparently in order to interrogate him about ownership of illegal firearms.

During the interrogation, Aan Susandi was forced to strip to his underclothes. In addition, a man in civilian clothes allegedly punched and kicked him, which resulted in injuries to his head, face and chest. Aan Susandi reported that the police officers who were present did not take any action to deter or stop the assault. During the interrogation Aan Susandi was able to contact his lawyer, who arrived at the premises at approximately 8pm. Although the lawyer protested against the ill-treatment of Aan Susandi, the protest was ignored by the police.

After the beatings, in the early morning of 15 December 2009 Aan Susandi was taken to the Metro Jaya police station where he was officially arrested for possession of illegal drugs (one ecstasy pill).

Despite his injuries, police continued to interrogate him at the station from 2am to 9am without the presence of a lawyer. At about 5pm that day he was finally taken to the police clinic for medical treatment. He was then held at Cipinang prison, awaiting trial.

On 17 May 2010, The South Jakarta District Court ruled that evidence and testimony in the drug possession case against Aan contained “elements of fabrication” by the police, and dropped all charges against him.

The Division of Profession and Security (Propam) are conducting a police investigation into complaints made by Aan Susandi. However Amnesty International is not aware of any disciplinary or criminal sanctions against the police officers involved.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:**

- Ensure a thorough, independent and impartial investigation into reports of arbitrary detention and torture or other ill-treatment of Aan Susandi;
- Ensure that the findings of the investigations are made public and are submitted, wherever relevant, to the public prosecutor so that all those found responsible for criminal offences involving human rights violations are brought to justice in proceedings which meet international standards of fairness and without the imposition of the death penalty, and that the victim is provided reparations;
- Ensure that all detainees held at police detention facilities are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment;
- Ensure that all detainees have prompt access to legal counsel of their choice.

### **Please send letters to :**

#### **Chief of the Indonesian National Police (Kapolri)**

General Bambang Hendarso Danuri

Jl. Trunojoyo No. 3

Jakarta Selatan

Indonesia

Salutation: Dear General

#### **Head of the Division on Profession and Security (Propam)**

Kadiv Propam Mabes Polri

Irjen Pol Budi Gunawan

Jl. Trunojoyo No. 3

Jakarta Selatan

Indonesia

Salutation: Dear General

#### **National Police Commission (KOMPOLNAS)**

Mr. Adnan Pandu Praja

Sekretaris Kopolnas

Jl Trunjoyo

No. 3 Kebayoran Baru

Jakarta 12110,

Indonesia

Salutation: Dear Adnan Pandu Praja

**Please send copies to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.**

