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Fear for

INDONESIAMusliadi (25)
Saiful Fahmi (24)
A. Thaib (34)
Helmi Hasan (35)
Ismail (40)
Sulaiman (50)
Abdullah Ishak (60)
Muhammad Usman (40)
Teungku Usman Ali (60)
Teungku Adam (70)
Abdul Andit (35)
Usman (30)
Nazaruddin (18)
Fadli Umar (18)

M Daud (35) (possibly killed)
M Sabi (31) (possibly killed)

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of 14 men who have been missing since they were reportedly taken by the Indonesian security forces in Aceh on 24 October. It is feared that two others, who have been in police detention since 14 October, may have died in custody.

The 14 men named above have not been seen since they were detained by security forces on 24 October during a military operation targeting the *Gerekan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM), Free Aceh Movement, headquarters in the Sub-district of Glumpang Tiga, Pidie District. Extrajudicial executions have been reported in the area, and the men are thought to be in grave danger. Musliadi, Saiful Fahmi, A. Thaib, Helmi Hasan, Ismail, Sulaiman, Abdullah Ishak, Muhammad Usman, Teungku Usman Ali and Teungku Adam come from Cot Baroh village; Abdul Andi and Usman from Cot Tunong village; and Nazaruddin and Dfadli Uman from Krueng Jangko village.

Two religious teachers, M Daud and M Sabi were arrested in a separate incident on 14 October. According to unconfirmed reports, they may have died in detention. They are believed to have been held at the Tiro Police Sector headquarters (Mapolsek) since their arrest, and have been denied access to their families or lawyers. They were last seen when they were taken away from their villages in the Mila Sub-district, Pidie District. They were reportedly detained after the security forces were attacked by armed civilians, possibly from the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). M Daud comes from the village of Meusjid Suwiek, and M Sabi comes from the village of Tuha Suwiek.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 2 June the Indonesian government and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) agreed to suspend armed operations for three months to allow humanitarian aid to be distributed in Aceh. The agreement was recently extended to 15 January 2001.

At first the agreement appeared to have a positive impact on the human rights situation in Aceh. However, both sides have continued to commit human rights violations since the agreement came into effect, and local non-governmental organizations report that the situation has deteriorated since the middle of August.

Extrajudicial executions continue to take place, often during police and military operations to find GAM members. Arbitrary arrests, torture and "disappearances" are also widely reported.

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

- enquiring whether M Daud and M Sadi are still alive, and, if so, urging that they are not tortured or ill-treated, that they are given immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical attention, and asking for their immediate release if they are not to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- asking for clarification of the whereabouts of the 14 men detained on 24 October, and asking for their safety to be guaranteed;
- urging for immediate, independent and thorough investigations to be carried out into the possible "disappearance" of the 14 men (naming them), and into reports that M Daud and M Said may have died in police custody;
- urging that members of the security forces suspected of committing human rights violations are brought to trial in processes meeting international standards for fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

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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 7 December 2000.