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Further information on UA 341/00 (ASA 28/10/00, 8 December 2000) - Fear of ill-treatment/prisoners of conscience

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More than 100 others

The more than 120 people arrested on 5 November during a peaceful demonstration in support of jailed former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim have been released on police bail. They do not yet know whether they will be charged.

On 29 November, the Malaysian Human Rights Commission, *Suhakam*, began an enquiry into the allegations of police brutality. Furthermore, the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Zainal Abidin Zin, has promised to take action against police officers found to be guilty of brutality.

At their remand hearing on 6 November, 26 of the detainees complained of sustaining various injuries as a result of being assaulted by the police, who reportedly sprayed them with tear gas and water cannons, and beat and kicked them. Some of those injured claimed to have been refused access to medical attention.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.