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Further information on UA 246/81 (ASA 21/06/81 8 October, ASA 21/08/81 28 October) -
Legal Concern

INDONESIA: JUSUF Ishak
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According to the most recent information received by Amnesty International, Jusuf Ishak, who was arrested on 5 October 1981, is still being held in incommunicado detention. There are no known charges against him. Since his arrest, he is reported to have been denied access to his family and to a lawyer.

Jusuf Ishak is now being held in a detention centre of the security agency KOPKAMTIB in Jalan Kramat no. 5 (street name) in Jakarta. There is concern for his health; he has in the past suffered a heart attack and it is feared that the conditions in which he is being held may aggravate his heart condition.

Jusuf Ishak, a former journalist who is in his late 50s, has been adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience. His arrest was connected with the organization of a lecture to be given by Pramoedya Ananta Toer, a novelist and historian, on the "Attitude and Role of the Intellectual" at the University of Indonesia on 24 September 1981. The lecture was interrupted by the local branch of KOPKAMTIB, Pramoedya Ananta Toer was required to report daily to the military for interrogation and on 5 October 1981 Jusuf Ishak and four students, including Jusuf Ishak's son Jusuf Verdi, were arrested. The students were released on 10 October 1981.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals on behalf of Jusuf Ishak urging his immediate and unconditional release on the grounds that he has been imprisoned for having peacefully exercised his right to freedom of expression.

Please express particular concern that he is reported to have been denied access to his family and to a lawyer, and that his health may deteriorate as a result of his continued detention.

Letters should be sent to:

Admiral Sudomo
Commander KOPKAMTIB
Medan Merdeka Barat
Jakarta, Indonesia

President Suharto
Istana Negara
Jalan Veteran
Jakarta, Indonesia

Copies of appeals may be sent to Indonesian diplomatic representatives in your country.

Appeals may continue until 28 February 1982.