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SOURCES: A. (U) OPEN SOURCE, "THE OBSERVER", JAKARTA,
INDONESIA, DATED 980723. NATIONALIST IN SLANT, THE NEWSPAPER HAS
A CENTRIST EDITORIAL TONE AND IS AIMED AT FOREIGN READERSHIP IN
JAKARTA.
- B. (U) OPEN SOURCE, "JAKARTA POST", JAKARTA,
INDONESIA, DATED 980723. AN INDEPENDENT, THIS NEWSPAPER IS
SUSTAINED BY A CONSORTIUM OF MANY OTHER NEWS PUBLICATIONS,
EACH
WITH BASICALLY DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES.

SUMMARY: (U) SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPA) CHAIRMAN A.A.
((BARAMULI)) STATED TO SOURCE A THAT HE FEARS THE TWELVE (12)
MISSING ACTIVISTS, KIDNAPPED BY MEMBERS OF KOPASSUS SPECIAL
FORCES, ARE DEAD. IN SOURCE B, MILITARY DISCLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF
THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MISSING ACTIVISTS.

TEXT: 1. (U) ON 980723, TWO SEPARATE NEWS REPORTS DISCUSSED THE
INDONESIAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWELVE
(12) ACTIVISTS. SOURCE A ADDRESSED THE SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL
(DPA) CHAIRMAN A.A. ((BARAMULI)) WHO STATED THAT HE FEARED THAT
THE TWELVE (12) MISSING ACTIVISTS WERE DEAD. BARAMULI STATED
THAT "I THINK ALL THE (SURVIVING) ACTIVISTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
RELEASED, SO THERE'S ONLY A SLIM CHANCE THE OTHERS ARE STILL
ALIVE." IF THE ACTIVISTS KIDNAPPED BY THE MILITARY WERE STILL
ALIVE, I THINK THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY NOW, BECAUSE
MOST
PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW THE CULPITS ARE KOPASSUS OFFICIALS."
BARAMULI THEN URGED THE MILITARY POLICE TO LEAVE NO STONE
UNTURNED IN THEIR SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE. "THERE MUST BE AN
INVESTIGATION INTO THE MASTERMINDS OF THE ABDUCTIONS. THIS IS A
CRIMINAL CASE; THEREFORE THE POLICE TEAM MUST FIND THE CULPRITS."
THE TRAIL OF THE CULPRITS MUST BE PUBLIC AND TRANSPARENT, UNLIKE THE
"DUBIOUS" TRIAL OF POLICE ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE MAY
12 SLAYINGS OF FOUR (4) STUDENTS AT WEST JAKARTA'S TRISAKTI
UNIVERSITY, SAID BARAMULI.

2. (U) SOURCE A STATED THAT MILITARY ANALYSTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
ACTIVISTS SAY THE POLICE ON TRIAL FOR THE (TRISAKTI) KILLINGS ARE
SCAPEGOATS AND THE ENTIRE TRAIL IS AN UTTER SHAM, ENGINEERED TO
PROTECT WHOEVER ORDERED THE ACTION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE A,
ANALYSTS SAY THE MASTERMIND OF THE KILLINGS IS PROBABLY THE
SAME
PERSON WHO ORDERED THE ABDUCTION AND TORTURE OF THE ANTI-
GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS. SOURCE A STATED THAT PUBLIC SUSPICION HAS
FALLEN FIRST ON A FORMER KOPASSUS CHIEF, LTG ((PRABOWO))
SUBIANTO, WHO IS THE SON-IN-LAW OF FORMER PRESIDENT ((SOEHARTO)).
PRABOWO HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IF
THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT SOME OF HIS MEN REALLY DID
CONDUCT THE KIDNAPPINGS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE B.
3. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, THE MILITARY DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF 12 POLITICAL ACTIVISTS STILL
MISSING, BUT SAID THE NUMBER OF ITS MEN SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT
IN ABDUCTIONS AND TORTURE OF ACTIVISTS HAD INCREASED BY ONE TO
ELEVEN (11). HEAD OF THE ARMED FORCES FACT-FINDING TEAM MG
((SYAMSU)) DJALAL SAID THE TEAM HAD QUESTIONED COL ((CHAIRAWAN)),
COMMANDER OF KOPASSUS GROUP IV ON INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN
THE
IN VOLVEMENT OF THE MISSING ACTIVISTS. SOURCE B REPORTED THAT ONE
INVESTIGATOR, COL ((SUDIRMAN)) PANIGORO SAID THAT CHAIRAWAN WAS
NOT AMONG THE ELEVEN SUSPECTS.
4. (U) SOURCE B STATED THAT "THE LATEST SUSPECT IS THE
COMMANDER OF THE 'LAMPUNG TEAM' AND HE IS ALSO FROM KOPASSUS;"
SUDIRMAN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER ACCOMPANYING SYAMSU IN MEETING
RELATIVES OF MISSING ACTIVISTS AT THE NATIONAL MILITARY POLICE
HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL JAKARTA. \[ ... \] NOTE: SUDIRMAN WAS
REFERRING TO THE TEAM WHO ABDUCTED ACTIVIST ANDI ARIEF IN
LAMPUNG
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ON 980328. ANDI WAS HANDED OVER BY HIS ABDUCTORS TO THE POLICE
ON 980417 AND RELEASED LAST WEEK). WHEN Pressed FOR THE
SU SPECT'S RANK, SUDIRMAN ONLY SAID "IT COULD BE A LIEUTENANT
COLONEL OR A MAJOR." SUDIRMAN SAID THE RANKS OF THE OTHER 10
SU SPECTS WERE LOWER THAN THE 11TH SUSPECT. HE ALSO SAID THEIR
DOSSIERS WOULD BE COMPLETED ON 980725. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN THE
MILITARY TRIBUNAL WOULD BEGIN. SYAMSU STATED THAT THE SUSPECTS
COULD BE CHARGED UNDER SEVERAL ARTICLES OF THE CRIMINAL CODE
AND
THE MILITARY CRIMINAL CODE WHICH INCLUDES CRUELTY, PARTICIPATION
IN A CRIMINAL ACT, AN ACT BEYOND THE AUTHORITY GIVEN THEM, OR
DISOBEYING AN INSTRUCTION.
5. (U) SYAMSU STATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE JAKARTA MILITARY
COMMAND, THE ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE NATIONAL
POLICE AND THE NATIONAL MILITARY POLICE MIGHT HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED
IN THE "PROCESS" OF THE ABDUCTIONS. SYAMSU REVEALED THAT THE
FACT-FINDING TEAM HAD VISITED KOPASSUS HEADQUARTERS IN
CIJANTUNG,
EAST JAKARTA WHICH HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN USED AS THE DETENTION
SITE
FOR ACTIVISTS. THE FACT-FINDING TEAM WENT HOPING TO FIND
EVIDENCE OF, OR THE MISSING ACTIVISTS BUT THEIR SEARCH PROVED
FUTILE. SYAMSU STATED THAT "BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE HAVE
GATHERED, THERE ARE SOME ACTIVISTS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED, BUT WE
ARE STILL CHECKING ON THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND WE WILL KEEP
Pursuing
THIS."
COMMENT: 1. MG SYAMSU AND THE FACT-FINDING TEAM ARE BEING

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