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Dear **Mr. Corcuera**,

Greetings from AFAD!

As you must have already known, Retired Major General Muchdi Purwopranjono known as Muchdi in Indonesia was charged of plotting and ordering the killing of Munir, former Chairperson of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD). Muchdi was arrested on 19 June 2008 and the court proceedings started in August 2008. Sad to say, based on the verdict of the District Court in South Jakarta on 31 December 2008, Muchdi was freed from all charges and was released.

Muchdi was implicated during the prosecution of two men who were earlier convicted in the killing of Munir. They are Pollycarpus Budihari Priyanto, a then off-duty Garuda pilot, and Indra Setiawan, a Garuda official. Based on a Supreme Court decision dated 25 January 2008, Pollycarpus was convicted of the premeditated murder of Munir and was sentenced to twenty (20) years imprisonment while Setiawan was sentenced to one year imprisonment for assisting Pollycarpus in the crime.

AFAD, along with domestic and international human rights organizations, strongly hoped that the arrest of Muchdi was a clear signal towards the resolution of the murder of Munir and an opening salvo for the eradication of impunity in Indonesia. We believe that the evidence against Muchdi is compelling. This is especially with the TPF (the TPF or *Tim Pencari Fakta* is an independent investigation team formed on the virtue of Presidential Decision No.111/2004 in December 2004) report which strongly suggests the involvement of senior executives of the Garuda airlines and the State Intelligence Agency (*Badan Intelijen Negara* or *BIN*) in the death of Munir.


In view of the above, we would like to request your good office to kindly call the attention of the Indonesian authorities to launch a full and impartial investigation into Munir's murder and bring all those responsible to justice. Indeed, the December 2008 verdict which released Muchdi does not end the campaign for justice for Munir. As Brad Adams of Human Rights Watch said, "*Munir's murder is an open wound in Indonesia that will not heal until all those responsible are held accountable.*"

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



MUGIYANTO
Chairperson



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