

In Indonesia, where the government has claimed that its democratic reforms included moves to repeal the Anti-Subversion Law, the same security offences seem set to be incorporated into the criminal law. Meanwhile, the existing law continues to be used against peaceful political opponents. Sweeping emergency measures and security laws remain in force throughout South Asia, especially in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Throughout 1999, Amnesty International will be campaigning to end such human rights abuses across Asia.

"While Asia is experiencing a period of fundamental political and legal reform, security laws are still constraining the development of civil society and open and participatory political systems throughout the region," Amnesty International said.

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