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Batavia

1. The Javanese journalist, Sudjatmoko, now is believed to be serving as a messenger between Tan Malaka\* and Dr. A. Mochtar, Muwalladi, and other Communists in Batavia. Sudjatmoko, who is reported to have returned recently from New York, also contacts Raden A. Asmaun, Matraman Plantusen No. 22, Meester Cornelis, regularly.
2. A number of alleged terrorists and Communists in Kampong Duku, southwest of Kudusweg, Menteng, Batavia Centrua, were arrested on May Day on charges of preparing to sabotage the town.
3. The Centrale Militaire Inlichtingendienst (CMI), the Solicitor General's office, the Vreemdelingen En Inlichtings Dienst (VID), and the Base Command Intelligence Service dispatched agents to Molenvliet West 188, on 28 April 1949, because it was believed that the central council of the Sin Ming Hui would assemble. No raid was made.
4. Five other Dutch agents were watching the Min Sheng She at Manggabesar 79, Batavia. Nothing unusual happened at this address.

Cheribon

5. The remainder of the Tentara Komunis Indonesia, formerly the fighting forces of Mohammed Jusuf's Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI), remains neutral but not impartial in the fight between the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) and the Tentara Islam Indonesia (TII). In March 1946, in Cheribon, the Tentara Komunis Indonesia revolted against the Tentara Republik Indonesia (TRI) 3 Division.

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6. On 1 May 1949, the PKI was regrouping in the village of Tjiwaru, District of Luragung, Residency of Cheribon. The strength of this group is about 850 men equipped with various small arms. This fighting force, on order of Tan Malaka, has changed its name to Kommando Persatuan Rakjat Murba, Coordinated Command of the Peoples Forces. They disseminate propaganda of the Partai Rakjat, Partai Murba, and Partai Rakjat Djelata.
7. The following are some units which are being organized by the Kommando Persatuan Rakjat Murba:
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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Barisan Piso Belati<br>(Sharp-bladed Knife Corps)      | About 150 young Communists<br>armed with pistols and knives.           |
| Barisan Pengrusak<br>(Sabotage Corps)                  | Over 100 men.                                                          |
| Barisan Kerbau<br>(Caribou Corps)                      | Offensive force of over 500 men<br>armed with rifles.                  |
| Barisan Pemerintah<br>(Communist Administration Corps) | Over 100 propagandists led by<br>educated Communists, mostly Javanese. |

Surakarta

8. Communist armed units in Surakarta are estimated to number as follows: Djatinom, 1,000; Tutus\*\*, 500; Delangu, 1,000; and Karanganom, 1,000.
9. The Tentara Komunis Indonesia in Surakarta is under Bahrudin; E. Coerdian; Wikana, who is reported to be alive; and others. The aforementioned persons are subordinate to Setiadjit. General headquarters of the Tentara Komunis Indonesia is reported to be at Karanganom, east of Klaten. Two Dutch infantry companies and an armored car platoon are garrisoned at Klaten.
10. Many military-trained members of Sjarifudin's Front Demokrat Rakjat (FDR), the Pesindo, and the Sentral Organisasie Buruh Seluruh Indonesia (SOBSI) are reported to have joined the Communist army.
11. Saerun\*\*\*, of Gang Tengah No. 39, Batavia Centrum, has moved to Surakarta town, where he is posing as the manager of a theatre.
- \* [REDACTED] Comment. The New York Times, 7 June 1949, states Col. Sungkono, Military Governor and commander of Republican forces in East Java, confirmed the report that he ordered the execution of Tan Malaka at Blitar on 16 April 1949.
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- 25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Unlocated in this office.
- 25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reports that Saerun is Tan Malaka's commissary for West Java. His duty is to secure financial support for Tan Malaka.

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