## July 19, 2003 INDONESIA: REPORTER FACES CHARGES

An American freelance journalist, William Nessen, who traveled with rebels in Aceh Province for a month, will stand trial next week on charges of immigration offenses, a state prosecutor said. Mr. Nessen was arrested in late June after he gave himself up to the military, which is conducting a fresh offensive to crush rebels of the Free Aceh Movement. He was in Aceh on a journalist's visa, but officials have accused him of abusing his residential and work permits, violations that carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

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