Indonesian Anti-Terrorism Police Detachment 88 arrested an accomplice of the three terrorist suspects arrested last week in Solo. The three arrested were Ibad alias Ali Robani, Yuskarman, and Giyanto alias Gento. The suspect, only named by his initials SF alias Agus Ari, was arrested on 25 August 2015 in Yogyakarta. SF manned the mobile phone counter that belonged to Ibad and allegedly helped make the electric circuit of the bomb. The four terrorist suspects planned to bomb a Buddhist temple, a church and some police posts in Solo during Indonesia’s Independence Day anniversary on 17 August 2015. Ibad received money from Naim who is believed to be in Syria and had joined ISIS. Both Ibad and Yuskarman assembled bomb, while Giyanto provided the necessary tools and facilitated the procurement of explosives and surveillance of the location for targets.¹

Two alleged members of Santoso’s network from Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, only named by their initials FR and BR respectively, were arrested in Kendari, the capital city of Southeast Sulawesi on 11 and 15 August 2015. Southeast Sulawesi is the neighbouring province of Central Sulawesi where Poso – headquarters of the group that Santoso led, Mujahidin Indonesia Timur (Mujahidin of Eastern Indonesia) – is located. It is believed that they escaped to Kendari following series of counter terrorism operations in Poso.²
