

21 June 2001

Further information on UA 146/01 (ASA 21/018/2001, 8 June 2001) - Fear for safety/ Fear of torture or ill-treatment

INDONESIA  
Marthen Kogoya, aged 28  
Gamo Tabuni, aged 28  
Stevanus Tabuni, aged 65  
Yohanes Murib, aged 25  
Keny Tabuni, aged 25  
Yohanes Tabuni, aged 25  
Wemi Telegen, aged 25  
Yondiles Telegen, aged 29  
Yemi Murip, aged 25  
Agustinus Murip, aged 28  
Kenius Wenda, aged 25  
Yomenus Enuby, aged 29  
Ekiles Yoman, aged 27  
Man Yoman, aged 26  
Keyman Tabuni, aged 25  
Yokiman Telegen, aged 29

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The 16 people listed above are still held in Manokwari police station (*Police Resort*, Polres), where they are at serious risk of torture or ill-treatment. Some are thought to have been charged. Following their initial 10-minute meeting with lawyers on 23 May, their access to legal representation continues to be restricted.

Concerns for the 16 have grown after an armed group attacked a Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) post in Wondiboi village, Wasior District, on 13 June, killing five Brimob officers and one employee of a local company, Vatika Papuana Perkasa (VPP). Brimob officers reportedly detained and tortured 16 indigenous Papuan VPP employees after the attack.

According to a local human rights organization, the 16 were forced to crawl on the ground while Brimob officers beat them. They were then taken to Manokwari Polres where they were beaten again, and then released on condition that they report daily to the police. Some of them were subjected to further beatings when they went back to the police station. Two of the 16 are believed to have been charged in connection with the attack.

Local NGOs report that large numbers of Brimob and military reinforcements have been sent to Wasior District, which has been sealed off to independent human rights monitors since 31 March. Hundreds of villagers in the area have reportedly fled their homes, and many are believed to be living in the surrounding forest.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia or your own language:**

- urging the authorities to guarantee that the 16 detainees in Manokwari Polres will not face further torture or ill-treatment;
- calling for them to be granted full and immediate access to lawyers, their families and medical treatment, and asking for them to be released immediately unless they are charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging the authorities to guarantee that the 16 VPP employees will not be subjected to further torture or ill-treatment;

- calling for an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture and ill-treatment of the VPP employees and the other detainees, and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- asking the authorities to ensure that independent human rights monitors and humanitarian workers have full and secure access to Wasior District.

**APPEALS TO:**

Chief of Police for Papua  
Brig. Gen. Made Mangku Pastika  
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National Police Chief  
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[Note: the name of the National Police Chief is not included as the post is currently the subject of political dispute. Please just address letters to "National Police Chief"]

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 August 2001.