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Further information on UA 312/00 (ASA 21/53/00, 9 October 2000) - Fear of torture or ill-treatment/possible "disappearance"

INDONESIA

**Yorenius Wenda
Alex Meage**

**New names: Yohakim Hubi
Jackson Itlaay
Herry Kosay
Frans Hubi**

Killed: Yohanes Udin

One of those arrested in Wamena, Papua on 7 October has reportedly been beaten to death in police custody. Other detainees who have since been released say the police tortured them. Police are refusing to allow those still in custody to see their families.

Yohanes Udin was reportedly kicked and beaten at Jayawijaya Police Resort (Polres). He was taken to hospital, but pronounced dead on arrival. He had apparently photographed the security forces' operation to take down Papuan flags in Wamena on 6 October, and was arrested the following day.

Detainees who have been released have told local human rights monitors that they were tortured by the local police and members of the Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) at the Polres. One man, reportedly a member of the pro-independence militia group *Satgas Papua* (Papua Taskforce), said that he and several others were ordered to strip to their underwear, and then kicked and beaten with rifle butts and canes. The police forced them to drink urine and put guns in their mouths, threatening to kill them if they did not renounce their support for Papuan independence.

The 25 children who were arrested say they were beaten by the local police and Brimob officers in Jayawijaya Polres. They were released on 8 October.

Amnesty International has received the names of 14 other people, besides Yohanes Udin, detained in Jayawijaya Polres following the clashes between the security forces and pro-independence demonstrators in Wamena on 6-7 October. These may be the names of the 15 people mentioned in the original UA. They are as follows: Markus Merien; Matus Kosay; Edi Merien; Agus Sorobot; Isar Wanimbo; Hendrik Sieb; Agus Itlaay; Yoram; Apemus Marian; Dipi Kalolik; Yohakim Hubi; Jackson Itlaay; Herry Kosay; and Frans Hubi.

The last four people named above were reported to have been released on 7 October, but they have not returned home, raising further fears for their safety.

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

- expressing concern at reports that detainee Yohanes Udin was beaten to death at Jayawijaya Polres by local police and Brimob officers, and urging the authorities to launch an immediate and impartial inquiry;
- urging the authorities to guarantee that the other detainees in Jayawijaya Polres will not be tortured or ill-treated, and that they will be given immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical attention;
- urging the authorities to clarify the whereabouts and guarantee the safety of Yorenius Wenda, Alex Meage, Yohakim Hubi, Jackson Itlaay, Herry Kosay and Frans Hubi;

- calling on the authorities to ensure that all those responsible for torturing or ill-treating detainees are dismissed and brought to justice.

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