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Fear for**INDONESIAMartinus Daisiwa (21)**

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Martinus Daisiwa has been tortured and then shot in the leg by police in Papua. He is now in hospital, reportedly handcuffed to his bed, and he may be at risk of further torture or ill-treatment. He has not been charged.

Around 30 members of the Police Mobile Brigade (Brimob) went to Sanoba village, in Nabire Sub-district, Paniai District, in the evening of 9 July, searching for members of a pro-independence armed group, the National Liberation Army (*Tentara Pembabasan Nasional* - TPN). They opened fire on a house where they thought a TPN member was hiding. When they found that the inhabitants had already fled, they apparently set fire to the house, and fishing equipment belonging to the villagers, and detained Martinus Daisiwa and two other fishermen, Gasper Aronggear and Willem Koromat.

The three men were tortured by Brimob before being taken to Nabire Police Resort (Polres). Gasper Aronggear and Willem Koromat were released the next day: Gasper Aronggear's face was bruised, his ear was torn and one of his teeth had been knocked out. Willem Koromat was scratched and bruised, according to people who saw them. A 70-year-old woman arrested with them was apparently released unharmed.

The police brought Martinus Daisiwa back to the village on 11 July. He apparently had head injuries. They forced him to admit that TPN weapons were hidden in the area, and told him to lead the way into the woods to point out the site. As he walked ahead of the police he was shot in the left leg. He is now in Nabire general hospital, where a local human rights monitor has been able to visit him. He is said to be handcuffed to the bed, and there are concerns that he is at risk of further torture or ill-treatment from the police.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the past few months the Indonesian authorities have taken an increasingly hardline stance against pro-independence activities in Papua. The level of human rights violations in the province has escalated, with peaceful as well as armed independence supporters being unlawfully killed, or facing "disappearance", torture and arbitrary detention.

In late June the security forces reportedly began operations to capture TPN members in several districts in Papua. They have committed human rights violations during these operations, and local people are reported to have fled their homes. TPN have also been responsible for human rights abuses.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Bahasa Indonesia. English or your own language:**

- expressing concern at reports that Martinus Daisiwa was tortured and then shot while in police custody;
- expressing concern at reports that he is now handcuffed to his hospital bed, and urging that the restraints are removed, and that he is not subjected to further torture or ill-treatment;
- urging the authorities to release him immediately and unconditionally unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- pointing out that if he is brought to trial no statement made as a result of torture should be used in evidence;

- calling for an immediate, independent and impartial investigation into the shooting of Martinus Daisiwa, and into allegations that he, Gasper Aronggear and Willem Koromat were tortured, and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice in civilian courts in trials which meet with international standards for fair trial.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation:Dear Brigadier General**

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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 23 August 2001.