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Further information on UA 260/98 (ASA 21/90/98, 1 October 1998) - Fear of ill-treatment / Possible prisoners of conscience

INDONESIA Don A. L. Falsy, civil servant with the Regional Development Planning Body in Jayapura, (*Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Daerah, Bappeda*)

And new names: Agustinus Ansanai, Protestant clergyman

Bas Yucuway

Sam Yaru

Laurence Mehuwe

Four other men, see names above, are now known to have been arrested in connection with the planned meeting in Jayapura in support of independence for the province of West Papua. Lawyers are being denied access to the men and all are, therefore, at risk of ill-treatment.

The four men were arrested on 30 September 1998 and placed in detention alongside Don Falsy at Polres (Police Resort), Jayapura.

Amnesty International also fears that others could be arrested, and thereby placed at risk of ill-treatment, in connection with the planned meeting, after three men: Ronald Sapirattu, Max Krey and Martinus Felimon were summonsed by police in Jayapura for their alleged involvement.

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

- urging the authorities to grant the five men immediate, regular and on-going access to independent legal counsel and to ensure they are not ill-treated;
- urging the authorities to release all five men if they are detained solely for the peaceful expression of their beliefs in support of West Papuan independence;
- seeking assurances that no additional arrests will occur in connection with plans to hold a meeting in Jayapura to discuss independence of the province;
- reminding the government of Indonesia of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 19: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression..."

APPEALS TO:

Please note that fax tones to Indonesia can be difficult to obtain. Tones may be more readily available during office hours local time, which is GMT +9 hours.

Military Commander Region VIII/Trikora, (covers Irian Jaya)

Maj. Gen. Amir Sembiring

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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 31 October 1998.

"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression"

Article

19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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