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Further information on UA 260/98 (ASA 21/90/98, 1 October 1998) and follow-ups (ASA 21/91/98, 2 October 1998 and ASA 21/93/98, 6 October 1998) - Fear of ill-treatment / Possible prisoners of conscience

INDONESIA
Don A L Flassy
Augustinus Ansanai
Baas Yufuwai
Laurence Mehuwe
Sam Yaru
Theys Eluay

All of those listed above have now been given access to independent legal counsel. The risk of torture or ill-treatment is therefore significantly reduced.

Amnesty International remains concerned that the six are being detained for their peaceful activities in supporting dialogue on the status of Irian Jaya or West Papua. All six have been charged under Article 110 of the Criminal Code. Theys Eluay was also arrested under Article 155 relating to the public display of hatred towards the government and Article 310 relating to slander.

Police later stated that Theys Eluay had violated Article 160 and Article 169, which punishes those in associations with "intent to commit crimes", or members of organizations which are prohibited or which have the "intent to commit crimes".

Amnesty International will continue to pursue this case through other action forms. No further action by the Urgent Action network is therefore required. Thank you to all who sent appeals.