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Further information on UA 228/94 (ASA 21/18/94, 13 June 1994) - "Disappearance"  
/ Fear of Torture

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR:   Filomeno da Silva Pereira, 37  
                          Francisco Miranda Branco, 44  
                          Gregorio da Cunha Saldanha, 31  
                          Jacinto das Neves Raimundo Alves, 37  
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The six East Timorese prisoners of conscience named above, earlier reported as "disappeared", are now understood to be in custody in the city of Semarang, Central Java. Indonesian military and Ministry of Justice officials confirmed on 13 June that the six, who had been taken from their cells at Comarca prison in Dili late last week, had been transferred over the weekend of 11/12 June.

The six had managed stage a small pro-independence protest during a prison visit by foreign journalists in April, and it appears likely that they were moved to avoid further embarrassment to the Indonesian authorities during future official visits to East Timor. The timing of the move suggests that the move might be intended to prevent the prisoners from meeting the UN Special Rapporteur on Summary, Arbitrary and Extra-judicial Executions, who is due to visit East Timor - but not Semarang - early in July.

Amnesty International welcomes the official clarification about the whereabouts of the six, but regrets that the authorities failed to inform relatives in advance of the move, thereby causing considerable distress and concern for the prisoners' safety. It is also concerned that the prisoners are now being held hundreds of miles from their homes, making visits by relatives and friends extremely difficult. Finally, in Amnesty International's view, the six prisoners of conscience and should therefore be released promptly and unconditionally.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: You may wish to send telegrams, telexes, faxes, express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern that the authorities transferred the six prisoners of conscience named above (please list all the names) without informing their relatives, thereby causing distress to the latter, and giving rise to serious concern for the prisoners' safety;
- expressing concern that the six have been transferred to a prison far from their homes, making visits by relatives and friends very difficult;
- urging the government to release immediately the six prisoners and all those held for their non-violent political activities in Indonesia and East Timor.

**APPEALS TO**

1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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**Salutation: Dear Minister Utoyo Usman**

2. MILITARY COMMANDER REGION IX

(covers Bali, Lombok and Nusa Tenggara including East Timor)

Brigadier-General R. Adang Ruchiatna

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**Telegrams: Pangdam IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia**

**Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General Adang Ruchiatna**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Lt. Gen. (Ret) Ali Said  
Chairman, National Commission on Human Rights  
c/o Direktorat Jenderal Pemasarakatan  
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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 25 July 1994.