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Further information on UA 198/94 (ASA 21/12/94, 23 May 1994) - and follow-ups (ASA 21/15/94, 2 June; ASA 21/23/94, 20 June) - Fear of torture / arbitrary detention

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR	Jose Antonio Neves	{held in Malang, East Java}	
	Antonio Soares	{now released}	
	Anibal]	
	Isaac Soares (note full name)]	Detained
	Lucas Tilman dos Santos]	in
	Marcos]	East
	Miguel de Deus (note full name)]	Timor
	Nuno de Andrade Sarmento Corvelho]	
	Octaviano]	
	Pantaleão Amaral (note full name)]	
	Pedro Fatima Tilman]	
	Rosalino]	
	Rui Fernandes]	

Three of the East Timorese activists named above, **Isaac Soares**, **Miguel de Deus** and **Pantaleão Amaral** have now been sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment for their part in staging a demonstration during a visit to East Timor by foreign journalists in April 1994. A spokesman for the court in Dili, capital of East Timor, told the press that on 23 June the three were found guilty of "expressing anti-Indonesia sentiments in front of the public on April 14". According to reports, the three were not accompanied by legal counsel, either during interrogation or during their trial.

Amnesty International considers that the three, and all those named above, are prisoners of conscience. It urges the Indonesian Government to release them immediately and unconditionally.

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

- expressing concern that three East Timorese, Isaac Soares, Miguel de Deus and Pantaleão Amaral, have been sentenced to 20-month prison sentences for participating in a peaceful demonstration during a visit by foreign journalists to East Timor in April;
- expressing further concern that the defendants have been tried in contravention of both Indonesian and international law, including by being denied access to legal counsel of their own choosing;
- urging the Indonesian Government to immediately release all those detained solely for peaceful political activities.

APPEALS TO:

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Dear Minister Utoyo Usman

MILITARY COMMANDER REGION IX
(covers Bali, Lombok and Nusa Tenggara including East Timor)
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Markas Besar KODAM IX Udayana
Denpasar
Bali, Indonesia
Telegrams: Pangdam IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia
Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General Adang Ruchiatna

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Chairman, National Commission on Human Rights
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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia/East Timor accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 August 1994.