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INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR:

Arrested in Manatuto:

Apisa (35), policeman, arrested 15 November  
Candido (29), Head of Agriculture Office, Manatuto, arrested 14 November  
Eduardo (30), businessman, arrested 14 November  
Felipe (30), hospital administrator, Manatuto, arrested 14 November  
Geraldo (28), businessman, arrested 14 November  
João (45), village head of Kai Rui, arrested 13 November  
João Faria (30), civil servant, arrested 14 November  
Kancio (50), businessman, arrested 15 November  
Manuel Constancio (27), civil servant, arrested 13 November  
Manuel de Costa (45), civil servant, arrested 14 November  
Mario Santa (33), civil servant, arrested 14 November  
Serilo (27), civil servant, arrested 15 November  
Tomas de Rosario Cabral (25), civil servant, arrested 5 December  
Vicente (50), nurse, Manatuto hospital, arrested 14 November  
Vitor (50), nurse, Manatuto hospital, arrested 11 November

Arrested in Dili:

Arnaldo Borges (17) arrested October  
Constancio Guterres (37), Armed Forces member, arrested 22 November  
Leandro Isaac (45) and  
Manuel Isaac (42), brothers, civil servants, arrested 22 November  
Manuel Mercario (47), nurse, arrested 22 November

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Maria Lourdes Alves Araujo (female), (36) and her husband  
Octavio Jordão de Araujo (42), arrested 18 December

Arrested in Same:

Elsa (female), arrested 15 November  
Graciana (female), arrested 15 November  
Luis, arrested 15 November

Amnesty International is urgently concerned for the safety of the 25 people named above. Those arrested are among at least 60, and possibly many more, people arrested in East Timor since early November 1992. The 25 were reportedly arrested in Manatuto and Same districts and in East Timor's capital, Dili. The precise whereabouts of the 25 are not known, but they are believed to be detained in military detention centres in the towns of Baucau, Same and Dili. Those arrested are at risk of torture and ill-treatment by the Indonesian security forces. There have also been unconfirmed reports that 17 relatives of Constancio Pinto, an East Timorese activist now living in Portugal, were arrested on 25 November 1992 in Dili and there are fears they too may be at risk of torture.

Serious human rights violations, including arbitrary arrest, torture, "disappearance" and

possible extrajudicial execution, have accompanied a recent crackdown by Indonesian forces in East Timor. The increased repression has coincided with the anniversary of the November 1991 Santa Cruz massacre and the 20 November capture of Xanana Gusmão, leader of the East Timorese resistance movement (see UA 366/92, ASA 21/17/92 of 23 November 1992 and UA 367/92, ASA 21/18/92 of 23 November 1992 and follow ups). The crackdown has been particularly severe in Manatuto, Xanana's home district, in Dili and in the districts of Lospalos, and Viqueque.

Hundreds of people were reportedly rounded up in mid-November and dozens are thought to remain in detention, most of them held incommunicado. At least one of those arrested after Xanana's capture is feared to have died as a result of torture. In December,

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residents of East Timor appealed to Amnesty International to publish the names of those arrested in order to protect them and their families from further human rights violations by the Indonesian security forces.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Indonesian forces invaded East Timor in 1975 in the aftermath of Portugal's withdrawal from its former colony. Since that time Amnesty International has continued to document serious human rights violations by Indonesian security forces in the territory, including extrajudicial execution, torture and ill-treatment, "disappearance" and political imprisonment.

In November 1991 more than 100 people were killed, and many others "disappeared", after Indonesian soldiers opened fire on a peaceful procession at the Santa Cruz cemetery in Dili. The human rights situation has not improved in the year since the massacre. Hundreds of people have been subjected to death threats, beatings and arbitrary arrest and at least 13 East Timorese have been sentenced, at unfair trials, to long terms of imprisonment after being accused of organizing the Santa Cruz procession and other peaceful protest marches.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of the 25 people named above arrested between October and December 1992 in East Timor and seeking clarification of their whereabouts;
- urging that representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), lawyers, relatives and doctors be granted immediate and unconditional access to their place of detention;
- seeking assurances that all the detainees will be accompanied by a lawyer of their own choice while being interrogated, as required by Indonesian law;
- urging the government to release immediately and unconditionally all those detained solely for their peaceful political views or activities.

#### **APPEALS TO**

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**Salutation: Dear Maj Gen Suwardi**

#### **Salutation: Dear Brig Gen Syafei**

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