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Further information on UA 99/91 (ASA 21/03/91, 13 March 1991) - Fear of ill-treatment/Incommunicado detention

Indonesia/East Timor: Alejandro Corte Real, aged 27
Manuel Sarmiento, aged 25
Boaventura da Silva, aged 27
Jose Celestino, aged 26
Lorenco, aged 26
Miguel Ximenes, aged 27

Amnesty International has learnt that the six East Timorese students named above were released from custody at 3am on 14 March 1991. The six had been held at the police station (POLRES) in Denpasar, Bali. While in detention, they were reportedly questioned by police officers about their political activities and about their alleged association with the independence movement in East Timor.

Dozens of students were arrested during an apparently peaceful demonstration at Udayana University in Bali on 13 March 1991. Eyewitnesses reported that the students were punched and kicked at the time of the arrest and were taken to an unknown destination. Amnesty International was concerned that the six named above - alleged by the authorities to have organized the demonstration - may have been at risk of ill-treatment while in police custody.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/express and airmail letters

- welcoming the release of the six students detained by the security forces during a demonstration at Udayana University on 13 March 1991;

- urging the authorities to ensure that the right to engage in peaceful protest activities is fully upheld;

- requesting information on the reasons for the arrest and detention of the six students.

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