

EXTERNAL

AI Index: ASA 21/04/96

10 January 1995

Further information on EXTRA 157/95 (ASA 21/64/95, 7 December 1995), and follow-ups ASA 21/65/95, 8 December and ASA 21/67/95, 19 December 1995-  
Arbitrary detention / Fear of torture / Fear for safety

INDONESIA / EAST TIMOR Martinho Pereira and 12 other East Timorese  
32 protestors at the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta  
at least four protestors at French and Thai Embassies

---

Amnesty International has received confirmation that Martinho Pereira, arrested on 4 December 1995 in Surabaya, East Java, was released from military custody on 5 January.

He had been arrested by the authorities who suspected him of being responsible for embassy demonstrations in Jakarta. Fears for his safety were compounded by the fact that the authorities did not confirm whether he was being detained or clarify his precise whereabouts, leaving him at risk of ill-treatment and torture. In addition, lawyers who had obtained power of attorney were not permitted to meet with him. No further appeals are requested on behalf of Martinho Pereira.

None of those who entered the embassies are still in detention. However, the whereabouts of the 12 detained in East Timor is unclear, so appeals can continue on their behalf.