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Further information on UA 06/97 (ASA 21/01/97, 11 February 1997) - Fear of Torture

EAST TIMOR Baltasar SH Belo
Jose Maria Geronimo
Joao Budiono C Moraes
Gregorio Sequira Bento
Luis Afonso
Abel Fernandes
Armando C Soares
Bobby Xavier

new names: Felciano Maria Martins
Oracio Viegas
Celestino Soares (alias Antino)
Claudino Guterres (alias Alau)
Jose do Rosario
Constancio Soares

The Indonesian authorities have stated that 16 people have been detained in relation to the disturbances in the East Timorese capital of Dili on 24 December 1996. Ten of the 16 have been charged under Article 170 of Indonesia's Criminal Code (KUHP) which deals with violence against property or person. The names of the ten are: Abel Fernandes, Felciano Maria Martins, Oracio Viegas, Celestino Soares, Luis Afonso, Claudino Guterres, Jose do Rosario, Constancio Soares, Joao Budiono C Moraes and Jose Maria Geronimo.

The cases against another six people are being processed by the police and are expected to result in charges. Apart from Baltasar SH Belo, the identities of the six are not known. There is still no precise information on where any of the sixteen are being detained or whether they have access to independent legal representatives.

Amnesty International notes the allegations that a member of the Indonesian Armed Forces was murdered during the disturbances and recognises the responsibility of the authorities to investigate the killing. However, the organization urges that the investigation be carried out in accordance with international standards and with provisions in Indonesia's own Code of Criminal Procedure (KUHAP) which protect the rights of suspects.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express or airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or in your own language:

- calling on the authorities to provide clarification of identity and exact whereabouts of all those detained;
- calling for the authorities to provide guarantees that none of those detained have been subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

APPEALS TO:

Chief of Police for East Timor
Colonel Yusuf Muharram
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Kili, East Timor (Indonesia)
Telegrams: Kapolda, Dili, East Timor

Salutation: Dear Colonel

Military Commander Region IX/Udayana

(Covers Bali, Lombok, Nusa Tenggara and East Timor)

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Salutation: Dear Major General

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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 27 March 1997.