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Further information on UA 411/97, ASA 21/91/97, 30 December 1997 - Possible
"disappearance/ fear of torture"

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR Lucas da Costa, 49, University Professor

Amnesty International has recently received information that Lucas da Costa, an East Timorese professor from Surabaya, Indonesia, who it feared had been abducted by the Indonesian security forces on 23 December 1997, is now free.

According to reports by an East Timorese human rights centre, Lucas da Costa may have been subjected to torture while in detention and he appears to be extremely traumatised by his experience. Amnesty Internaitonal has no information about where he was detained or who had detained him.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on this case. Amnesty International is seeking no further action.