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Further information on UA 367/92 (ASA 21/18/92, 23 November 1992) - Arbitrary detention/fear of torture and new concern fear of "disappearance"

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR: "Disappeared"

Abilio Baptista
Afonso Maria da Cruz (note full name)
Antonio
Avalino Baptista
Fernando Conceição
Fernando de Costa (note full name)
Francisco Gonçalves
Henrique Guterres
Ildefonso Soares
Jorge Cortinal
Mario Miranda
Pascal Soares
Rui Miranda
Vitor Viegas
and new name: Afung Chong

and new names: Arrested and possibly "disappeared"
Abel Fernandes
Cipriano Mesquita
Enrique Belmiro
Mateus
Vasco

The first 14 people named above are now reported to have "disappeared" after being arrested by Indonesian security forces in early November. Relatives have sought information about the detainees at military and police stations in Dili, but security force officials have denied that the 14 are in custody. Afung Chong, a motor mechanic, has also reportedly "disappeared" after being arrested on 24 or 25 November 1992. Abel Fernandes and a further four East Timorese, also arrested in mid-November, are currently believed to be detained in Dili. The exact whereabouts of these five remain unknown and there are fears that they too may have "disappeared".

The safety of all these people is a matter of urgent concern and Amnesty International is calling upon the Indonesian Government to immediately clarify their fate and whereabouts. Amnesty International also calls upon the authorities to grant International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) representatives, lawyers and relatives immediate access to all political detainees, in accordance with Indonesian and international law.

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 capture on 20 November 1992 of Xanana Gusmão, leader of the East Timorese resistance movement (see UA 366/92, ASA 21/17/92 of 30 November 1992 and follow ups). According to reports, the crackdown has been particularly severe in Dili and Manatuto, Xanana's home district. Hundreds of people were reportedly rounded up in mid-November and dozens are thought to remain in detention, most of them held incommunicado. All political detainees are at risk of torture or ill-treatment while in custody and at least one of those arrested after Xanana's capture is feared to have died as a result of torture.

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Indonesian security forces have acknowledged the arrest of some members of Xanana's family and associates but have provided no information about, or have denied outright, the detention of others arrested prior to his capture.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing urgent concern for the safety of Abilio Baptista and 14 others (please name each individual) believed to have "disappeared" after arrest by Indonesian security forces in early November 1992;

- calling on the authorities to clarify their fate and whereabouts immediately;

- expressing grave concern for the safety of Abel Fernandes and four others (please name them), currently detained in Dili; urgently seeking clarification of their place of detention;

- calling on the authorities to permit ICRC representatives immediate access to all political detainees in accordance with Indonesian and international law;

- to release unconditionally all those detained solely for their non-violent political beliefs or activities or for being relatives of political suspects.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Maj Gen Suwardi

Salutation: Dear Brig Gen Syafei

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Salutation: Dear General Sutrisno

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: diplomatic representatives of Indonesia/East Timor
accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your
section office, if sending appeals after 15 January 1993.