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Further information on UA 198/94 (ASA 21/12/94, 23 May 1994) - and follow-up (ASA 21/15/94, 2 June) - Fear of torture/arbitrary detention

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR:	Jose Antonio Neves	{held in Malang, East Java}
	Antonio Soares	{now released}
	Anibal)
	Isaac)
	Lucas Tilman dos Santos)
	Marcos)
	Miguel) originally
	Nuno de Andrade Sarmento Corvelho) detained
	Octaviano) in East Timor
	Pantaleão)
	Pedro Fatima Tilman)
	Rosalino)
	Rui Fernandes)

Amnesty international has learned that **Pedro Fatima Tilman, Miguel** and **Is** (believed to be Isaac), three of the East Timorese named above, have been brought to trial at Dili District Court. Two others are due to be brought to trial on 21 or 22 June, probably from among the group of those named above. Of those arrested and detained in East Timor, some are believed to have now been released.

According to reports none of the three have been accompanied by legal counsel, either during interrogation or during their trial. Pedro Fatima Tilman and Miguel were arrested on 3 May after they had taken part in a peaceful pro-independence demonstration in front of the Mahkota Hotel in Dili during a visit to East Timor by foreign journalists. Isaac is believed to have been arrested at around the same time, also for taking part in the demonstration.

While the exact legislation under which the three have been charged remains unknown, they have probably been charged under Article 154 or 155 of the Indonesian Criminal Code, which define the expression of hostility toward the government as a criminal offence. The state prosecutor has apparently demanded four years' imprisonment for each of the defendants.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- expressing concern that five East Timorese, including Pedro Fatima Tilman, Miguel and Isaac, are being tried and may be imprisoned because of peacefully demonstrating against the Indonesian presence in East Timor;
- expressing further concern that the defendants have been tried in contravention of both Indonesian and international law, including by being denied access to legal counsel of their own choosing;
- urging the Indonesian Government to immediately release all those detained solely for peaceful political activities.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister Utoyo Usman

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Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General Adang Ruchiatna

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and 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 1 August 1994.