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Further information on UA 198/94 (ASA 21/12/94, 23 May 1994) and follow-ups (ASA 21/15/94, 2 June; ASA 21/23/94, 20 June; ASA 21/26/94, 27 June) - Fear of torture / arbitrary detention

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

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The public prosecutor in Malang, East Java announced in late July 1994 that East Timorese human rights activist, **Jose Antonio Neves**, would soon be brought to trial. Another activist, **Pedro Fatima Tilman**, is currently on trial in East Timor and a third, **Rosalino dos Santos**, has been sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment, also in East Timor.

In late July 1994 the public prosecutor in Malang announced that documents for the case against Jose Antonio Neves were ready to be handed to the District Court. Jose Antonio Neves was arrested in Malang on 19 May 1994. He had recently returned from East Timor, where he had gathered information about human rights violations and political developments. He had hoped to make this information available to the international community. According to press reports, a police officer had become suspicious when he saw Jose Antonio Neves sending a letter abroad. The content of the letter, addressed to Germany, was said to "vilify Indonesia".

Pedro Fatima Tilman and Rosalino Dos Santos were arrested in May 1994, along with the other East Timorese named above, for organizing a peaceful pro-independence demonstration in Dili during a visit to East Timor by foreign journalists.

Amnesty International considers all those named above to be prisoners of conscience. It urges the Indonesian Government to release them immediately and unconditionally.

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

- expressing concern that East Timorese human rights activist, Jose Antonio Neves, is to be brought to trial for attempts to report human rights violations in East Timor;
- expressing concern at the trial of Pedro Fatima Tilman, and that Rosalino dos Santos has been sentenced to 20-month imprisonment for participating in a peaceful demonstration during a visit by foreign journalists to East Timor in April;

- expressing further concern that the defendants may have been tried in contravention of both Indonesian and international law and 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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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 20 September 1994.