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Further information on UA 189/97 (ASA 21/43/97, 26 June 1997) - Fear of torture

EAST TIMOR Jose Antonio Belo
Guilherme dos Santos
Manuel
Cesario da Costa [name not previously known]

David Alex

It is believed that the fifth man arrested in Kaibada, near Baucau in East Timor on 25 June, is Cesario da Costa. The five included David Alex, second-in-command of the East Timorese National Liberation Army, *Falintil*, who later died in custody.

It is believed that the military have now acknowledged that four men are being held, although according to some reports, another person arrested with David Alex may also be detained. The military have not stated where the detainees are being held, but some reports allege that they are in the headquarters of the Military Intelligence Unit (*Satuan Tugas Intelijen*, SGI) in Dili. Amnesty International believes that the men will remain at risk of torture and ill-treatment as long as they are held in incommunicado military custody.

The precise circumstances surrounding the death of David Alex, allegedly shot by the military on 25 June, remain unclear. However it seems clearer that there may have been a military confrontation between David Alex and the Indonesian Armed Forces on the early morning of 25 June at Kaibada and that some of the four now detained may have been wounded. It is still not clear what time David Alex died, but it he appears to have been buried at around 8.30am on 26 June, the day after he was captured.

Amnesty International remains concerned at the lack of clarity surrounding the circumstances of David Alex's death. This concern is increased by the speed with which the military buried his body and by the fact that the body has not been returned to his family as per their request.

THE ABOVE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE UA NETWORK. THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTION WHO HAVE NOT YET SENT APPEALS ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO AS RECOMMENDED IN ORIGINAL UA, ie:

- seeking assurances that none of the four detainees (naming some or all) will be subjected to ill-treatment or torture and that they will be given immediate and continuing access to medical care, to members of their families and to independent legal advisors;
- urging the authorities to clarify the whereabouts of all four detainees;
- urging the authorities to provide information on the precise circumstances surrounding the arrest of the four men, the precise charges against them and the circumstances surrounding the death of David Alex.

APPEALS TO:

Commander Resort Military Command (KOREM)
164/Wiradharma (covers East Timor)
Col. Slamet Sidabutar
Markas KOREM 164/Wiradharma
Dili

East Timor (Indonesia)

Telegrams: Col Sidabutar, Markas KOREM, Dili, East Timor

Salutation: Dear Col Slamant Sidabutar

Commander of Special Forces Command

Major General Prabowo

Panglima Kopassus

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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 13 August 1997.