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22 July 1997

Further information on UA 189/97 (ASA 21/43/97, 26 June 1997) and follow-up (ASA 21/46/97) - Fear of torture

EAST TIMOR Jose Antonio Belo

Guilherme dos Santos

Manual

Cesario or Mario da Costa

Gil da Costa

Five men arrested on 25 June 1997 with David Alex, the Second-in-Command of the East Timorese National Liberation Army, *Falintil*, remain in custody. Amnesty International is concerned that the whereabouts of two of the men remains unclear and access for the other three men is restricted.

It is now believed that five men, not four, were taken into custody on 25 June. The names of the five are unclear but it is believed that they are Jose Antonio Belo, Guilherme dos Santos, Manuel, Gil da Costa and Cesario or Mario da Costa. Three of the five have been moved to Dili. It is not clear whether they have been granted access to their families or independent legal advice. The whereabouts of the remaining two is still unclear and Amnesty International is concerned that they are being held in incommunicado detention.

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 THE ORIGINAL UA, ie:

- seeking assurances that none of the five detainees 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 the all five detainees.

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 Slamet Sidabutar

Commander of Special Forces Command

Major General Prabowo

Panglima Kopassus

Markas Besar ABRI

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Jakarta Timur

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Telegrams: Panglima Kopassus, Markas Besar ABRI, Jakarta, Indonesia

Salutations: Dear Major General Prabowo

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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 2 September 1997.