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Further information on UA 299/98 (ASA 21/102/98, 20 November 1998) - Fear for safety / Arbitrary arrests / Unlawful killings EAST TIMOREtelvina, [f] Atina, [f] Vicente de Andrade, head of Taitudak village - (believed to be killed) New Names: Marcal, Taitudak village ] possibly Alexio, Taitudak village ] in military Deulindo, Taitudak village ] detention Domingos Pereira, Mahakuidan Village 1 Berikiak, Lurin sub-village 1 Adriano, Lurin sub-village ] all arrested, Duarte, Lurin sub-village ] possibly Manuel Dias, Lurin sub-village ] killed Jose da Silva, Lurin sub-village 1 Alexandriano, Lurin sub-village ] Florindo de Andrade, Lurin sub-village ] Patricio, teacher at Aituha village 1 Filipe, Lurin sub-village ]

Further details of some of those alleged to have been arrested or possibly killed by the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI) in the District of Same have now emerged - see above-named. Total numbers involved, however, have not been possible to confirm. Amnesty International is concerned at further reports of extrajudicial executions by the Armed Forces and for the safety of those in detention amidst reports that some detainees have been ill-treated.

Etelvina and Atina are now understood to have been arrested together with their uncle, Vicente de Andrade, and three others: Marcal, Alexio and Deulindo, from a house in Taitudak village and taken into military custody. Their whereabouts remain unknown. According to Colonel Tono Suratman, the military commander in East Timor, Vicente de Andrade was shot for his alleged part in the recent attack on a military post in the district of Same.

East Timorese human rights monitors are understood to be making their way to the sub-district of Alas, Same District (some 120 kilometres south of the capital Dili), despite reports that access is restricted by the presence of the Armed Forces and poor weather conditions.

These events follow an attack on a military post in the area, in which three members of the Armed Forces were killed.

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