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Further information on UA 205/99 (ASA 21/92/99, 11 August 1999) and follow-up (ASA 21/93/99) - Fear for safety / arbitrary detention / possible "disappearance"

EAST TIMORReleased: Emiliano da Silva Guterres, 24
Januario da Silva Belo, Student

Missing: Armindo Martins

Afonso da Silva Guterres Augusto da Cruz Egas Moniz

Jacinto

Emilio da Silva Guterres and Januario da Silva Belo have been released. Emiliano da Silva Guterres was released after having been held for less than 24 hours, while Januario da Silva Belo was released on 13 August 1999.

There is no further information on the five missing persons named above. Please continue appeals as before on their behalf.

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

- urging the authorities to clarify and make public the whereabouts of the five missing students, and to ensure that, if they are found to be in custody, they have access to independent legal counsel, their families and medical assistance;
- urging the authorities to ensure there is a full and impartial investigation into the attacks on the DSMTT office and the allegations that students have been killed, and that those believed responsible are promptly brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

Chief of Police for East Timor Col. GM Timbul Silaen Kapolda Timor Timur Dili East Timor Indonesia

Faxes: + 62 390 321 544 Salutation: Dear Sir

COPIES TO:

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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 12 August 1999.