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Further information on UA 262/98 (ASA 21/92/98, 6 October 1998) - Fear for safety

EAST TIMOR Marcos Belo, aged 28

Marcos Belo, arrested on 30 September 1998 and held incommunicado at Baucau Air Force Base by the Indonesian Armed Forces, has been released.

Marcos Belo was arrested by an Indonesian Air Force unit (Angkatan Udara, AU) -- which has no legal authority to conduct arrests -- from the AU base in Baucau (Lanud Baucau) during a raid on the village of Kaisida, Baucau. It is believed he was detained on suspicion of involvement with the underground resistance in East Timor which frequently results in incommunicado detention and "disappearances".

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.