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Further Information on UA 95/03 (ASA 21/010/2003, 9 April 2003) and follow-ups (ASA 21/011/2003, 11 April 2003; ASA 21/012/2003, 14 April 2003; ASA 21/014/2003, 16 April 2003) - Fear of torture/medical concern

INDONESIA

Kanius Wenda (also known as Kanius Murib) (m)
Nugungga Telenggeng (m)
Kimanus Wenda (m)
Yapray Murib (m)
Emos Lokobal (m)
Des Wenda (m)
Mikael Heselo (m)
Other detainees held in connection with the attack on Kodim

1702

New names:

9 members of Jayawijaya District Military Command

Seven men detained at Jayawijaya District Military Command (Kodim 1702) in Wamena town have been transferred to police detention at Wamena Police Resort (Polres Wamena) and have been allowed access to legal representation. They are accused of carrying out an attack on the military base on 4 April, though it is unclear if they have been charged. Although they are at a lower risk of torture in police detention, Amnesty International remains concerned for their safety.

Nine military personnel from Jayawijaya Kodim, who have also been accused of involvement in the attack, are detained in the district military police headquarters in Jayapura, the capital of Papua Province. The nine have been charged with various offences under military law. Two of them, charged with direct involvement in the attack, may face the death penalty. The others are reportedly charged with negligence or providing the attackers with weapons or ammunition; these offences carry lighter sentences. There is no information about the treatment of the nine, but there are concerns for their safety.

Of the civilian detainees, Mikael Heselo, was initially arrested, together with Soleman Hesegem during military and police operations in Kurima in the south of Wamena town on or around 19 April. Soleman Hesegem's wife is reported to have been held down and throttled before being stripped naked by members of the security forces. The two men were taken to Kurima Police Sector (Polsek) where they were interrogated and then were thought to have been released. Mikael Heselo was subsequently rearrested and remains in detention.

Operations by the security forces elsewhere in and around Wamena are reported to have resulted in the burning of houses, schools and health posts in at least five villages. Many inhabitants of these villages have allegedly left their homes and are hiding in a nearby forest.

There is no further information on Elias Tarbuni, Wim Logo, Sam Telingan and the other unnamed detainees. It is believed that they may have been released or that their names have been corrected and are included in the above list.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case and will use longer term campaigning methods on the detainees' behalf. Please send a final round of appeals, in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:

- calling on the authorities to provide guarantees that neither the civilian detainees in Polres Wamena or the members of military in the district military police headquarters in Jayapura will be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging the authorities to ensure that all the detainees receive unrestricted access to legal representatives of their own choosing, to members of their families and to medical attention;
- urging the government to take immediate measures, in accordance with its obligations under the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment which it has ratified, to undertake an immediate, effective and impartial investigation of the allegations of torture of detainees while in Kodim 1702, including the death of Yapenas Murib, allegedly as a result of torture.

APPEALS TO:

Military Commander, Kodam VIII / XVII Trikora

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Salutation: Dear Inspector General

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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 6 June 2003.