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Further information on UA 05/95 (ASA 21/06/95, 11 January 1995) and follow-up (ASA 21/13/96, 12 February 1996) - Fear of torture / arbitrary detention

INDONESIA AND EAST TIMOR

Jose Antonio Belo and 23 others

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Prisoner of conscience Jose Antonio Belo was released on 28 May 1996. The 24-year-old East Timorese student had been arrested on 9 January 1995 after a peaceful demonstration at the University of East Timor in Dili, and was sentenced on 8 May 1995 to 18 months' imprisonment on charges of "expressing hostility to the government".

To Amnesty International's knowledge, Jose Antonio Belo's co-defendants remain in prison. The organization continues to call for their immediate and unconditional release. No further action by the Urgent Action Network is requested.