

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 79/97 (ASA 21/38/97, 2 June 1997) - Fear of torture

EAST TIMOR David Dias Ximenes, João Angelo, 32, Francisco Magno, 27, Jose Acacio, 40, Joaquim Moreira, 28

new names: 16 believed to be in police custody in Dili: Julião de Sa Martins, 27, Frederico Soares, 29, David Dias Ximenes, Antonio Soares, 18, Matias Marcal Soares, 37, Eusubio, Agostinho, Jose, Luis Antonio Soares, 24, Domingos Pereira, 30, Vasco da Gama, 33, Rui Leite Correia, Mateus de Sousa, Carlos dos Santos Correia, Julio da Costa and Tomas Ornai

Fransisco da Silva, Jose dos Santo and Fransisco Soares

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A number of individuals taken into custody in connection with attacks by the East Timorese National Liberation Army, *Falintil*, in East Timor in late May 1997, are feared to remain at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

The precise number of detainees is not clear. The authorities stated on 2 July that 68 people were in custody throughout East Timor, including 23 detained in Baucau. Amnesty International believes that at least 87 people remain in custody and possibly as many as 110. This includes people detained in Dili, Los Palos and Baucau. Some individuals are in police custody while others appear to be in military custody. Amnesty International has the names of at least 16 people believed to be held in police custody in Dili, as listed above.

The Indonesian authorities reportedly stated that three other men, who may have been initially detained in Wirahusada Military Hospital in Dili, admitted their involvement in one of the *Falintil* ambushes. Amnesty International is concerned that the men, Fransisco da Silva, Jose dos Santo and Fransisco Soares, appear to have been interrogated without the presence of independent legal assistance.

The number of individuals who have been charged is not clear, but there are continuing concerns that some in custody are being denied access to independent legal counsel or medical care.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express/ airmail letters in English or Bahasa Indonesia or in your own language:**

- seeking assurances that none of the detainees will be subjected to ill-treatment or torture and that they will be given immediate and continuing access to medical care, to members of their families and to independent legal advisors;
- urging the authorities to clarify the whereabouts and identities of all detainees and the charges against them.

**APPEALS TO:**

Chief of Police for East Timor  
Colonel Atok Rismanto  
Kapolda Timor Timur  
Dili  
East Timor (Indonesia)

**Telegrams: Kapolda Timor Timur, Dili, East Timor**

**Salutation: Dear Colonel Rismanto**

Commander Resort Military Command (KOREM)  
164/Wiradharma (covers East Timor)  
Col. Slamant Sidabutar  
Markas KOREM 164/Wiradharma  
Dili, East Timor (Indonesia)

**Telegrams: Col Sidabutar, Markas KOREM, Dili, East Timor**

**Salutation: Dear Col Slamant Sidabutar**

**COPIES TO:**

National Commission on Human Rights  
Komisi Nasional Hak Asazi Manusia (Komnas HAM)  
Alex Refialy SH  
Jalan Dr Antonio de Carvelho  
Dili, East Timor  
(Indonesia)

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 4 August 1997.