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Further information on UA 193/98 (ASA 21/72/98, 7 July 1998) and follow-up (ASA 21/73/98, 9 July 1998) - Fear for safety / Medical concerns

INDONESIA Filip Karma (previously listed as Yopie Karma)]in
 Constan Karma, younger brother of above]custody
 Eduard Iwanggin]

Elias Ansek, aged 35]
Ruin Msiren, aged 26]moved under
Ely Orisu, aged 30]armed guard
Andi Marisan, aged 17]

New name: Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe, aged 29]disappeared

Concerns remain for those still missing or in police custody following the violent break up of the peaceful flag-raising ceremony in Biak on 6 July 1998.

There is also concern for the safety of Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe who it has recently learnt was also arrested on 6 July 1998 and who is subsequently "disappeared".

An eye-witness reported seeing Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe, a taxi driver from Biak, being arrested by three members of the Armed Forces at his house and taken in the direction of the harbour though he is not believed to have taken part in the ceremony.

Twenty people known to be in police custody in Biak are facing charges of separatism and rebellion for their role in the ceremony. They are: Drs Filip Karma, Neles Sroyer, Thonci Wabiser, Melki Kmur, Celsius Raweyai, Agustinus Sada, Eduard Iwanggin, Demetrius Fainsenem, Andreas Marsyo, Hengky Wambrauw, Nehemia Ronsumbre, Marinus Ronsumbre, Klemens Rumsarwir, Bernadus Mansawan, Lamekh Dimara, Robert Iwanggin, Inseren S Karma, Jomunda C Karma, Adrianus Rumbewas and Nico Rumpaidus.

There are serious concerns for the health of Filip Karma who was shot in both legs on 6 July. He is believed to have received some medication but not to have been seen by a doctor.

Eduard Iwanggin is understood to be in poor health as a result of beatings he received at the time of his arrest. It is believed that a doctor has recommended that he be released in order to obtain medical treatment but this is not known to have happened.

Another 19 people are still thought to be missing, possibly in custody. They include: Decki Kararbo, Welmus Rumpaisum, aged 62, Ishak Wamafma, Leo Manyakori, Samuel Faknik, Steven Wader, aged 53, Jhony Inggabou and Ruslin Sroyer, aged 20.

The whereabouts of four other men shot during the break-up of the demonstration and moved under armed guard to another location is still not clear and concern is growing for their well-being. They are: Rubin Msiren, shot in both feet, Ely Orisu, shot in the stomach, Andi Marisan, shot in the right hip and Elias Ansek, shot in the back. Earlier reports that Elias Ansek had died remain unconfirmed. Attempts by relatives and human rights workers to seek

information from the military and the police in Biak have so far produced no results.

The military have now acknowledged that 24 people were wounded when it broke up the ceremony and have announced a fact-finding team to investigate the events.

Its mandate and composition are, however, unclear.

Steven Suripatti, shot in the head by Armed Forces during the violent break up of another flag-raising ceremony at Cendrawasih University in Jayapura has died. Another man, suspected of being a military intelligence officer, also died after being attacked by a crowd of the demonstrators.

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

- urging the authorities to clarify the whereabouts of Rubin Msiren, Ely Orisu, Andi Marisan, Elias Ansek and Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe and requesting that they receive adequate medical treatment for gunshot wounds they received during the break up of the demonstration;
- urging the authorities to investigate the whereabouts of Decki Kararbo, Welmus Rumpaisum, Ishak Wamafma, Leo Manyakori, Semuel Faknik, Steven Wader, Jhony Inggabou and Ruslin Sroyer who have been missing since 6 July 1998;
- requesting that Filip Karma and Eduard Iwanggin have immediate, on-going and regular access to the medical treatment they require.

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