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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 and ASA 21/78/98, 29 July 1998) -
"Disappearance"/Fear for safety/Medical concerns

INDONESIA Still "disappeared":

Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe, aged 29

Still detained:

Filip Karma, Joumunda C Karma, aged 30 (formerly Constan Karma)

New Names: "Disappeared":

Decki Kararbo, Welmus Rumpaisum, aged 62, Ishak Wamafma, Leo Manyakori, Samuel Faknik, Steven Wader, aged 53, Jhoni Inggabou, Ruslin Sroyer, aged 20

There is still no news of the whereabouts of Franciscus Delton Gerson Gawe, a taxi driver who was arrested in Biak on 6 July 1998 and who has subsequently "disappeared".

Amnesty International is also concerned for the safety of at least 8 other people reported missing following the violent breakup of a flag-raising ceremony in Biak on 6 July 1998. They include Decki Kararbo, Welmus Rumpaisum, Ishak Wamafma, Leo Manyakori, Samuel Faknik, Steven Wader, Jhoni Inggabou and Ruslin Sroyer. There are reports that Irene Sroyer may also be missing following the incident.

It is believed that 13 people remain in detention at the Biak Police headquarters. They include; Filip Karma, Joumunda C Karma, Neles Sroyer, Melki Kmur, Celsius Raweyai, Augustinus Sada, Andreas Marsyom, Marinus Ronsumbre, Klemens Rumasarwir, Lamekh Dimara, Robert Iwanggin, Adrianus Rumbewas and Nico Rumpaidus. They have been charged with rebellion under article 106 of the Criminal Code, which punishes separatism with a maximum of life imprisonment.

There is continued concern regarding the medical condition of Filip Karma, who was shot in both legs, and Lamekh Dimara, who was reportedly shot in the right thigh.

The military has now acknowledged that 24 people were wounded when it broke up the ceremony and has announced the establishment of a fact-finding team to investigate the events. One person, Ruben Orboy, died as a result of injuries he sustained during the breakup of the flag-raising ceremony in Biak.

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 investigate the whereabouts of Francisco Delton Gerson Gawe, Decki Kararbo, Welmus Rumpaisum, Ishak Wamafma, Leo Manyakori, Samuel Faknik, Steven Wader, Jhoni Inggabou, Ruslin Sroyer and Irene Sroyer;
-requesting that Filip Karma and Lamekh Dimara have immediate, on-going and regular access to the medical treatment they require;
-seeking guarantees that those detained be given immediate access to independent legal representatives, members of their families and to medical attention.

APPEALS TO:

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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