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Further information on Extra 19/98 (ASA 21/18/98, 4 March 1998) - Possible arbitrary arrest / Fear of torture or ill-treatment

EAST TIMOR Rui Campus, aged 20, student

Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Rui Campus who it is believed is still detained in incommunicado military custody where he remains at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Rui Campus was arrested in his home village of Asalainu, Los Palos, in late January 1998. It is likely that he was first detained at Mes Gula, the Los Palos headquarters of the Indonesian Special Forces Command, Kopassus. He is now thought to have been transferred to Laruara detention centre, also a Kopassus centre, in Los Palos following unsuccessful attempts by human rights monitors to make contact with him.

The arrest of Rui Campus is thought to be linked to an incident in his village a couple of days earlier in which he tried to defend the village head from being hit by Kopassus troops.

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

- urging the authorities to provide information concerning the exact charges against Rui Campus or, if he is not to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence, that he be released;
- requesting the authorities to provide information concerning his whereabouts;
- seeking assurances that he will not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment while in detention;
- urging the authorities to permit him access to members of his family, independent legal counsel and to medical professionals while in custody.

APPEALS TO:

Please note: fax tones to Indonesia can be very difficult to obtain

COMMANDER OF SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND (KOPASSUS)

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Salutation: Dear Major General Muchdi

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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 20 May 1998.