# Solidaridade ba Timor-Leste husi povo EUA no rai seluk. ETAN no IFET



Charlie Scheiner, UNTL, 17 Abril 2009 http://www.etan.org

# East Timor Action Network/U.S. Rede Aksaun Timor-Leste/EUA

- Hahu 10 Dezembru 1991, ho manifestasaun iha Indonesia nia Misaun ba ONU nia oin.
- Ami hanoin atu uza konsequensia Massakre Santa Cruz atu loke matan cidadaun EUA-nian, no atu hapara apoiu husi EUA ba okupsaun.
- Ami tuir Ali Alatas bainhira nia halo viajem ba rai barak. Nia koko "esplika" saida mak akontese ona iha Santa Cruz, maibe hetan pregunta no manifestante sira iha fatin hotu.
- Oktobru 1992: Kongresu hapara trenimento ba TNI iha EUA. Primeru sansaun iha tinan 17 okupasaun.

## Estafeta

Voice of the East Timor Action Network/U.S.

Vol. 7, No. 2/Spring 2001

## Will East Timor See Justice?

by Charles Scheiner

Eighteen months have elapsed since the Indonesian military and its militia proxies devastated East Timor. A quarter century has passed since the U.S.-supported Indonesian invasion of East Timor began an occupation which killed one-third of the population and kidnapped, raped, tortured and terrorized hundreds of thousands more. Uncountable crimes against humanity have been committed in East Timor since 1975 by Indonesian forces, with the complicity of the world's "great powers." It is a record which cries out for justice.

Indonesian incapacity, interna-



The Hotel Olympia, moored in Dili harbor opposite UNTAET HQ until New Year's Day 2001, housed many international UNTAET staff and was a symbol of the

way in bringing the architects of East Timor's invasion, occupation and destruction to justice.

In January 2000, an Indonesian government commission named suspects, going up to the highest levels of the military, for the 1999 violence in East Timor. Four months later, Indonesia signed an agreement with the UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) to cooperate in supplying witnesses and transferring suspects. On April 25, 2000, the chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission lauded Indonesia's promises to prosecute crimes against humanity committed in East Timor and to cooperate with UNTAET. Many

## ETAN nia objektivu original

- Apoiu povo TL nia direitu umanu no politiku.
- Hapara apoiu husi Governu EUA ba diktadura Suharto, liu liu kilat no trenimentu ba ABRI, POLRI no TNI. Labele fo ka faan armas.
- Dada ONU atu organiza referendum iha TL.
- Hanorim povo EUA kona ba sira nia partisipasaun iha crime boot internasional iha TL no rai seluk.
- Ajuda movimentu independensia bainhira sira presiza, iha EUA laran.

#### Financial report

ETAN/US currently functions with volunteer labor and donated office space and equipment; we have not been paying salaries or rent. Consequently, we were able to accomplish much more than most groups with a \$50,000 annual budget. The figures below are for national ETAN; local chapters usually raise and spend their own money.

In 1997, we expect our budget expenditures to be more than triple those for 1996. Although we are starting with a \$70,000 nest egg, we will need to raise more than double what we raised in 1996. Your support is vital!

Financial Report, Calendar Year 1996							
-	Income	Expense	Net				
Sales	11,616	10,495	1,121				
Donations	24,183	1,593	22,590				
Grants	69,500	1,549	67,951				
Death of a Nation	826	21	805				
Other events	3,356		3,356				
Documents	1,803	2,110	-307				
Estafeta (newsletter)	) 292	5,461	-5,169				
Mailing		1,598	-1,598				
Speaking Tours	889	4,119	-3,230				
Supplies		1,050	-1,050				
Printing		5,521	-5,521				
Phone / fax / Interne	ŧt	1,693	-1,693				
National conference	& 96	1,048	-953				
Lobby Days							
Bank charges		111	-111				
Local organizing		3,616	-3,616				
Other		850	-850				
Total 5	\$112,581	\$39,465	\$73,116				

The educational work of ETAN is a project of the WESPAC Foundation which can accept tax-deductible contributions of \$50 or more. Other do-

# East Timor Action Network

## 1996 Annual Report



The East Timor Action Network/United States supports genuine selfdetermination and human rights for the people of East Timor in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 1960 United Nations General Assembly Resolution on Decolonization, and Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on East Timor. Our primary focus is to change US foreign policy and raise public awareness to support self-determination for East Timor.

**ETAN laiha** staff, ami hotu voluntariu deit. Ami husu osan husi belun no faan libru balu, maibe la hetan grant ka subsidiu. **Tenki** ekonomiza!

1991-1996

Depois Premiu Nobel da Paz, bele hetan doador ruma.

## **ETAN** nia aktividade

- Buka apoiu husi ema pronto atu aprende
  - Ema Portugis iha EUA
  - Igreja Katoliku, no relijioso seluk
  - Aktivista no estudante sira
  - Ema no grupo servisu ba direitu umanu no dame
- Halo ligasaun ho ema iha institusaun laran
  - Jornalista, Membru Congresu no diplomat sira iha ONU
- Kordena ho grupo solidaridade iha rai seluk.
  - IFET: Federasaun Internasional ba Timor-Leste
- Organiza grupo lokal ETAN-nian, iha komunidade no universidade 25

## **ETAN** nia meus

- Manifestasaun
- Lobby no advokasia
  - Hili objektivu realistik, maibe importante atu manan
- Edukasaun popular
  - Pamflet, orador, filme, enkontro local, seminar
- Media
  - Fo informasaun los, atu hatudu Indonesia-nia bosok
- Aliansi ho grupo seluk
- Utiliza oportunidade ruma bainhira akontese
- Identifika frakese no posibilidade iha apoiantes pro-Indonesia
- Aumenta presaun tinan ba tinan

## Konsulada Indonesia, New York

ETAN manan kazu iha tribunal atu troka naran estrada iha Konsulada nia oin – fulan Julhu no Agustu 1999.







#### Action Alert from the East Timor Action Network

PO Box 1182, White Plains, NY 10602. (914)428-7299 fax:(914)428-7383 email:cscheiner@igc.apc.org

March 14, 1995

#### Terror Reigns in Dili — U.N. presence urgently needed

### Tell Indonesia to Stop the Killing

The situation in East Timor is extremely serious at present. Tensions have been rising since the protests during the APEC summit in November; there have been a number of demonstrations organized by the clandestine resistance, as well as outbreaks of urban violence resulting from what may be deliberate provocations on the part of Indonesian settlers.

And the reprisals from the Indonesian authorities are becoming more and more severe. Some 10-20 East Timorese civilians were murdered by Indonesian soldiers in Baucau on New Year's Day (although Indonesia claims that the soldiers were not acting in their official capacity).

There are unconfirmed reports that nine young East Timorese were shot dead by members of Battalion 744 in Taibesi, Dili on 9 January. These killings occurred shortly after several dozen people demonstrated briefly near the University of East Timor in Dili, to welcome the talks between the Indonesian and Portuguese foreign ministers under UN auspices in Geneva. According to one source, when the father of one of the nine victims went to the battalion headquarters looking for his son, he was shot dead by the deputy commander of the battalion. On January 12, six civilians were tortured and executed in cold blood in the village of Liquica; the authorities initially claimed that they were "guerrillas," but this claim has now been proven false. Many East Timorese have been arrested, and several others killed during February and March

Most disturbing is the sudden outbreak of activity by the "Ninja" gangs – the Timorese slang term for what are fundamentally death squads. It is well known that these Ninjas are trained, equipped, and well-paid by the Indonesian military. Although they have been present in East Timor for some time, terrorizing, assaulting and abducting the civilian population, they have never been so active as in the past two months. They have been stoning and burning houses in Dili, and they have abducted more than 29 people, many of whom have not been heard from for

Fo hatene ba aktivista sira bainhira tenke responde ba buat ruma urgente.

#### **East Timor & Indonesia**

#### Human Rights, Self-Determination & U.S. Policy

a major conference with East Timorese leaders, Indonesian activists and others

Saturday, February 22, 1997 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Alice Stetler Lounge

6th flr., Int'l Affairs Building, Columbia University

speakers include José Ramos-Horta (Nobel Peace Prize winner), João Carrascalão (President of UDT), Mari Alkatari (FRETILIN), Arlindo Marçal (Protestant Church, East Timor), Constâncio Pinto (U.S. Representative, CNRM; author, East Timor's Unfinished Struggle: Inside the Timorese Resistance), George Aditjondro (Indonesian journalist and environmentalist; Professor, Newcastle University), Bella Galhos (young East Timorese ir exile in Canada), Lojang Soenario, (founder, Watch Indonesia, Germany), Sidney Jones (Human Rights Watch/Asia), Antonio Barbedo de Magalhaes (Coordinator, Symposia on Timor of Oporto University), Matthew Jardine (author, East Timor: Genocide in Paradise), Pedro Pinto Leite (Secretary-General, International Platform of Jurists on East Timor), Bishop Hilton Deakin (Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne)

(Co-sponsored by Oporto University, East Timor Action Network and more.)

#### OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, February 20, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
"Universal Human Rights, National Self-Determination

### and the East Timor Struggle"

A Public Lecture and Discussion with Nobel Peace Laureate José Ramos-Horta Swayduck Auditorium, 65 5th Ave., 1st Floor, New York, NY (Sponsored by MacArthur Program on Global Change and Liberalism and the World Policy Institute at the New School for Social Research)

Friday, February 21, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

"Prospects for Democratization in Indonesia & Its Implications for the United States"

A discussion with Professors George Aditjondro,

Organiza enkontru barak iha universidade, eskola, komunidade, sst.

Ami konvite
diplomat no
aktivista sira husi TL
atu halo "speaking
tour". Molok 1998
bele halo ho exilio
deit.

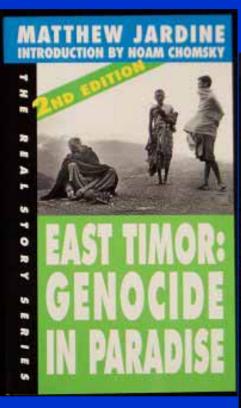
## Embasada Indonesia, Washington

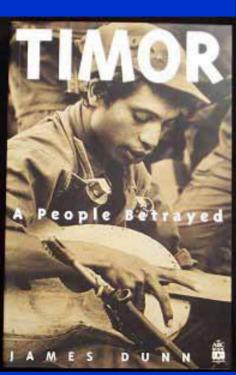


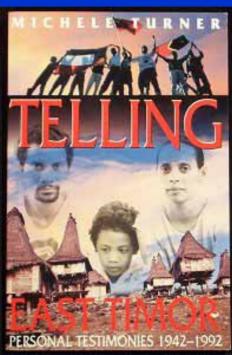
Viola lei, ho naoviolensia (civil disobedience).

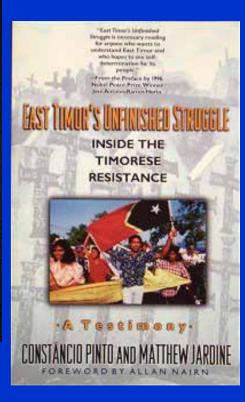
Polisia caer.

## Fahe Libru no informasaun









Ami mos halo video, intervista ho media, artigu iha jornal, meza iha eventu, no sst.

#### Documents on East Timor from PeaceNet and Connected Computer Networks

Volume 43: February 1, 1996 - April 30, 1996

Published by:

East Timor Action Network / U.S.

P.O. Box 1182, White Plains, NY 10602 USA

Tel: 914-428-7299 Fax: 914-428-7383 E-mail CSCHEINER@

These documents are produced approximately every two mon

For additional or back copies, send US\$30 per volume; add \$5 for international air mail. Dis

rates: \$15 for educational and non-profit institutions; \$8 for U.S. activists; \$11 international.

Subscription rates: \$180 (\$90 educational, \$48 activist) for the next six issues. Add \$30 (\$18 activist) for international air mail. Further subsidies are available for groups in Third World countries working on East Timor. Checks should be made out to "ETAN."

The material is grouped by subject, with articles under each category in approximately chronological order. It is also available on IBM-compatible diskette, in either Word for Windows or ASCII format.

Reprinting and distribution without permission is welcomed.

Much of this information is translated and supplied by TAPOL

East Timor Japan Coalition, Mate-Bian News (Sydney), East 1 (Aotearoa), Australians for a Free East Timor (Darwin) and oth

they are not responsible for editorial comment or selection.

Fahe informasaun kona ba TL ba mundo tomak, 1991-1996, tanba and mailed to subscribers uk fasil atu uza.

(London), CDPM (Lisbon), CNRM Free Roman Agora, Cladaun, E.T.A.N. kontinua atu publika informasaun hanesan ne'e ho internet.

TABLE OF CONTENTFlaruka email ba info@etan.org

EAST TIMOR'S HISTORY FROM SPICES TO CONFLICT.....

## Advokasia iha ONU, New York



#### DECOLONIZATION CHOURS AND TESTIMONY 7/40/400E 4.EE.00 AM

DECOLONIZATION GROUPS AND TESTIMONY 7/10/1995 1:55:00 AM					
Group	<u>speaker</u>	testimony	housing	pass	
ETAN/US	Charlie Scheiner	TO WRITE	ok	ok	
ETAN/Canada	David Webster	self	with sister, 212- 995-5476	s	
Simon de Faux	Simon de Faux	self, ok	Janet	ok	
ETRO	Max Surjadinata	John C., self	ok	s	
Renetil	Domingos Sarmento	self	needs?	ok	
IPJET	Vanessa Ramos	<b>Kada tinan</b>	LETAN	no	IIFET korde
Nita Lowey	staffer	self	ok	ok	
Fretilin	Jose Luis Guterres	self aktivista.	exper		no ema hus
CNRM	Constancio Pinto	self	Allan & Amy?	ok	
UDT	Zacharias da Costa	<b>CNRM</b> atu f	o testi	mu	nha ba Kon
PET	Warren Allmand, Canadian MP	self/Sharon	?	ok	
FETJC & Aki	Kan Akatani	24 (Dekolo	nizasa	ign)	liha ONU a
TAPOL	Dr. Ben Wainfeld, (212)447 7292. He can receive faxes at his wife's practice (Dr. Eugenia Wainfeld), (718) 858 0145. Must be 7/11.	Ready to print; faxed to	OK	7	os ba sira.
Australian Coalition for a Free East Timor	Michael Ede	ready to print, emailed to Michae	ok	?	0 100 0 WILLIAM
ETISC	Richard Koch	ready to procession Richard		I,Or	ema ruma
AETA Sydney, Langford)	Robert Lesko	ready to print,		?	
Hobart ET Committee	John M. Miller	ready to print, emailed to John	ok	ok	
BCET	Julie Carran	ready to print,	ok	?	
Agir pour Timor	Jennifer Washburn	will come at last minute by email	ok	?	
PCRC	Rik Panganiban	ready to print, emailed to Rik	ok	ok	
Tau Henare, MP	with PET or ETIC	ready to print (copied)	ok		
ETIC/NZ	Alyn Ware (Call Tuesday when schedule is clear.)	ready to print, faxed to Alyn	ok	ok	
Italian ET groups	Jill Sternberg	ready to print,		Anjali	
APCET	Sharon Scharfe	Sharon, ok	Aunt, 212-568-	s	

Petition to the United Nations Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

from the

#### East Timor Action Network / United States

PO Box 1182, White Plains, New York 10602 USA. 914-428-7299 fax 914-428-7383 email cscheiner@igc.apc.org

presented by Charles Scheiner United Nations, New York, July 11, 1995

Chairperson, distinguished members of the committee and guests, my name is Charles Scheiner, and I am coordinator of the East Timor Action Network. I also represent the International Federation for East Timor, an NGO affiliated with the Department of Public Information. On behalf of IFET, I thank Mr. Dmitrichev and his staff for their help in facilitating the participation of IFET member groups in today's session.

Today, I am addressing you on behalf of the U.S.-based East Timor Action Network, a grass-roots movement formed late in 1991. I will not repeat others' testimony, but give you some information on relevant recent developments in the United States. Although there is increasing awareness in the U.S. of the Indonesian military occupation in East Timor, the position of the U.S. government is still in flux.

Last year, Congress continued its prohibition on International Military Education and Training (IMET) assistance for Indonesia, which has been in effect since shortly after the 1991 Dili massacre. In addition, Congress codified a State Department-initiated ban on public and private sales of small and light arms and riot control equipment from the U.S. to Indonesia, the first time such an across-the-board prohibition has been imposed on any type of weapons sales to Indonesia. In both cases, ongoing human rights violations in East Timor were the source of Congressional distress.

#### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR EAST TIMOR (IFET)

Secretariat: Asia-Pacific Coalition on East Timor c/o Initiatives for International Dialogue 27-D Rosario Townhouse, Galaxy St.
GSIS Heights, Matina, Davao City 8000 PHILIPPINES Ph/fax. 63-82-299-2052 iiddvo@skyinet.net

U.N. Representative: Charles Scheiner PO Box 1182, White Plains, NY 10602 USA Tel:1-914-428-7299 fax:1-914-428-7383 ifet@etan.org

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Australia-East Timor Association Australians for a Free East Timor Brisbane East Timor Office (Australia) Campaign for an Independent East Timor (South Australia)

East Timor International Support Center (Australia)

East Timor Relief Association (Australia) Friends of East Timor, Western Australia Hobart East Timor Committee (Australia) Lismore Friends of East Timor (Australia) Canadian Action for Indonesia and East Timor

East Timor Alert Network (Canada) National Council of Timorese Resistance (CNRT, East Timor) Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (Fiji)

East Timor Group of Committee of 100 (Finland)

Agir Pour Timor (France)
Association Solidarité Timor-Oriental
(France)

Gesell chaif fur Bedrofite Volker (Germany)
Watch Indonesial (Germany)
East Timor Roundtable (U.S. 10

Forum Solidaritas Untuk Rokyat Timor Lorosae (FORTILOS, Indonesia) East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign

Latin American and Mediterranean Coalition for East Timor (Italy)

for East Timor (Italy)
Free East Timor - Japan Coalition
East Timor Information Network (Malaysia)
International Platform of Jurists for East
Timor (Netherlands)

Norwegian Cooperation Council for East Timor and Indonesia

Asia-Pacific Coalition on East Timor (Philippines)

A Paz é Possivel em Timor Leste (Port.) Commissão para os Direitos do Povo Maubere (Portugal)

Movimento Christão para a Paz (Port.)
Paz é Justica para Timor Leste (Portugal)
East Timor Scotland Support Group
Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América
Latina y Africa (Spain)

Petition to the United Nations Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Regarding the

Question of East Timor

United Nations, New York

July 5, 2000

Mr. Chairperson, distinguished members of the Committee, and

Sumisaun husi IFET, 2000 de world

Our federation currently includes more than 30 NGOs based in 23 countries.

Last year, IFET organized the largest international observer mission for the East Timor consultation. Our UNAMET-accredited project included volunteers from 20 countries who observed the process from before voter registration through the announcement of the results and beyond. On voting day, we had 125 people in every district of East Timor, monitoring 135 of the 200 polling centers.

From January to mid-September 1999, we warned of the dangers of leaving security in the hands of the same Indonesia military which had killed and terrorized the people of East Timor for the previous quarter-century. Sadly, our warnings and the predictions of most East Timorese people came true, and the Indonesian military and its militias wrought unimaginable destruction on East Timor after its people voted for independence.

#### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR EAST TIMOR (IFET)

Secretariat: Asia-Pacific Coalition on East Timor c/o Initiatives for International Dialogue 27-D Rosario Townhouse, Galaxy St. GSIS Heights, Matina, Davao City 8000 PHILIPPINES Ph/fax. 63-82-299-2052 iiddvo@skyinet.net

U.N. Representative: Charles Scheiner PO Box 1182, White Plains, NY 10602 USA Tel:1-914-428-7299 fax:1-914-428-7383 ifet@etan.org

May 3, 1999

#### Member Organizations

National Council of Timorese Resistance (CNRT, East Timor) East Timor International Support Center (Australia)

Australia-East Timor Association (AETA)

Australians for a Free East Timor (AFFET)

Hobart East Timor Committee (Australia)

East Timor Alert Network (Canada) Canadian Action for Indonesia and East Timor (CAFIET)

Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (Fiji)

Agir Pour Timor (France) Association Solidarité Timor-Oriental (ASTO, France) Gesellschaft fur Bedrohte Volker

(Germany) Asian Centre for the Progress of

Peoples (Hong Kong) East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign

Indian Society for Human Rights Free East Timor - Japan Coalition Fast Timor Information Network (Malaysia)

International Platform of Jurists for East Timor (Netherlands) Norwegian Cooperation Council for

Fast Timor and Indonesia Asia-Pacific Coalition on East Timor (Philippines) Com. para os Direitos do Povo

Maubere (Portugal) Paz é Justica para Timor Leste (Portugal)

A Paz é Possivel em Timor Leste (Portugal) Movimento Christão para a Paz

Hon, Kofi Annan United Nations Secretary-General **UN Secretariat** New York, NY 10017 By fax to 212-963-2155

Dear Excellency:

We stand at a critical moment for the people of East Timor. In two days, the Indonesian and Portuguese Foreign Ministers will meet under your auspices to decide the security arrangements and the modalities for the August 8 ballot in East Timor.

For many years we have looked to the United Nations as the only legitimate and reliable body capable of settling this tragic issue in a way acceptable both to the long-suffering East Timorese people and to the international community. The United Nations is equipped with many resolutions which, properly implemented, quarantee a framework for the East Timorese people to determine their own future free from coercion and fear. We refer to Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 on the right to self-determination, Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) calling on Indonesia to withdraw from East Timor without delay, and the eight resolutions of the General Assembly on East Timor.

Since you became Secretary General, your office has taken many initiatives to implement these resolutions. We appreciate your efforts and those of your competent and committed staff over the past two years, and share your eagerness to solve this 23-year blot on humanity's conscience.

You began your press briefing on April 23, after the last round of tripartite talks, by saying that this was a good day, and that there are not many of those at the United Nations these days. There are no good days at all in East Timor these days. During the month of April alone, more than 100 East Timorese civilians were murdered by paramilitary militias the Indonesian government has proven unwilling or unable to control.

President Habibie is actively engaged in your East Timor peace process, and is committed to allowing East Timor to become independent if the

Karta husi IFET ba Kofi Annan, Abril 1999. **Ami hakerek** karta barak, no hasoru staff **ONU iha New** York.

## Advokasia ho governu EUA, Washington



"Lobby Days" kada tinan

Aktivista nain 25-50 husi nasaun tomak ba atu hasoru membru no funksionariu iha Congresu no Governu.

Mos, halo trenimento, demo, festa no enkontru balu atu hametin movimentu.



Lobby Days **April 26-28, 1998** 

East Timor supporters from across the United States have traveled to Washington for an annual Spring pilgrimage for the past four years. We come not to bring offerings, but pressure and persuasion.

The Suharto regime is floundering, pro-democracy activism in Jakarta is thriving, but the economic and political crisis in Indonesia and East Timor continues to cause severe hardship and suffering. Recently, ETAN has helped to expose US training of Indonesian military units, contrary to congressional intent. This exposure has unleashed widespread protest in the US and Indonesia, protest that could lead to a complete ban on all military training to the Suharto regime. It's time to renew our call for self-determination in East Timor.

JOIN US April 26-28 for an educational, challenging, and even enjoyable gathering to educate our elected representatives about East Timor. On Sunday, beginning at 2 PM, we'll learn about the current political situation

## Paramilitary Violence in East Timor

Testimony from a briefing by the
House Human Rights and Progressive Caucuses
and a hearing of the
Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights
of the International Relations Committee

United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

May 4 and May 7, 1999

#### Table of Contents

Overview

- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Lynn Fredriksson, East Timor Action Network	
Mass Killing in Liquiça	
Francisco de Jesus da Costa, massacre survivor 5	
Genocide in Timor Leste Has Not Yet Ended	
Vicente Soares Faria, East Timorese Intellectual Forum 7	
The Truth About Indonesian troops in East Timor	
Manuel Dos Mártires	
Women in East Timor and the Current Terror Campaign	
Aryati, Indonesia Lori sasin ka peritu	s a
The Situation in East Timor	
Amold S. Kohe, The Propriet Project Office Congresu, published the Project Congresu, published the Project Congresu, published the Project Congresus of the Project Congress o	10
na Kongresu, publik	C
This is an unofficial compilation of the statements presented at the hearings, published by	
This is an unornelar compliation of the statements presented at the hearings, published by	

East Timor Action Network/U.S.

the East Timor Action Network. It is not an official transcript.

We in the U.S. can help to make that happen. We can push to halt the paramilitaries. We can demand that Indonesia withdraw its troops. The U.S. Congress has played a critical role in reaching towards justice in East Timor, by restricting military hardware, training and support to Indonesia and by sending clear messages to Jakarta, like last year's resolutions supporting self-determination.

This year it's time to make the message even tougher and less mistakable. Representatives Chris Smith, Lane Evans, Nita Lowey and over 60 others in the House have led the way by co-sponsoring the International Military Training Transparency and Accountability Act, which will close the

loopholes that allowed the Pentagon to provide JCET to Indonesia despite congressional intent. We thank Representative McKinney, the caucus chairs and their staffers for organizing this important briefing. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Senators Feingold and Leahy, and others are now strengthening the message to Jakarta: No more military assistance to Indonesia until the paramilitaries are shut down, and Indonesia allows full access to East Timor. The time to act is now. The ballot is scheduled for August 8. That leaves less than 100 days to create an environment for a free and fair vote. A lot rests on us. I hope together we can help to bring long-overdue justice to East Timor.

#### Mass Killing in Liquiça

Francisco de Jesus da Costa, massacre survivor

#### Introduction

First I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the people and government of the U.S. for this invaluable opportunity to give a testimony about the suffering experienced by the people of Timor Leste.

My name is Francisco de Jesus da Costa. I am one of the victims of the massacres committed by the Indonesian Military (TNI) in Liquiça. I managed to escape death.

Before the bloody incident, the TNI and the paramilitary had engaged in various forms of violence such as intimidation, terror, abuse, and killing in Liquiça. They perpetrated these horrible acts to pressure and

tu forinformasaun sau

heir followers. The terror had created an

estimunha orsida in for safer places to live. Usually the people vehicles owned

feel more secure in the churches.

In sub-district Liquiça where I come from, the terror reached its peak with the mass killing on April 6, 1999. Before I come to the main part of my testimony, I'll describe the incident on April 5, 1999 which caused seven people to die.

#### April 5, 1999

The militia which is based in Maubara village, about 15 kilometers from the town of Liquiça, attacked the pro-independence people and their leaders in Liquiça. At the border of Liquiça and Maubara they encountered the pro-independence people. In this clash the TNI and the militia killed two civilians and injured seven others.

At 9:00 a.m. the militia backed by the TNI moved toward Liquiça town and along the way they terrorized just about everybody they encountered.

Around 2:00 p.m. they arrived in Liquiça town and they were accompanied by Indonesian troops who sent random shots. This action terrorized the population and made some of them flee to the residence of Father Rafael and some others ran away to themselves. About 1000 people gathered at the Father's residence.

An hour later he TNI and paramilitary

the whole town of Liqnouses, taking away the vehicles owned by the supporters of independence and other forms of violence.

Around five in the evening, the paramilitary and the TNI killed a man, Laurindo (48) and his son, Herminho (17). They then



#### East Timor Action Network / United States

P.O. Box 1182, White Plains, New York 10602

Tel. 914-428-7299 fax: 914-428-7383 email: etan-us@igc.apc.org

## ACTION ALERT: Ban Free U.S. Training for Indonesian Military

June 6, 1996

Yesterday, the House of Representatives began debate on H.R. 3540, the Foreign Assistance Appropriations Act. If it passes unamended, this bill will appropriate \$800,000 in

taxpayers' money to train Indonesian soldiers.

#### ASK YOUR REPRESENTATIVE NOT TO FUND SUHARTO'S KILLERS.

Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) introduced an amendment to H.R.3540 to prohibit military aid for Indonesia under the IMET (International Military Education and Training) program. <u>ALL</u> Representatives will vote on this amendment on Tuesday, June 11.

Call your Representative <u>NOW</u> and urge him or her to support the Frank amendment banning IMET for Indonesia. They can be reached through the Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121.

#### **Background**

IMET brings foreign soldiers to the U.S. for training, and has been provided to many countries, including Indonesia, for decades. Thousands of the soldiers who maintain General Suharto's tight control over the Indonesian and East Timorese people have been trained in the USA.

Congress terminated IMET aid for Indonesia in 1992 after the Santa Cruz massacre in East Timor, when Indonesian soldiers fired their U.S.-supplied machine guns into a peaceful memorial procession, killing over 250 unarmed people. The ban was reaffirmed in 1993 and 1994, although the Clinton administration circumvented Congressional intent by selling military training to Indonesia.

After the 1994 Congressional elections, IMET for Indonesia was partially restored, although limited to "Expanded IMET," (E-IMET) which is ostensibly restricted to non-military subjects. *The New York Times* editorialized ("No Scholarships for Indonesia's Soldiers," April 20, 1995): "By

Alerta ba
aktivista atu
bolu sira nia
Reprezentante
bainhira
Kongresu atu
halo desizaun
importante.



#### East Timor Action Network / United States

National office: PO Box 1182, White Plains, New York 10602 USA

Tel. 914 428 7299 fax: 914 428 7383 email: etan us@igc.apc.org

Bainhira ita mahan 19 tenkiste Bautset Bautset

Media/outreach office: Box 150573, Brooklyn, NY 11215

<del>Veb site:</del> http://www.v.etan.org

For Immediate Release September 3, 1998

Contact: John M. Miller 718-596-7668 Lynn Fredriksson 202-544-6911

## U.S. Senate Continues Restrictions on Arms to Indonesia East Timor *Action* Network Praises Ban on Use of U.S. Weapons in Timor

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 -- The East Timor *Action* Network (ETAN) praised today's Senate passage of restrictions on the use of weapons supplied to Indonesia. The provision, part of the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill requires that any agreement to sell weapons to Indonesia "shall state that such items will not be used in East Timor."

"The Senate has strengthened a very important restriction on weapon sales to Indonesia. It sends a strong message to President Habibie and the Indonesian military that the U.S. Senate finds the Indonesian occupation of East Timor unacceptable," said Lynn Fredriksson, Washington Representative of ETAN. "The appropriations language increases the pressure on Indonesia to comply with international law," added Fredriksson.

The Senate bill strengthens the ban on use of U.S. weapons in East Timor instituted in last

105TH CONGRESS 2d Session

S. RES. 237

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

Resolved. That it is the sense of the Senate that the President should—

(1) encourage the new political leadership in Indonesia to institute genuine democratic and eco-

ent judiciary, civilian control of the mili-

IN THE

1998: Senate EUA apoid Referendum establishment of an

Mr. Feingold (fe laiha ema ida vota kontra! of political prisoners: Kohl, Mr. Ki Lautenberg.

CHAFEE. Mr

Lieberman) submitted the following resolution: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

June 23, 1998

Reported by Mr. Helms, without amendment

July 10, 1998

Considered and agreed to

#### RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

Whereas recent political turmoil and economic failure in Indonesia have endangered the people of that country and fomented instability in the region;

Whereas President Suharto has properly responded to this crisis by resigning, after 32 years in office, the presidency of Indonesia in accordance with Indonesia's constitutional processes;

- (2) encourage the new political leadership in Indonesia to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all the people of Indonesia and East Timor; and
- (3) work actively, through the United Nations and with United States allies, to carry out the directives of existing United Nations resolutions on East

Timor and to support an internationally supervised referendum on self-determination.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President.

## Ami ameasa lukru – sira tenke rona!

to: Phillips Shareholders, Directors, and Management

from: Charles Scheiner, national coordinator, East Timor Action Network

re: Phillips' operations in the Timor Sea

date: May 13, 1996

As you know, Phillips is actively drilling for oil and natural gas in the Timor Sea, and has recently expanded its stake there. We urge you to suspend operations there until East Timor is independent.

#### Timor Sea oil is stained in blood.

In 1975, the Indonesian military regime invaded the neighboring half-island of East Timor, launching a massive assault that has taken over 200,000 lives -- one-third of the East Timorese population. East Timor is still under military occupation, in violation of numerous U.N. resolutions and well-established international legal principles.

Many civilians were murdered as Indonesia tried to wipe out the population of East Timor. Mr. Siong, an East Timorese refugee, described one incident in 1975:

"After we threw in those dead bodies [to the sea], some Chinese Timorese came, 17 or 18. I knew all of these people, they were my friends and neighbors. People came in groups of two or three or four, stood on the wharf, and were shot. One group after the other coming and coming, killed and thrown in the sea. Two were couples, one with young children who went to relatives... Sometimes some of the people who were to be killed had to help us tie other people and then after it they were killed. Some are shot and fall into the sea at once, but if they fall on the wharf we have to tie the pipe to them. We are trembling, we are nearly gone mad, but we don't know what to do, just do whatever the Indonesians want."

On November 12, 1991, Indonesian troops shot into a group of unarmed East Timorese attending a memorial procession, killing more than two hundred people in cold blood. One month later, Phillips signed its first contracts to exploit East Timorese oil. The following year, when Senators David Boren and Claiborne Pell attempted to visit East Timor to see for themselves what has happening, the Indonesian dictatorship refused to let them in. A year after that, these two Senators (and 41 others) wrote President Clinton that they were:

"... greatly concerned over the tragic situation in the former Portuguese colony of East Timor, which was invaded by Indonesia in 1975 and continues to be the scene of widespread human rights abuses. We hope that you will ... stress American concern over these abuses and the pressing need to have greater access to East Timor for international humanitarian organizations.

- Conoco)Phillips enkontru anual: labele nauk Timor-nia rekursu mina rai
- ➤ Lei obriga governu lokal la bele sosa sasan husi kompania nebe apoio Suharto
- **▶**Boikot kompania Indonesia
- ➤ Kampanha hamutuk ho sindikato trabalhadores kompania Trailmobile, Wanandi-nian

Meius atu loke povo-nia conescimentu

## Embasada Australia Washington, 2004



A luta kontinua! Eziji Tribunal Internasional!