

Support Justice for East Timor & Indonesia

"A worldwide movement sprang up in the aftermath of the [1991 Santa Cruz] massacre to demand freedom for East Timor. In the United States, ETAN was formed... Grassroots efforts resulted in thousands of letters and phone calls to Congress. Military assistance to Indonesia was cut back over its abuses in East Timor against the wishes of successive Republican and Democratic administrations." — Amy Goodman

East Timor, now officially called Timor-Leste, became the world's newest country on May 20, 2002. In 1975, following the end of Portuguese colonial rule, East Timor was denied independence by the invading Indonesian military. The invasion and subsequent occupation killed at least one hundred thousand people through starvation, epidemics, war and terror. East Timor's brutal annexation was made possible by U.S. backing, through weapons, military training and political support to Indonesia.

What You Can Do

- ✓ *Contact President Bush and Congress.* Urge them to support an international tribunal for East Timor. Tell them the U.S. must not provide military training or weapons to Indonesia. (Call the White House comment line: 202-456-1111; e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov. Call your Senators and Representative at 202-224-3121 or see www.congress.org.)
- ✓ *Inform others.* Write letters-to-the-editor, organize a video showing or host a speaker at your school, community center, place of worship, or house. Contact ETAN for a video list and speaker contacts or see our website: www.etan.org.
- ✓ *Send a contribution* to support the work of ETAN.

On August 30, 1999, the people of East Timor — defying an Indonesian military campaign of intimidation and violence — voted overwhelmingly for independence. Following the vote, Indonesian troops and their militia proxies exacted brutal revenge: destroying 75% of the country's infrastructure, killing at least 1500 people, raping hundreds of women and girls, and forcing hundreds of thousands across the border into Indonesian West Timor.

Today, independent East Timor faces many challenges. Australia is exploiting undersea petroleum resources worth billions, which under international law rightfully belong to East Timor. The two countries recently signed a resource-sharing agreement which does not fully serve the rights and interests of the Timorese people.

Senior Indonesian military officials responsible for East Timor's invasion and occupation have so far escaped justice for crimes committed in 1999 and before. Many have been promoted to key positions in conflict areas like West Papua, where they continue to perpetrate human rights violations. The few officials tried by an Indonesian court have been acquitted. Most East Timorese argue that only an international tribunal can deliver justice.

Because of the Indonesian military's poor human rights record, most U.S. military assistance was suspended by Congress. However, in November 2005, the Bush administration succeeded in overriding congressional limits on such "aid." Yet, the Indonesian military continues to repress civilians throughout Indonesia. The East Timor & Indonesia Action Network (ETAN) opposes military engagement with Indonesia and works to support justice for East Timor, including a process of U.S. accountability for complicity in the occupation.

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