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INDONESIAN TROOPS REPORTEDLY SHOOT FIVE DEAD IN IRIAN JAYA

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TEXT:

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INDONESIA: IRIAN JAYAN RIGHTS MONITOR ON BIAK SHOOTINGS

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SOURCE: MELBOURNE RADIO AUSTRALIA IN ENGLISH 1005 GMT 6 JUL 98

TEXT:

(FROM THE "ASIA-PACIFIC" FEATURE)

(FBIS TRANSCRIBED TEXT) (ANNOUNCER PETER MARES) IN THE INDONESIAN  
PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA, MILITARY FORCES THIS MORNING OPENED FIRE ON

A DEMONSTRATION, LEAVING AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE DEAD AND 20 SERIOUSLY INJURED. THE SHOOTINGS TOOK PLACE IN BIAK, THE MAIN TOWN ON BIAK ISLAND, OFF IRIAN JAYA'S NORTHWEST COAST. PROTESTS HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN BIAK SINCE LAST THURSDAY (2 JULY), WITH DEMONSTRATORS OCCUPYING THE CENTER OF TOWN AND RALLYING AROUND THE FLAG OF AN INDEPENDENT WEST PAPUA.

JOHN RUMBIAK WORKS WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES AND ADVOCACY, A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION BASED IN JAYAPURA, CAPITAL OF IRIAN JAYA. HE HAS BEEN MONITORING THE SITUATION IN BIAK AND HE SAYS MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS WERE SENT TO THE ISLAND OVER THE WEEKEND BY BOAT AND BY HERCULES TRANSPORT PLANE. AND, AS HE TOLD DI MARTIN, EARLY THIS MORNING THE TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON DEMONSTRATORS AND ONLOOKERS:

(BEGIN RECORDING) (RUMBIAK) THIS MORNING, AROUND 0530 (2030 GMT ON 5 JULY), THIS MILITARY CREPT TO THE SITE WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE GATHERING AND DEMONSTRATING UNDER THE FLAG AND THEY STARTED THE SHOOTING. AND WE HAVE GOT ABOUT 15 PEOPLE DEADLY (AS HEARD) WOUNDED. A NUMBER OF THESE PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL, GENERAL HOSPITAL IN BIAK, AND OTHERS ARE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL OF THE MARINES, ALSO IN BIAK.

SO FAR, ALL BIAK IS CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY, OCCUPIED BY THE MILITARY, AND PEOPLE ARE CHASED UP TO THEIR HOUSE AND BEATEN UP. AND PEOPLE ARE NOW LIVING IN A VERY FEAR SITUATION IN BIAK. THERE IS NO WAY AT ALL FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS, WHO ARE NOW AT THE HOSPITAL, TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL IS NOW CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY.

(MARTIN) DID THE MILITARY GIVE ANY WARNING THAT THEY WOULD OPEN FIRE THIS MORNING?

(RUMBIAK) WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY INFORMATION YET WHETHER THERE IS ANY WARNING, BUT SOME VICTIMS WHO GOT SHOT, THEY WERE JUST PEOPLE WHO WERE WATCHING THE DEMONSTRATION. SO THEY WERE, SUDDENLY THEY WERE SHOT FROM THEIR BACK, YOU KNOW? SO THEY SAID, SO FAR THE INFORMATION WE HAVE GOT IS THAT SHOOTINGS WERE STARTING FROM BEHIND, SO THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

(MARTIN) IS THERE ANY IDEA OF HOW MANY MILITARY WERE THERE THIS MORNING?

(RUMBIAK) IT'S HARD TO HAVE THE FIGURES, BUT PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEM, BECAUSE TWO BOATS ARE COMING TO BIAK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. SO THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THESE BOATS COMING IN AND THEN DROPPED THIS MILITARY (AS HEARD).

(MARTIN) DID YOU SPEAK TO ANYONE WHO WAS AN EYEWITNESS TO THIS EVENT, AND CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THEY SAID?

(RUMBIAK) THE WITNESS (?THEY HAVE GOT), THEY REPORTED TO US THAT FIVE PERSONS WHO WERE CLOSELY WATCHING THE DEMONSTRATION, THEY WERE SHOT. ONE WAS SHOT IN HIS STOMACH AND BADLY WOUNDED. THE OTHER ONE WAS SHOT ON HIS BACK AND OTHERS ON THEIR FEET. THEY ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE, YOU KNOW? THEY DIDN'T TAKE PART IN THE DEMONSTRATION. SO ACCORDING TO THEM IT'S VERY BRUTAL, THE WAY THE MILITARY ARE REACTING TO THE ACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

(MARTIN) DID YOU EXPECT THIS? I KNOW THAT BISHOP LEO LADJAR, THE (CATHOLIC) BISHOP OF JAYAPURA, SAID ON FRIDAY (3 JUNE) THAT HE WAS AFRAID THAT BECAUSE VOICES AND OPINIONS HAD BEEN REPRESSED FOR SO LONG, THAT NOW THEY WOULD BE EXPRESSED IN A VERY STRONG WAY AND THERE COULD BE RAMIFICATIONS FROM THAT.

(RUMBIAK) THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE FELT VERY SAD ABOUT, THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE WAY THAT THEY RESPOND TO THE PEOPLE'S (?CONCERNS) AND PROBLEMS. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO THEM, WHATEVER DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE ARE. THEY HAVE TO BE WISE IN LOOKING AT THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, NOT RETALIATING IN THIS KIND OF WAY, BY BRUTALITY. WE HAVE CHURCHES, WE HAVE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE TRIBAL LEADERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER WITH THEM AND TALK ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. (END RECORDING)

(MARES) HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR JOHN RUMBIK, IN JAYAPURA, CAPITAL OF IRIAN JAYA. "ASIA-PACIFIC" DID MANAGE TO CONTACT ONE OF THE HOSPITALS IN BIAK ITSELF. A STAFF MEMBER THERE CONFIRMED THAT AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE WERE DEAD.

AND IN OTHER NEWS FROM IRIAN JAYA, STUDENTS ARE PREVENTING POLICE FROM ENTERING CENDERAWASIH UNIVERSITY IN JAYAPURA, THE CAMPUS WHERE LAW STUDENT (?STEPHEN SURAPATI) WAS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED DURING A RALLY ON FRIDAY.

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INDONESIA: DEVELOPMENTS IN IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAYAPURA ON 1-3 JULY ENDED WITH A SUSPECTED INTELLIGENCE AGENT BEING ATTACKED BY STUDENTS AND TWO STUDENTS BEING SHOT AND INJURED. DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO TOOK PLACE IN SORONG AND BIAK. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM CHURCH SOURCES, TROOPS IN BIAK FIRED ON A CROWD ATTENDING A FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY ON 5 JULY. EIGHT PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY SHOT. IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY DEATHS. [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE INCIDENT AS OF 1000 JAKARTA TIME ON 5 JULY.

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END OF SUMMARY

PURPOSE: TO REPORT ON PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS AND SECURITY INCIDENTS IN IRIAN JAYA

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BIAK

5. s 47 F(1) TOLD US A LARGE DEMONSTRATION HAD TAKEN PLACE IN BIAK ON THE EVENING OF 4 JULY, AND WAS QUITE VIOLENT. POLICE REPORTEDLY CHARGED PROTESTERS WHO WERE IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO RAISE A FLAG REPRESENTING AN INDEPENDENT IRIAN JAYA. THIS INCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE MEDIA.

6. WE WERE TOLD OF A FURTHER SERIOUS INCIDENT IN BIAK ON THE MORNING OF 5 JULY BY s 47 F(1)

s 22 1(a)(ii) HE SAID THAT TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO HAD GATHERED AT THE BIAK MARKET FOR A FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY. HE SAID IT WAS A "PAPUAN" FLAG. EIGHT PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF THERE HAD BEEN DEATHS AS ACCESS TO THE EIGHT WAS BEING DENIED. AS OF 0900 LOCAL TIME, THE FLAG WAS STILL FLYING AND ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE HAD GATHERED. TROOPS WERE STILL PRESENT.

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COMMENT

9. INFORMATION COMING OUT OF IRIAN JAYA IS PATCHY, PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS A HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND,

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INDONESIA: INTERNAL STABILITY: IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

ACCORDING TO INDONESIAN MEDIA, 24 PROTESTORS WERE INJURED AFTER POLICE FIRED RUBBER BULLETS AT A PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATION IN BIAK, IRIAN JAYA. 180 PEOPLE WERE DETAINED AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION BUT MOST HAVE BEEN RELEASED. DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT ONE OF THE INJURED DEMONSTRATORS MAY HAVE SINCE DIED.

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END OF SUMMARY

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRIAN JAYA

FURTHER TO REFTEL, INDONESIAN MEDIA TODAY (7 JULY) HAVE REPORTED IN GREATER DETAIL ON A DEMONSTRATION IN BIAK.

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BIAK

2. ON THURSDAY 2 JULY, PROTESTORS RAISED AN OPM FLAG ON THE GROUNDS OF THE WATER-PROCESSING PLANT NEAR THE MAIN PORT. s 47 F(1)

s 47 F(1) ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JULY A DELEGATION OF SEVEN PRIESTS SPOKE TO THE LEADER OF THE BIAK PROTESTORS, PHILIP KARMA, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE PROTESTORS TO DISPERSE. HE SAID THAT WHEN THIS ATTEMPT FAILED, THE PRIESTS HELD A DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, AFTER WHICH THEY ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO SECURITY FORCES TAKING ACTION. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN "MEDIA INDONESIA" ON 7 JULY, POLICE TRIED TO DISPERSE A CROWD OF ABOUT 700 PEOPLE. 24 PEOPLE WERE SHOT WITH RUBBER BULLETS AND 180 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.

3. s 47 F(1) SAID THAT OUT OF THE 180 DEMONSTRATORS DETAINED, 25 WERE STILL UNDER ARREST, INCLUDING THE PROTEST LEADER KARMA, WHO IS A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FROM JAYAPURA. THE REST OF THE PROTESTORS HAD BEEN RELEASED

ONCE THE POLICE HAD RECORDED THEIR IDENTITIES. OF THE 25 PEOPLE SHOT WITH RUBBER BULLETS, NONE HAD DIED, BUT ONE WAS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION. WE WERE TOLD BY AN AP JOURNALIST THAT THIS PERSON HAS SINCE DIED. THIS IS AT ODDS WITH INFORMATION FROM  
s 47 F(1) WHO HAS HEARD REPORTS SUGGESTING  
FIVE PEOPLE HAVE DIED.

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ABRI COMMENT

8. WE ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO GET AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM ABRI ON THE DISTURBANCES.

9. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN "MEDIA INDONESIA", IRIAN JAYA POLICE CHIEF BRIGJEN HOTMAN SIAGIAN SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD NO OBJECTION FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD DEMANDS FOR REFORM TO TAKE THEM TO THE REGIONAL PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, SIAGIAN STRESSED THAT THE RECENT PROTESTS WERE DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOUR OF SEPARATISM AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED BY SECURITY FORCES. THE MILITARY COMMANDER FOR IRIAN JAYA, MAJGEN AMIR SEMBIRING, SAID THAT OPM MEMBERS HAD INFILTRATED THE DEMONSTRATIONS. HE ADDED THAT "ACTIONS OF ANARCHY" SUCH AS THE RAISING OF A FLAG OTHER THAN THE INDONESIAN FLAG OR DEMANDING INDEPENDENCE WOULD RESULT IN A FIRM RESPONSE FROM ABRI.

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THE INDONESIAN MILITARY HAS IMPOSED A CURFEW IN THE TOWN OF BIAK, IN THE PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA, AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS IN WHICH FIVE PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD. CHURCH SOURCES SAY THE FIVE PEOPLE DIED, AND ANOTHER 20 WERE INJURED, WHEN INDONESIAN TROOPS BROKE UP A PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATION. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY IN BIAK FOR SEVERAL DAYS. AROUND 2-THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS HAD RALLIED IN THE TOWN CENTRE AROUND THE FLAG OF AN INDEPENDENT WEST PAPUA. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST s 47 F(1) FROM IRIAN JAYA'S INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES AND ADVOCACY, SAYS THE MILITARY HAVE NOW TAKEN CONTROL OF THE TOWN. 'ALL OF BIAK IS CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY, OCCUPIED BY THE MILITARY. PEOPLE ARE BEING CHASED UP TO THEIR HOUSES AND BEATEN UP. PEOPLE ARE NOW LIVING IN A VERY FEARFUL SITUATION IN BIAK. THERE IS NO WAY AT ALL FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS WHO ARE NOW IN HOSPITAL TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, BECAUSE IT'S ALSO CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY.'

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COUNTRY: INDONESIA  
SUBJ: INDONESIAN MILITARY HEAD WARNS AGAINST IRIAN JAYA 'TREASON'

SOURCE: MELBOURNE RADIO AUSTRALIA IN ENGLISH 0800 GMT 7 JUL 98  
TEXT:

(FBIS TRANSCRIBED EXCERPT) THE HEAD OF INDONESIA'S ARMED FORCES HAS WARNED THE ARMY WILL NOT TOLERATE THE RAISING OF THE WEST PAPUAN FLAG IN THE PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA. GENERAL WIRANTO, WHO IS ALSO INDONESIA'S DEFENSE MINISTER, SAYS RAISING THE FLAG IS AN ACT OF TREASON.

HIS COMMENTS WERE REPORTED BY THE OFFICIAL ANTARA NEWS AGENCY A DAY AFTER INDONESIAN TROOPS FIRED AT A CROWD OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATORS ON THE ISLAND OF BIAK, OFF THE COAST OF IRIAN JAYA. THE PROTESTERS HAD RAISED THE WEST PAPUAN FLAG, WHICH SIGNIFIES INDEPENDENCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN CONFLICTING REPORTS OF THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IN THE INCIDENT. LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES SAY FIVE PEOPLE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 24 WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES.  
(PASSAGE OMITTED: BACKGROUND)

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SUBJ: INDONESIA PLEDGES PROBE INTO REPORTED IRIAN JAYAN KILLINGS

SOURCE: MELBOURNE RADIO AUSTRALIA IN ENGLISH 1200 GMT 7 JUL 98  
TEXT:

(FBIS TRANSCRIBED TEXT) INDONESIA IS TO LAUNCH AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPORTED KILLINGS OF SEPARATIST DEMONSTRATORS IN THE PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD OF PROTESTERS CALLING FOR INDEPENDENCE.

(BEGIN RECORDING) (CORRESPONDENT MARK BOWLING) HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES CLAIM AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE DIED AND 141 WERE WOUNDED WHEN POLICE FIRED INTO A CROWD ON BIAK ISLAND, BUT THE DEATH TOLL COULD BE HIGHER. IRIAN JAYA'S REGIONAL POLICE COMMANDER ADMITS LIVE BULLETS WERE FIRED AS WELL AS RUBBER BULLETS AT DEMONSTRATORS RAISING THE SEPARATIST FLAG OF THE FREE PAPUA MOVEMENT. HE SAID LIVE BULLETS WERE ONLY FIRED INTO THE AIR BUT MAY HAVE RICOCHETED, WOUNDING SOME OF THOSE IN THE CROWD. THERE ARE REPORTS OF OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AND CLASHES WITH INDONESIAN TROOPS IN A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN IRIAN JAYA. MARK BOWLING, JAKARTA. (END RECORDING)

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THE AMERICAN-BASED GROUP, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-ASIA, HAS CALLED FOR URGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLATIONS IN THE INDONESIAN PROVINCE OF IRIAN JAYA. IN A STATEMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-ASIA SAYS THAT VIOLENCE IN THE AREA UNDERSCORES THE NEED TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. ACCORDING TO CHURCH SOURCES, FIVE PEOPLE DIED AND ANOTHER 20 WERE INJURED WHEN SOLDIERS TRIED TO BREAK UP A PRO-INDEPENDENCE RALLY. THE ISLAND'S MILITARY COMMANDER HAS DENIED THE REPORTS SAYING NO-ONE HAS BEEN KILLED, ALTHOUGH 24 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-ASIA DIRECTOR, s 47 F(1) SAYS THAT IN A POST-SUHARTO INDONESIA THERE SHOULD BE ROOM FOR PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND EXPRESSION IN SUPPORT OF ANY POLITICAL CAUSE.

CHURCH AND HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES BELIEVE INDONESIAN TROOPS MAY HAVE KILLED UP TO FIVE PEOPLE AND INJURED 141 OTHERS, WHEN THEY OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD WHICH RAISED A SEPARATIST FLAG IN IRIAN JAYA PROVINCE. LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER, COLONEL EDYONO, HAS CONFIRMED THAT LIVE AMMUNITION HAD BEEN USED AS WELL AS RUBBER BULLETS DURING THE PROTEST ON THE ISLAND OF BIAK. COLONEL EDYONO ADDED THAT A SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WAS MAKING TREATING THE WOUNDED DIFFICULT. MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED PEOPLE HAD BEEN ARRESTED MONDAY AND BY LATE TUESDAY 25 PEOPLE REMAINED IN DETENTION.

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IRIAN JAYA'S MOST SENIOR CATHOLIC HAS CALLED FOR A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INDONESIAN SOLDIERS STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE. BISHOP LEO LADJAR OF JAYAPURA SAYS THE MAIN CONCERN OF PROTESTORS IS NOT INDEPENDENCE, BUT GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM: 'THE MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE PEOPLE IN IRIAN JAYA WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN FREEDOM, AND THAT NOT SO MANY MILITARY WILL ALWAYS LOOK OVER THEM. BECAUSE SO MANY MILITARY ARE PRESENT IN IRIAN JAYA, THERE ARE SO MANY VIOLATIONS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS'.

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THE UNITED STATES HAS URGED THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE  
PROTESTERS STILL IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING THIS WEEK'S PRO-INDEPENDENCE

DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRIAN JAYA. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT UP TO FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 140 OTHERS INJURED WHEN INDONESIAN TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON THE ISLAND OF BIAK. THE SHOOTINGS OCCURED WHEN DEMONSTRATORS TRIED TO RAISE A SEPARATIST FLAG. REPORTS SAY MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND 25 REMAIN IN DETENTION. U-S STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JAMES RUBIN SAYS ALL SIDES MUST AVOID A FULL SCALE CONFRONTATION. 'WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY OF INDONESIA TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT, PERMIT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS, TO PURSUE AND FOSTER A CLIMATE OF DIALOGUE AND NOT CONFRONTATION. AND WE URGE ALL DEMONSTRATORS TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENT ACTS. VIOLENCE WILL BENEFIT NO ONE. WE ALSO CALL ON THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL THOSE DETAINED AND ARRESTED FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSIONS OF THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS IN IRIAN JAYA OR ANYWHERE ELSE'.

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INDONESIA: INTERNAL STABILITY; IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

THE SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL IN CENTRES WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. SOME SECURITY MEASURES WERE MAINTAINED IN JAYAPURA UNTIL 10 OR 11 JULY. IN BIAK, AUTHORITIES WERE STILL HOLDING 25 PEOPLE AND 21 WERE IN HOSPITAL AS OF 8 JULY. WAMENA HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL THE MORNING AFTER THE 7 JULY PROTEST.

END OF SUMMARY

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN IRIAN JAYA

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THE FOLLOWING IS  
DRAWN FROM OUR CONVERSATION WITH THEM, DISCUSSIONS WITH JAKARTA- AND  
IRIAN JAYA-BASED JOURNALISTS AND PRESS REPORTING.

WAMENA

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BIAK

8. IN BIAK, SCENE OF DEMONSTRATIONS ON 3-6 JULY, THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED IN THE MEDIA AS HAVING RETURNED TO NORMAL ON 8 JULY. SHOPS AND OFFICES HAD REOPENED.

9. AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMING THE NUMBERS OF INJURED PROTESTORS, AND HAVE DENIED THAT ANY PROTESTORS DIED. AT THIS STAGE, 21 PEOPLE ARE STILL IN HOSPITAL. A LOCAL JOURNALIST s 47 F(1) ALSO DENIES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ANY FATALITIES. s 33(a)(iii) TOLD US ON 10 JULY THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT FIVE PEOPLE MAY HAVE DIED. HOWEVER, ASSOCIATED PRESS BELIEVE THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEATH AND ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN "REPUBLIKA" ON 13 JULY, A GROUP CALLED THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SOLIDARITY OF THE IRIAN PEOPLE (KOSORAIRI) ANNOUNCED ON 12 JULY 29 PEOPLE HAD DIED. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY s 47 F(1) THAT NO-ONE, INCLUDING RELATIVES AND LOCAL PRESS, IS PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE HOSPITAL, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO VERIFY THESE ESTIMATES. WHEN WE SPOKE TO s 47 F(1) ON 8 JULY, HE SAID THAT POLICE WERE STILL DETAINING 25 PROTESTORS FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

SORONG

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JAYAPURA

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE

13. ACCORDING TO THE INDONESIAN PRESS ON 8 JULY, IRIAN JAYA GOVERNOR FREDDY NUMBERI STRESSED THAT HE WOULD NOT HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH SEPARATISTS. SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD REGARD DEMONSTRATORS CALLING FOR INDEPENDENCE AS ENEMIES, BECAUSE THEIR DEMANDS THREATENED INDONESIA'S UNITY. NUMBERI SAID THAT THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS HIGHLIGHTED A FEELING OF DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE IRIANESE PEOPLE, POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE NO IRIANESE OFFICIALS AT A DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THAT DESPITE THE WEALTH OF NATURAL RESOURCES THE PROVINCE HAD A POOR EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND THERE WERE MANY CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. NUMBERI SAID THAT PRESIDENT HABIBIE HAD ALREADY AGREED TO GIVE IRIAN JAYA GREATER AUTONOMY, PARTICULARLY BY GIVING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GREATER ACCESS TO INCOME GENERATED BY THE PROVINCE.

14. ABRI MILITARY COMMANDER AND MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY GENERAL WIRANTO SAID ON 7 JULY THAT THE RAISING OF THE OPM FLAG WAS AN ACT OF TREASON AND IT WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED BY ABRI. ACCORDING TO "KOMPAS", WIRANTO SAID THAT DURING A DEMONSTRATION, IF ANY FLAG OTHER THAN THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL FLAG WAS RAISED, THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS ACTION SEEKING TO DAMAGE THE UNITY OF INDONESIA.

15. ON 10 JULY, REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER MAJGEN AMIR SEMBIRING AND THE REGIONAL HEAD OF POLICE BRIGJEN HOTMAN SIAGIAN HELD A MEETING WITH 158 RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN JAYAPURA. A SUARA PEMBARUAN ARTICLE ON 10 JULY REPORTED AFTER THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYERS, SEMBIRING SAID THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING HELD TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTIONS TO SOLVE THE CURRENT PROBLEMS IN IRIAN JAYA. SEMBIRING SAID THAT ABRI WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS REFORM, HUMAN RIGHTS, THE POSSIBILITY OF ABRI WITHDRAWING ITS FORCES FROM THE PROVINCE AND GREATER AUTONOMY FOR IRIAN JAYA. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECT OF INDEPENDENCE FOR IRIAN JAYA. THE BISHOP FOR JAYAPURA, LEO

LABAR LAJAR, SAID THAT ABRI TROOPS IN REMOTE AREAS CAUSED FEAR AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE.

POSSIBLE REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

16. WE ASKED s 47 F(1) WHETHER THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAYAPURA, BIAK, SORONG AND WAMENA WERE COORDINATED. s 47 F(1) THOUGHT IT WAS MORE LIKELY THAT THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAYAPURA HAD TRIGGERED EMOTIONS IN OTHER TOWNS. s 47 F(1) SUGGESTED THAT LOCAL PEOPLE HAD HEARD OF THE PROPOSALS FOR GREATER AUTONOMY IN EAST TIMOR AND THIS HAD ADDED TO THE MOMENTUM OF AN INDEPENDENT IRIAN JAYA. ANOTHER FACTOR WAS THE LETTER FROM 15 US CONGRESSMEN ON 22 MAY SENT TO PRESIDENT HABIBIE ENCOURAGING HIM TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE AND IRIANESE TO DISCUSS "HUMAN RIGHTS AND A JUST SOLUTION TO THEIR POLITICAL SOLUTIONS." s 22 1(a)(ii) BELIEVED THAT THIS HAD ENCOURAGED THEM, AS THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD OVERSEAS MORAL SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT IRIAN JAYA.

17. THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY LOCAL PRESS, WITH SOME ARTICLES SUGGESTING THAT THE US IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPARKING THE UNREST IN IRIAN JAYA. ACCORDING TO A 13 JULY ARTICLE IN "REPUBLIKA", REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER MAJGEN AMIR SEMBIRING SAID THAT COPIES OF THE LETTER HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO IRIANESE PEOPLE WHICH HAD CAUSED UNREST AMONG THE PEOPLE AND SUGGESTED THAT THERE WERE OUTSIDE GROUPS INVOLVED IN DELIBERATE EFFORTS TO DESTABILISE THE SITUATION. SEMBIRING SAID THAT HE WAS NOT BLAMING THE US DIRECTLY, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT THE LETTER HAD BEEN USED TO PROVOKE THE UNREST.

POSSIBLE FUTURE UNREST

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INDONESIA: IRIAN JAYA: INTERNAL STABILITY

START OF SUMMARY

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SEND A TEAM TO IRIAN JAYA TO EXAMINE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. DUE TO RECENT TENSION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES, LECTURES AT CENDRAWASIH UNIVERSITY IN JAYAPURA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE 6 JULY. BIAK POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCED ON 11 JULY THAT 29 PEOPLE WERE STILL IN DETENTION AFTER THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER CONFIRMED 22 PEOPLE WERE INJURED BUT STRESSED NONE HAD DIED.

END OF SUMMARY

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN IRIAN JAYA

ACCORDING TO THE INDONESIAN PRESS, 15 NGOS MET NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (KOMNAS HAM) SECRETARY GENERAL BAHARUDDIN LOPA ON 13 JULY. UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE IRIAN JAYA HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY TEAM, THE NGOS REQUESTED KOMNAS HAM INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SHOOTINGS, TORTURE AND ILLEGAL ARRESTS CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY. A MEMBER OF A GROUP CALLED THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SOLIDARITY OF IRIAN PEOPLE (KOSORAI) SAID SOLDIERS RAIDED HOMES TO MAKE ARRESTS AND INTERROGATED DEMONSTRATORS.

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3. KOMNAS HAM WILL SEND A TEAM TO IRIAN JAYA ON 15 JULY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DURING THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF BAHARUDDIN LOPA, ASMARA NABABAN, KUSPARMONO IRSAN AND CLEMENTINO DOS REIS AMARAL. IT WILL VISIT JAYAPURA, BIAK, SORONG AND WAMENA.

BIAK

4. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S (14 JULY) "KOMPAS", ON 11 JULY THE CHIEF OF POLICE (KAPOLRES) IN BIAK, LETKOL JOHNY RIRU, ANNOUNCED THAT 48 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS ON 2-6 JULY. 29 WERE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAISING OF AN OPM FLAG, WHILE THE REMAINDER WERE RELEASED. RIRU SAID THAT 350 PEOPLE IN TOTAL WERE

INITIALLY ARRESTED, BUT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY WERE RELEASED ONCE THEIR IDENTITIES HAD BEEN RECORDED.

5. THE LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER KOLONEL AGUS EDYONO SAID THAT DURING THE DEMONSTRATION SECURITY FORCES USED TEAR GAS AND FIRED RUBBER BULLETS AT DEMONSTRATORS. THEY ALSO SHOT REAL BULLETS IN THE AIR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED TWO DEMONSTRATORS WERE INJURED BY REAL BULLETS RICOCHETTING. EDYONO STATED THAT NO-ONE HAD DIED DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT 22 PEOPLE WERE INJURED, THREE CRITICALLY. TWO OF THE INJURED DEMONSTRATORS WERE EVACUATED TO JAKARTA.

COMMENT

6. BIAK AUTHORITIES' INSISTENCE THAT NO DEMONSTRATORS DIED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION CONTINUES TO BE AT ODDS WITH FOREIGN PRESS AND THE VIEWS, WHO ESTIMATE BETWEEN ONE AND SIX FATALITIES.

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INDONESIA: INTERNAL STABILITY: IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

ACCORDING TO A JAYAPURA NEWSPAPER, SIX CORPSES HAVE BEEN FOUND ON THE EAST COAST OF BIAK ISLAND, IRIAN JAYA. THE LOCAL POLICE HAVE SUGGESTED THE BODIES ARE VICTIMS OF A SHIPPING ACCIDENT OR THE PNG TSUNAMI.

END OF SUMMARY .

PURPOSE: TO REPORT ON INTERNAL STABILITY IN IRIAN JAYA

ACCORDING TO JAYAPURA NEWSPAPER THE CENDRAWASIH POST, SIX BODIES WERE FOUND ON 27 JULY ON THE EAST COAST OF BIAK ISLAND, IRIAN JAYA (BIAK WAS THE SITE OF PRO-DEMOCRACY DEMONSTRATIONS EARLIER THIS MONTH - SEE REFTEL). THE POLICE CHIEF FOR BIAK, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHNNY RORI, CONFIRMED THAT THE BODIES HAD BEEN FOUND BUT DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THERE WAS ANY LINK TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE BODIES WERE EXAMINED BY A MEDICAL TEAM FROM THE LOCAL HEALTH CENTRE IN EAST BIAK BEFORE BEING BURIED IN NEARBY VILLAGES.

2. RORI SAID THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE BODIES MAY HAVE BEEN THOSE OF VICTIMS FROM A SHIP SINKING OFF MANOKWARI, OR FROM THE PNG TSUNAMI.

3. s 33(a)(iii) VISITED  
 BIAK LAST WEEK. HE ASSESSES THAT BETWEEN 10-20 PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE DEMONSTRATION. HE THINKS THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR DIED AT THE PROTEST, OTHERS AFTER BEING DETAINED BY AUTHORITIES, WHILE THE REMAINDER WERE VICTIMS OF REVENGE KILLINGS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THESE ASSESSMENTS ARE BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHURCH FIGURES AND EYEWITNESSES. s 33(a)(iii) SUGGESTS THAT THE BODIES FOUND COULD BE CONNECTED TO THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS.

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INDONESIA: INTERNAL SECURITY: IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

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END OF SUMMARY

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THIRD SECRETARY (POLITICAL) VISITED JAYAPURA AND WAMENA,  
IRIAN JAYA, FROM 31 JULY TO 5 AUGUST. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE TRIP  
WAS TO MONITOR THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN IRIAN JAYA IN THE  
WAKE OF THE SERIES OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PROVINCE  
IN THE EARLY PART OF JULY 1998.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS

4. MUCH OF OUR DISCUSSIONS REVOLVED AROUND THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN FOUR TOWNS IN IRIAN JAYA IN EARLY JULY: JAYAPURA, BIAK, SORONG AND WAMENA. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED ON THIS ISSUE IS DRAWN FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH

s 47 F(1)

JAYAPURA

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BIAK

8. s 47 F(1) SAID THE SITUATION ON BIAK WAS STILL VERY TENSE. PEOPLE WERE SCARED AND REFUSED TO GIVE ACCOUNTS OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS TO ANYONE, INCLUDING THE CHURCH. s 47 F(1) AND s 47 F(1) BOTH SAID THAT DURING THE DEMONSTRATION, LOCAL PROTESTANT PRIESTS WENT TO SPEAK TO THE DEMONSTRATORS TO PERSUADE THEM TO END THEIR PROTEST. HOWEVER, THE PROTESTERS REFUSED TO TALK TO THE PRIESTS, WHICH, IN A DEEPLY CHRISTIAN SOCIETY WHERE PRIESTS ARE GENERALLY HIGHLY REVERED, WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT. s 47 F(1) SUGGESTED THAT THE PRIESTS, INSULTED BY THE LACK OF RESPECT SHOWN, WASHED THEIR HANDS OF THE SITUATION AND MADE NO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE AUTHORITIES FROM ATTACKING THE PROTESTERS. AS A RESULT OF THE SUBSEQUENT BRUTALITY SHOWN BY ABRI AND THE ROLE

PERCEIVED TO HAVE BEEN PLAYED BY THE PROTESTANT PRIESTS, s 47 F(1)  
SAID THAT BIAK PEOPLE WERE EXTREMELY DISTRUSTFUL OF ABRI, AS  
WELL AS THE PRIESTS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

9. NO-ONE COULD PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE WHO DIED OR WERE INJURED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION.

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CONFIRMED THAT ONE PERSON HAD DIED, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE ANY  
FIGURES ON THE NUMBERS OF THE INJURED. s 47 F(1) TOLD US OF THOSE INJURED  
IN THE DEMONSTRATION, FOUR WERE TAKEN TO UJUNG PANDANG FOR TREATMENT  
AND HAVE NOT RETURNED. s 47 F(1) BELIEVED THAT MANY OF THE  
INJURED OR DEAD WERE PUT ON SHIPS OFF-SHORE AND THEIR BODIES WERE  
DUMPED AT SEA, BUT HE HAD NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THIS. MOREOVER HE  
COULD NOT PROVE THAT BODIES WHICH WERE WASHING UP ON THE COAST OF  
EAST BIAK WERE BODIES OF VICTIMS FROM THE PROTEST.

10. ACCORDING TO s 47 F(1) THE SITUATION IN BIAK WAS MADE MORE  
CONFUSING BY THE DIFFERENT LOYALTIES OF THE IRIANESE. HISTORICALLY,  
THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN NORTH BIAK SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE, WHILE THE  
PEOPLE LIVING IN WEST BIAK WERE IN FAVOUR OF INTEGRATION WITH  
INDONESIA. THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT THIS DIVISION BY  
ENCOURAGING THE PRO-INTEGRATION GROUP TO FIGHT WITH THE  
PRO-INDEPENDENCE FACTION, BUT A DIRECT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO  
COMMUNITIES HAD NOT OCCURRED.

SORONG

s 22 1(a)(ii)

WAMENA

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OFFICIAL REACTION TO PROTESTS

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THE AFTERMATH TO THE PROTESTS

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18. s 47 F(1) SAID THAT THE HEAVY-HANDED TREATMENT METED OUT BY ABRI IN BIAK HAD FURTHER DAMAGED ABRI'S REPUTATION, WHICH WAS ALREADY SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE MAPENDUMA VALLEY REGION. s 22 1(a)(ii)

VISITING PARLIAMENTARY AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DELEGATIONS

19. s 22 1(a)(iii)

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DIVISIONS AMONG IRIANESE

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DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE CHURCHES

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RELATIONS BETWEEN IRIANESE AND NON-IRIANESE

s 22 1(a)(iii)

IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CRISIS

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OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE IRIANESE: THE FUTURE

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35. THE SURGE IN SEPARATIST PROTEST SEEMS MORE OPPORTUNISTIC THAN STRATEGIC. PROTEST ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAP THE STRONG SENSE OF DISCONTENT WITH IRIAN'S POLITICAL MARGINALISATION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES - THESE FEELINGS ARE WIDESPREAD, AND MANY IRIANESE WILLINGLY JOIN PROTESTS OR SYMPATHISE WITH THEM. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE DIVISIONS AND DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AMONGST IRIANESE, TOGETHER WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT CENTRES IN IRIAN JAYA AND BETWEEN THE PROVINCE AND IRIANESE IN JAKARTA, ARE A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE EMERGENCE OF A CO-ORDINATED INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

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LIST OF MEETINGS

37. s 22 1(a)(ii) MET WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

IN JAYAPURA:

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IN WAMENA:

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INDONESIA: IRIAN JAYA

START OF SUMMARY

ACCORDING TO A CHURCH SOURCE FROM JAYAPURA, THERE IS NOT YET A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE FLAG-RAISING INCIDENT IN BIAK IN EARLY JULY AND SUBSEQUENT DETENTION OF PROTESTORS. WHILE CONVINCED THAT MORE DIED THAN HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED, HE SAYS THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO PRODUCE HARD EVIDENCE FOR THIS AS THE CLIMATE OF FEAR AND INTIMIDATION ON BIAK HAS MADE COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL PEOPLE DIFFICULT.

END OF SUMMARY

PURPOSE: TO REPORT VIEWS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRIAN JAYA, INCLUDING INCIDENTS IN BIAK AND JAYAPURA IN EARLY JULY

s 47 F(1) A CHURCH OFFICIAL s 47 F(1)  
WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR INTERLOCUTORS s 47 F(1)  
s 47 F(1) CALLED AT THE EMBASSY ON 11 AUGUST TO TALK TO COUNSELLOR  
(POLITICAL). WE HAVE ALSO TALKED RECENTLY TO s 47 F(1) AN  
EXPERIENCED JOURNALIST AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, WHO RETURNED LAST  
WEEK FROM A VISIT TO IRIAN JAYA. FOLLOWING SUMMARISES MAIN POINTS OF  
INTEREST FROM THESE TWO DISCUSSIONS.

SITUATION IN BIAK

s 47 F(1) SAID HE HAD BEEN TALKING TO LOCAL PASTORS IN BIAK ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE WATER TOWER UP UNTIL THE EVENING BEFORE THE SHOOTINGS TOOK PLACE. THEY HAD TOLD HIM THAT "PANGAB (HEAD OF ABRI) HAS ALREADY ORDERED" THAT THE PROTEST BE BROKEN UP FORCEFULLY.

- (COMMENT: OTHER ACCOUNTS (A KOMPAS JOURNALIST, s 47 F(1) AND A SENIOR FIGURE FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, s 47 F(1) GIVEN TO DURING HIS TRIP TO IRIAN JAYA IN EARLY AUGUST  
s 22 1(a)(ii) SUGGESTED THAT THE LOCAL PASTORS WERE REBUFFED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK TO DEMONSTRATORS TO PERSUADE THEM TO END THE DEMONSTRATION.)

PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROTEST HAD TOLD s 47 F(1) THAT ABOUT SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED ON THE SPOT WHEN SECURITY PERSONNEL FIRED AT THE PROTESTORS. OTHERS HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY TO A NAVAL FACILITY FOR INTERROGATION; ONE OF THOSE TAKEN TO THIS BUILDING HEARD SHOOTING AND THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE DETAINEES

HAD BEEN KILLED THERE. s 47 F(1) CONNECTED THIS ACCOUNT WITH THE BODIES THAT WASHED UP ON BIAK A FEW WEEKS AGO.

- WE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY SOLID EVIDENCE TO LINK THE WASHED UP BODIES WITH THE EVENTS OF EARLY JULY. s 47 F(1) SAID THAT THE CHURCH HAD BROUGHT A LOCAL FISHERMEN TO JAYAPURA WHO HAD SEEN SOME OF THESE BODIES IN THE WATER NEAR BIAK. HE HAD TOLD THEM THAT ABOUT SIX BODIES WERE TIED TOGETHER. HOWEVER HE WAS NOT ABLE TO TELL IF THEY HAD ANY GUNSHOT WOUNDS.
- s 47 F(1) ADDED THAT WHEN PROTESTORS WERE BEING DETAINED AT THE WATER TOWER, ONE HAD ESCAPED. HE WAS STILL IN BIAK. THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (KOMNASHAM) WOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR HIM SO HE COULD DESCRIBE WHAT HAD HAPPENED WHEN THE PROTEST WAS DISPERSED.

ASKED WHY THE PROTESTORS HAD NOT ACCEPTED SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING FROM LOCAL PASTORS, TO LOWER THE WEST PAPUA FLAG, s 47 F(1) SAID THAT ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP, PHILIP KARMA, HAD CONVINCED THEM THAT IF THE FLAG WERE LOWERED, THE ISSUE OF IRIAN JAYA'S STATUS WOULD MAKE NO IMPACT. s 47 F(1) ARGUED THAT THE PROTESTORS WERE GOING TO BE ARRESTED AND PUNISHED ANYWAY, SO IT WAS BETTER TO DIE BY THEIR FLAG.

- s 47 F(1) A BIAK NATIVE, LIVES IN JAYAPURA AND WAS IN BIAK ON A VISIT TO HIS PARENTS.
- s 47 F(1) SAID THAT THE PROTEST WAS LARGELY SPONTANEOUS AND s 47 F(1) ROLE IN IT WAS JUST SOMETHING THAT DEVELOPED AT THE TIME.

s 47 F(1) ADDED THAT COMMUNICATION WITH PEOPLE IN BIAK WAS NOW DIFFICULT. THE SITUATION WAS ONE OF FEAR AND INTIMIDATION. FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED WERE UNDER INTELLIGENCE SUPERVISION. SOME DETAINEES HAD BEEN RELEASED AND SOME HAD ENGAGED LAWYERS AS THEY FACED PROSECUTION.

THERE WAS LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIAK INCIDENT OUTSIDE THE ISLAND. EVEN IN JAYAPURA MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT ONLY ONE PERSON HAD BEEN KILLED.

PROTESTS IN JAYAPURA

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TIMIKA/FREEPORT

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OUTLOOK

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COMMENT

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