

ETAN ALERT

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Tell your Representative and 2 Senators:

- ✓ Congress must restrict assistance to the brutal Indonesian military in the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for 2006. Restrictions should remain until there is genuine military reform, an end to human rights violations, and justice for crimes against humanity in East Timor and Indonesia.
- ✓ The Representative/Senator should actively support inclusion of Senate provisions that restrict military assistance for Indonesia and require human rights reporting in the final Appropriations Act, namely: "Indonesia" - Section 6072 and "West Papua Report" - Section 6109.

Write or call today. Ask to speak to the foreign affairs legislative assistant. The Congressional switchboard number is 202-224-3121 (ask for the office of your Representative and Senators), or check www.congress.org for contact information. Every call makes a difference.

BACKGROUND

Indonesia is home to a military that terrorizes its civilian population with impunity. At least 15 human rights activists have been murdered since 2000, including last year's arsenic poisoning of Munir, the country's most prominent activist. No one has been held accountable. Military repression is on the rise in West Papua, Indonesia's easternmost province, where thousands have been displaced. A peace agreement in Aceh is now in the earliest stages of implementation. International pressure is essential to ensure that the military fulfills its pledges of partial demilitarization to avoid a repeat of past failures to end this long-running conflict. The perpetrators of genocide in East Timor, carried out during a quarter-century U.S. government-backed Indonesian occupation, remain unpunished.

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I urge you to communicate to your fellow members of Congress your strong support for inclusion in the final 2006 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of Senate provisions which restrict military assistance for Indonesia until reasonable conditions on military reform and human rights are met. Specifically, I urge you to actively support the inclusion — during the upcoming reconciliation of the House and Senate versions of the bill — in final law the following Senate provisions: *Indonesia, Section 6072; Report on Indonesian Cooperation, Section 6108; and West Papua Report, Section 6109.*

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