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SUMMARY

2. (C) AN APRIL 25-27 VISIT TO DILI REVEALED A STRIKING DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE SITUATION AND ATTITUDES ON THE GROUND IN EAST TIMOR AND THE UN-SPONSORED DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. DILI ITSELF WAS CALM ON THE SURFACE, BUT PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS REMAIN IN HIDING AS RUMORS CIRCULATED OF MORE IMPENDING MILITIA ATTACKS. CHURCH, NGO AND PRO-INDEPENDENCE CONTACTS SAW THE APRIL 21 "PEACE ACCORD" AS A SHAM AND BELIEVED RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WERE GOING NOWHERE. THE MILITIA AND THE SECURITY FORCES APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO DECAPITATE THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT BY INTIMIDATING, DRIVING UNDERGROUND, OR IN SOME CASES KILLING THE KEY LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS DOWN TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL. THEY HAVE ALREADY LARGELY SUCCEEDED IN DILI AND IN THE WESTERN DISTRICTS, WHERE THE GUERRILLAS HAVE PULLED BACK FROM THE TOWNS AND DONE LITTLE TO COUNTER THE MILITIA. PRO-INTEGRATION

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CONTACTS SAID THAT THE ONGOING MILITIA THREATS AND ATTACKS ON THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS WERE PART OF A "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" AND "SHOCK THERAPY" STRATEGY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF THE PRO-INTEGRATION FORCES BEFORE ANY NEGOTIATIONS OR "DIALOGUE" TOOK PLACE. MILITIA LEADER EURICO GUTERRES, INTRODUCING A DISTURBING NEW ETHNIC ELEMENT INTO THE CONFLICT, ASSERTED THAT PRO-INDEPENDENCE PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING, MIXED-RACE EAST TIMORESE MUST BE EXPELLED FROM EAST TIMOR. ONE OF OUR MOST SEASONED, CREDIBLE OBSERVERS ARGUED THAT THE CONFLICT REFLECTED A HIGH-STAKES STRUGGLE WITHIN THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT IN JAKARTA, AND DISCOUNTED THE INFLUENCE OF MORE LOCALIZED FACTORS.

3. (C) NEUTRAL OBSERVERS STILL SEE THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION FAVORING INDEPENDENCE, BUT BISHOP BELO AND OTHERS BELIEVE INTIMIDATION TACTICS COULD SUCCEED IN PRODUCING A MAJORITY VOTE FOR AUTONOMY IF THE MILITIAS ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE OPERATING OR AN INADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IS INTRODUCED. THE MILITIA PHENOMENON STILL REVOLVES AROUND A RELATIVE HANDFUL OF EAST TIMORESE WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE MILITARY. PRO-INTEGRATION LEADERS REMAIN OPPOSED TO A ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE CONSULTATION, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE WINNERS AND

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LOSERS AND SPARK FURTHER VIOLENCE. THE MILITARY
COMMANDER INSISTED THAT ANY CONSULTATION WOULD BE CARRIED
OUT BY THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES, WITH THE UN PRESENT
ONLY IN A MONITORING ROLE. HE ADDED THAT THE INDONESIAN
MILITARY, NOT THE UN, WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY. THE
MILITARY AND THE PRO-INTEGRATION LEADERS ALSO SEE THE
"SOCIALIZATION" OF THE JAKARTA TWO-OPTIONS PROPOSAL BEING
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CARRIED OUT BY THE PRO-INTEGRATION FORCES, NOT THE UN.
NGO CONTACTS AND BELO MAINTAIN THAT NO CONSULTATION
PROCESS CAN BE FAIR WITHOUT A PERVASIVE UN PRESENCE DOWN
TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE VOTE.
THERE HAS BEEN NO SERIOUS EFFORT TO BRING THE
PERPETRATORS OF THE LIQUICA AND DILI KILLINGS TO JUSTICE.
HUMANITARIAN WORKERS ARE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE. CARE
HAS CURTAILED OPERATIONS IN SOME AREAS DUE TO THREATS
AGAINST ITS PERSONNEL, AND AN ICRC EAST TIMORESE EMPLOYEE
HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND TORTURED BY THE MILITARY. END
SUMMARY.

4. (C) AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DATT, USAID DIRECTOR,
AND POLOFF, VISITED DILI APRIL 25-27. HE MET WITH

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MOST PRO-INDEPENDENCE
ACTIVISTS WERE EITHER IN HIDING OR HAD FLED, BUT THE
AMBASSADOR DID MEET BRIEFLY WITH [REDACTED]
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5. (C) DILI WAS CALM ON THE SURFACE, BUT PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS REMAIN IN HIDING AND NGO/HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THREATS. ONE OF OUR USUAL CONTACTS, [REDACTED] REMAINED IN DILI BUT WAS REPORTEDLY "CHANGING CARS AND LOCATIONS" SEVERAL TIMES PER DAY, AND WE WERE UNABLE TO MEET WITH HIM. OTHER PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS WERE SAID TO HAVE FLED TO THE HILLS OR TO AUSTRALIA, BALI, OR JAKARTA. THE MOOD AMONG OUR NGO INTERLOCUTORS WAS EXTREMELY TENSE, EVEN BY EAST TIMOR STANDARDS, AND RUMORS CIRCULATED THAT MILITIAS WILL AGAIN SWEEP THROUGH DILI BEFORE THE PLANNED MAY 5 SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK. RUMORED TARGETS WERE THE ICRC, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMISSION OF

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PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND YAYASAN HAK. MORE MILITIA RALLIES WERE PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES WERE TAKING ANY STEPS TO HEAD OFF THESE EVENTS. (COMMENT: IN FACT ANOTHER MILITIA RALLY TOOK PLACE IN BALIBO ON APRIL 26. END COMMENT.)

LIQUICA, DILI, AND NOW SUAI...

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6. (C) ACCORDING TO LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, MILITIAS IN SUAI NOW ARE CARRYING OUT AN OPERATION SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LIQUICA AND DILI, WITH AN AS YET UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE. [REDACTED] HAD REPORTS THAT "40 TO 300 PEOPLE WERE KILLED," ADDING THAT THE TRUTH WAS PROBABLY SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN. [REDACTED] TEAM HAD LEFT FOR SUAI ON APRIL 26. THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION PRODUCED A DETAILED LIST CONTAINING THE NAMES OF 28 PEOPLE REPORTEDLY KILLED IN SUAI. MILITARY COMMANDER COL. TONO SURATMAN MAINTAINED THAT FIGHTING IN SUAI HAD RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE PRO-INTEGRATION SUPPORTER AND POLICE CHIEF TIMBUL SILAEN CLAIMED THERE WERE NO FATALITIES.

"PEACE ACCORD" INSIGNIFICANT

7. (C) [REDACTED] CITED CONTINUING REPORTS OF INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, SUGGESTING THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT STABILIZED. THE APRIL 21 "PEACE ACCORD," WAS CHARACTERIZED BY [REDACTED] AS PRIMARILY A PUBLICITY STUNT POSSIBLY HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT HAVING AN INSIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON LONG TERM CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. [REDACTED] SAID HE IS STILL RELUCTANT TO SEND PEOPLE TO LIQUICA BECAUSE IT IS NOT SAFE AND HE FEARS THAT [REDACTED] THERE WILL BE IN DANGER OF RETALIATION ATTACKS. HE ESTIMATED BETWEEN 2,000 AND 4,000 RESIDENTS OF LIQUICA, SOME OF THEM

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WOUNDED, ARE STILL HIDING IN THE FORESTS.

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STRATEGIES

8. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THE MILITIA AND THE SECURITY FORCES APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO DECAPITATE THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT BY INTIMIDATING, DRIVING UNDERGROUND, OR IN SOME CASES KILLING THE KEY LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS DOWN TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL. THE MILITIAS WERE SAID TO HAVE A "BLACK LIST" CONTAINING THE NAMES OF ABOUT 300 TARGETED PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VIEW, THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT A RELATIVELY SMALL CORE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MILITIAS, WHILE "ALL THE OTHERS SAT BACK AND WATCHED." HE SAID KOPASSUS WAS STILL IN CHARGE OF EAST TIMOR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, BUT WAS NO LONGER INTERROGATING AND TORTURING SUSPECTS, HAVING "OUTSOURCED" THESE FUNCTIONS TO THE MILITIA GROUPS. MANY INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND THESE PERSONNEL ARE STILL ACTIVELY PROVIDING MONEY, WEAPONS AND FOOD TO THE MILITIA GROUPS, HE SAID.

9. (C) BISHOP BELO AND OTHER CONTACTS SAID THE STRATEGY OF NEUTRALIZING OR ELIMINATING INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS HAD ALREADY LARGELY SUCCEEDED IN DILI AND IN THE WESTERN DISTRICTS. IN OUR CONVERSATION AT THE POLICE

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HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE MILITIAS APPEAR TO BE OPERATING NOT ONLY WITH A CARTE BLANCHE FROM THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES BUT ALSO WITH LITTLE OPPOSITION FROM FALINTIL. ALTHOUGH THE FALINTIL GUERRILLAS PROBABLY WERE INVOLVED IN TWO KILLINGS OF PRO-INTEGRATION FIGURES IN RECENT WEEKS, OUR CONTACTS REPORTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAD PULLED BACK FROM THE TOWNS AND THEY HAVE DONE LITTLE TO COUNTER THE MILITIA ACTIVITIES.

10. (C) THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE FPDK [REDACTED] THESE PRO-INTEGRATION CONTACTS SAID THAT THE ONGOING MILITIA THREATS AND ATTACKS ON THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS WERE PART OF A "PSY-WAR" AND "SHOCK THERAPY" STRATEGY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF THE PRO-INTEGRATION FORCES BEFORE ANY NEGOTIATIONS OR "DIALOGUE" TOOK PLACE. (COMMENT: "PSY-WAR" WAS A FAVORITE THEME OF GENERAL PRABOWO. END COMMENT.)

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A NEW RACIST THEME

11. (C) WE MET WITH EURICO GUTTERES AT HIS COMPOUND AT THE FORMER "TROPICALA" HOTEL, ONE BLOCK FROM THE HOUSE OF MANUEL CARRASCALAO IN CENTRAL DILI. THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY OUR MILITARY CONTACTS. AS WE SPOKE WITH GUTTERES IN THE COURTYARD OF THE FACILITY, A GROWING GROUP OF HIS MILITIA FOLLOWERS SILENTLY, AND SLIGHTLY MENACINGLY, GATHERED AROUND US, EXUDING AN AROMA OF ALCOHOL. GUTTERES' MAIN THEME WAS THE PERFDY OF THE CARRASCALAO FAMILY, AND HE REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT PRO-INDEPENDENCE PORTUGUESE SPEAKING MIXED-RACE EAST TIMORESE (OF WHICH HE SAID MANUEL CARRASCALAO IS A PRIME EXAMPLE) MUST ALL BE EXPELLED FROM EAST TIMOR. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE ATTACK ON MANUEL CARRASCALAO'S HOUSE WAS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE "IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT CARRASCALAO BE TAUGHT A LESSON." WORKING HIMSELF INTO AN EMOTIONAL FERVOR, GUTTERES MADE CLEAR HIS DISTASTE FOR JOURNALISTS AND FOREIGNERS, AND SAID EAST TIMORESE EXILES WOULD BE KILLED IF THEY TRIED TO RETURN.

12. (C) GUTTERES ALSO IS THE LEADER OF GADA PAKSI, A POSITION HE WAS GIVEN BY PRABOWO. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED GUTTERES AS NOW HAVING MORE REAL POWER THAN THE GOVERNOR OF EAST TIMOR. HE HAS RECENTLY MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CALLING FOR THE MILITIAS TO PURGE AND KILL ALL PRO-INDEPENDENCE SUPPORTERS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE IN EAST TIMOR. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN CONFISCATING THE CARS AND OTHER PROPERTY OF CIVIL SERVANTS SUSPECTED OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE
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SYMPATHIES. [REDACTED] SAID CIVIL SERVANTS WERE BEING COMPELLED TO SIGN STATEMENTS OF LOYALTY TO "THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA, THE MILITARY, AND THE MILITIAS."

THE DARK FORCES

13. (C) IN TERMS OF OVERALL GOI/TNI STRATEGY IN EAST TIMOR, [REDACTED] ARGUED THAT THE CURRENT CONFLICT IN EAST TIMOR REFLECTED A MUCH BIGGER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT IN JAKARTA. HE DISCOUNTED THE INFLUENCE OF MORE LOCALIZED FACTORS. HE

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SPECULATED THAT DARK FORCES WITHIN THE MILITARY, POSSIBLY LINKED TO SOEHARTO OR PRABOWO INTERESTS, WERE PROMOTING THE VIOLENCE IN EAST TIMOR AS PART OF THEIR STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN JAKARTA. WHO ARE THE "GOOD GUYS AND BAD GUYS" IN THIS SCENARIO? [REDACTED] DESCRIBED COL SURATMAN AS "A DECENT MAN IN A VERY BAD SITUATION." HE ALSO SAID IT APPEARED THAT POLICE CHIEF SILAEN IS TRYING TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES DESPITE LACK OF MILITARY SUPPORT. THE POLICE, HE SAID, ARE ASHAMED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EAST TIMOR AND ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER WHILE THE ARMY STANDS BACK AND WATCHES. HE SAID THE POLICE NOW SOMETIMES REFUSE TO ACCEPT DETAINEES WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN TORTURED BY THE MILITARY, NOT WANTING TO BE BLAMED FOR THE PRISONER'S CONDITION.

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14. (C) [REDACTED] (AND NUMEROUS OTHER CONTACTS) SAW MAJ. GEN. ADAM DAMIRI, THE REGIONAL COMMANDER IN BALI, AND HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, BRIG. GEN. SIMBOLON (A KOPASSUS OFFICER AND FORMER EAST TIMOR MILITARY COMMANDER WITH A BAD REPUTATION) AS REPRESENTING THE MORE PERNICIOUS FORCES. ALSO MENTIONED WERE MAJ. GEN. ZACKY ANWAR, WHO HAS A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH EAST TIMOR, AND MAJ. GEN. SYAHRIR, THE CURRENT KOPASSUS COMMANDER AND FORMER EAST TIMOR MILITARY COMMANDER.

BALANCE OF FORCES

15 (C) THE MILITIA ONSLAUGHTS HAVE DEFINITELY WEAKENED THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE FORCES. NEUTRAL OBSERVERS STILL SEE THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION FAVORING INDEPENDENCE, BUT BISHOP BELO AND OTHERS BELIEVE INTIMIDATION TACTICS COULD SUCCEED IN PRODUCING A MAJORITY VOTE FOR AUTONOMY IF THE MILITIAS ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE OPERATING OR AN INADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IS INTRODUCED. THE MILITIA PHENOMENON STILL REVOLVES AROUND A RELATIVE

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HANDFUL OF EAST TIMORESE WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE MILITARY.
[REDACTED] SAID THAT IF 50 HARD CORE MILITIA LEADERS AND PRO-INTEGRATIONISTS WERE REMOVED FROM THE SCENE, AND ABRI SUPPORT CEASED, THE MILITIA PHENOMENON WOULD EVAPORATE QUICKLY. THE MILITIA CAUSE HAS PROBABLY BEEN BOLSTERED, ESPECIALLY IN THE WESTERN BORDER DISTRICTS, BY INTIMIDATION ON THE PART OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, TO SUPPORT MILITIA CLAIMS THAT THE LIQUICA AND DILI VIOLENCE RESULTED FROM A POPULAR OUTPOURING OF ANTI-INDEPENDENCE SENTIMENT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER

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THEIR INJECTION OF THE RACE ISSUE WILL RESONATE IN A POPULATION WHICH TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY TOLERANT OF ETHNIC DIFFERENCES.

UN PROCESS

16. (C) THE FPKD REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSED TO A ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE CONSULTATION, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE WINNERS AND LOSERS AND SPARK FURTHER VIOLENCE. THE MILITARY COMMANDER MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT ANY CONSULTATION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES, WITH THE UN PRESENT ONLY IN A MONITORING ROLE. HE ADDED THAT THE INDONESIAN MILITARY, NOT THE UN, WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY. THE MILITARY AND THE PRO-INTEGRATION LEADERS ALSO SEE THE "SOCIALIZATION" OF THE AUTONOMY PROPOSAL BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE PRO-INTEGRATION ACTIVISTS (IN MOST CASES ONE AND THE SAME), NOT THE UN. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THAT THE FPKD ALREADY WAS FORMING TEAMS FOR THE SOCIALIZATION

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PROCESS. NGO CONTACTS AND BELO MAINTAIN THAT NO CONSULTATION PROCESS CAN BE FAIR WITHOUT A PERVASIVE UN PRESENCE DOWN TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE VOTE.

ACCOUNTABILITY

17. (C) THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY SERIOUS EFFORTS TO BRING THE PERPETRATORS OF THE LIQUICA AND DILI KILLINGS TO JUSTICE. [REDACTED] THE ONLY ACTION TAKEN THUS FAR IS THE ARREST OF FIVE PEOPLE FOR "DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY." THE POLICE COMMANDER MAINTAINED THAT 15 PERSONS HAD BEEN ARRESTED, BUT HE CITED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING TESTIMONY AND NOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER ARRESTS.

RECONCILIATION

18. (C) AS IS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE, RECONCILIATION EFFORTS APPEAR TO BE GOING NOWHERE AT PRESENT. AN APRIL 26 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION TO MONITOR THE APRIL 21 "PEACE AGREEMENT" (WHICH OUR NGO, CHURCH AND PRO-INDEPENDENCE CONTACTS LARGELY DISMISSED) DID NOT INCLUDE ANY PRO-INDEPENDENCE REPRESENTATIVES. PRO-INTEGRATION

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FORCES SEEM DETERMINED TO FURTHER BUILD UP THEIR STRENGTH
BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY DIALOGUE. BISHOP BELO DOES NOT

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BELIEVE ANY RECONCILIATION MEETINGS (SUCH AS THE ONE HE HAD PLANNED FOR MID-MAY) CAN PROCEED UNDER THE CURRENT CONDITIONS.

[REDACTED] WERE DISMISSIVE OF KOMNASHAM'S INVOLVEMENT, MAINTAINING THAT THE COMMISSION'S EFFORTS WERE UNSUSTAINABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD NO STRUCTURE ON THE GROUND TO MANAGE THE PROCESS.

[REDACTED] WAS SAID TO BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO DILI DUE TO FEARS FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY.

19. (C) [REDACTED] WAS UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF SECURITY FOR PRO-INDEPENDENCE LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN RECONCILIATION EFFORTS. HE SAID XANANA COULD SPEAK FOR THAT SIDE IN JAKARTA. USING LANGUAGE REMINISCENT OF WHAT WE WERE HEARING TWO YEARS AGO, [REDACTED] HARSHLY CRITICIZED THE CNRT, LABELLING MANUEL CARRASCALAO AND DAVID XIMENES AS "EXTREMISTS," AND ARGUING THAT "HARSH ACTIONS" MUST BE TAKEN AGAINST THE CNRT AND FALINTIL SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN "BOLD ENOUGH" TO KIDNAP AND KILL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY. HE CHARGED CNRT

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AND FALINTIL MEMBERS WERE INTIMIDATING, PRESSURING AND COLLECTING MONEY FROM PEOPLE IN VILLAGES. HE CALLED THE CNRT AN "ILLEGAL" ORGANIZATION WHOSE LEADERS ARE VIOLATING THE LAW. [REDACTED] SAID, "THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT CNRT LIES AND THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE RISEN UP AGAINST THEM."

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

20. (C) HUMANITARIAN WORKERS, BOTH EXPATRIATE AND LOCAL, ARE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE. CARE HAS CURTAILED OPERATIONS IN SOME AREAS DUE TO THREATS AGAINST ITS PERSONNEL, MOST NOTABLY AN ACCUSATION FROM THE GOVERNOR THAT CARE FAVORED THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE SIDE. DUE TO THREATS AGAINST ITS PERSONNEL, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE THE LIQUICA SITUATION.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE MILITARY HAD ARRESTED AND TORTURED AN ICRC EAST TIMORESE EMPLOYEE. THE GOI CONINTUES TO BLOCK THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN DOCTORS AND DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. HUMANITARIAN WORKERS ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THOUSANDS OF EAST TIMORESE WHO HAVE

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FLED, SOME WITH WOUNDS, INTO THE HILLS AROUND LIQUICA.
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