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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLCOUNS ED MCWILLIAMS, REASON: 1.5

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(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: MAY 21 TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF DILI REVEALED LARGE NUMBERS OF EAST TIMORESE DISPLACED BY MILITARY-BACKED MILITIAS' ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS TO THE WEST OF THE CAPITAL. THE ICRC AND OTHER OBSERVERS HAVE DESCRIBED THE PROCESS AS "POLITICAL CLEANSING" THAT TARGETS PRO-INDEPENDENCE POPULATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE AUGUST 8 AUTONOMY-OR-INDEPENDENCE BALLOT. WHILE MANY ARE SHELTERING WITH THOSE WHO WERE NOT DISPLACED, MANY MORE ARE REPORTEDLY LIVING IN MILITIA AND MILITARY-CONTROLLED CAMPS UNDER CONDITIONS SAID TO BE UNHEALTHFUL AND ABUSIVE. INTERNATIONAL AGENCY AND NGO ACCESS TO THOSE IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS IS BLOCKED BY HOSTILE MILITIA CHECKPOINTS AND ROAD BLOCKS. MEANWHILE, MILITIA ATTACKS ARE CONTINUING, GENERATING MORE DISPLACED PERSONS. MEETING URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THESE DISPLACED PERSONS AND ASSURING THEIR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUGUST 8 AUTONOMY-OR-INDEPENDENCE BALLOT WILL BE A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR THE UN, INTERNATIONAL AID AGENCIES AND NGOS. THERE ARE SMALLER NUMBERS OF DISPLACED IN DILI

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 ITSELF, IN WEST TIMOR AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER IN OTHER AREAS WHICH REMAIN BEYOND THE REACH OF AID AGENCIES AND THIS MAY 21 SURVEY. END SUMMARY

3. (U) DURING MAY 20-22 VISIT TO EAST TIMOR, POLCOUNS TRAVELED EAST FROM THE CAPITAL DILI, TO LIQUISA AND MAUBARRA, WEST TO HERA AND SOUTH TO DARE.

DISPLACED IN DILI

4. (SBU) FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, MILITARY-BACKED MILITIA HAVE BEEN FORCING EAST TIMORESE WHO SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR OR ARE SUSPECTED OF DOING SO FROM THEIR HOMES. IN DILI, MANY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE "CNRT" HAVE FLED ABROAD OR TO SAFER INDONESIAN SITES. A GROUP OF 68 ARE HOLED-UP AT THE POLICE COMMAND COMPLEX IN CAMORO WEST OF DILI. EMBOFF VISITED THAT GROUP ON MAY 20 AND 21 AND DISCUSSED THEIR PLIGHT WITH [REDACTED] AND WITH THE EAST TIMORESE POLICE COMMANDER, COL. SILAEN. [REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE GROUP HAD SUFFICIENT FOOD BUT WAS STILL RECEIVING THREATS FROM MILITIAS IN DILI.

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5. (SBU) HE COMPLAINED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST ANCETO GUTERRES FROM THE RESPECTED NGO YAYASAN HAK HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO MEET WITH HIM, EVEN WHEN HE APPEALED AS [REDACTED] ALSO COMPLAINED THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE PERIODICALLY PULLED OUT OF THE GROUP AT NIGHT FOR POLICE INTERROGATION. HE NOTED THAT THE GROUP HAD FLED TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO ESCAPE THE APRIL
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17 VIOLENCE IN WHICH MORE THAN 12 OF THEIR ASSOCIATES HAD BEEN KILLED. INTERROGATIONS, HE SAID, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AMONG THE MILITIAS WHO HAD BEEN THE ATTACKERS, NOT THEIR VICTIMS.

6. (SBU) AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL NGOS, EMBOFF RAISED "UNOFFICIALLY" IN A DISCUSSION WITH POLICE COMMANDER SILAEN WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ESCORT FOR [REDACTED] TO THE HARBOR WHERE NGOS HAVE CLAIMED THEY COULD ARRANGE TRANSPORT TO FLORES ISLAND. REPORTEDLY, THE NGOS HAVE ARRANGED TEMPORARY DOMICILE THERE FOR THE GROUP UNTIL THE AUGUST 8 VOTE ON AUTONOMY-OR-INDEPENDENCE. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED TO SILAEN THIS WAS AN NGO PROPOSAL THAT HE HAD RAISED FOR DISCUSSION AND NOT A USG INITIATIVE.

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7. (SBU) SILAEN SAID THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS UNNECESSARY AND THAT IN FACT, IT WAS TIME FOR THE GROUP TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN DILI -- HE WOULD "GUARANTEE" THEIR SAFETY. RECALLING POLICE AND MILITARY INACTION DURING MILITIA ATTACKS ON PRO-INDEPENDENCE CIVILIANS IN DILI JUST ONE MONTH EARLIER, EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT [REDACTED] AND NEUTRAL OBSERVERS MIGHT FIND THESE GUARANTEES LESS THAN COMPLETELY ASSURING. SILAEN SAID THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE GROUP'S PRESENCE WAS DRAWING ON UNIT RESOURCES AND THAT THEY COULD NOT "STAY FOREVER." HE OFFERED NO SPECIFIC

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RESPONSE TO THE NGO OFFER BUT IN EMBOFF'S PRESENCE
CONVEYED THE IDEA TO HIS "COMMANDER" (IT WAS UNCLEAR TO
WHOM HE WAS REFERRING), WHO INTERRUPTED THE INTERVIEW
WITH A PHONE CALL.

THE DISPLACED OUTSIDE DILI

8. (SBU) UNAMET, ICRC, CARE AND LOCAL NGO OFFICIALS TOLD
EMBOFF THAT BECAUSE OF MILITIA ROAD BLOCKS AND CHECK
POINTS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH WHAT THEY KNEW TO BE LARGE NUMBERS OF
DISPLACED PERSONS OUTSIDE DILI. OFFICIALS OF THE UN

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ASSISTANCE TEAM IN EAST TIMOR (UNAMET) SAID THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED SUFFICIENT "ANECDOTAL" INFORMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM AS SERIOUS. THE ASSISTANCE TEAM'S PLAN OF ACTION INVOLVED RELYING ON LOCAL NGOS TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INFORMATION IT WAS COMPILING. UNAMET COULD ONLY BEGIN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GUARANTEES OF "UNFETTERED ACCESS" TO ALL PARTS OF EAST TIMOR ONCE UNAMET PERSONEL HAD ARRIVED IN GRATER NUMBERS. [REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS VERY WARY OF SENDING HIS PERSONNEL OUT, CLAIMING THEY

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 WOULD FACE SERIOUS RISKS OF DETENTION OR WORSE BY BOTH THE MILITIAS AND THE MILITARY.

9. (SBU) AT MID-DAY ON MAY 21, EMBOFF HEADED WEST IN A TAXI AND WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGH LIQUICA AND REACH MAUBARA, 90 MINUTES WEST OF DILI. HE WAS WAVED THROUGH APPROXIMATELY 15 CHECKPOINTS MANNED BY "AITARAK" MILITIA (TO A POINT MIDWAY BETWEEN DILI AND LIQUISA) AND "BESI MERAH PUTIH" (FROM THAT POINT ON TO MAUBARA). PERSONNEL AT THE CHECKPOINTS, MOST OF WHOM WERE RELAXING IN THE MID-DAY HEAT, WERE ARMED WITH MACHETES AND HOME-MADE FIREARMS.

10. (SBU) DISPLACED PEOPLE IN GROUPS OF TEN TO 100 WERE IN EVIDENCE ALONG THE ROUTE, IN MOST CASES SHELTERING WITH FAMILIES WHOSE HOUSES HAD ESCAPED ATTACK BY MILITIAS. IN ALL, APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF HOUSES HAD BEEN BURNED OR DISMANTLED, ALTHOUGH IN SOME AREAS THAT RATE WAS WELL OVER 50 PERCENT. IN LIQUICA TOWN, DISPLACED WERE SCATTERED IN SMALL GROUPS THROUGH THE MOSTLY SHUTTERED TOWN, RECOGNIZABLE BY THEIR DISHEVELED APPEARANCE. SOME CHILDREN HAD DISTENDED BELLIES AND ALL APPEARED DIRTY WITH RAGGED CLOTHING.

11. (SBU) IN MAUBARA, A SHOPKEEPER SAID THAT FOOD WAS THE PRINCIPAL CONCERN FOR THE DISPLACED AND THAT, IN FACT, IT WAS A CONCERN FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL. TRADE HAD STOPPED, MARKETS WERE CLOSED (INCLUDING THE LARGE MARKET IN LIQUISA) AND RICE, WHEN IT COULD BE FOUND FOR SALE, HAD RISEN TO 3700 RUPIAH PER KG, MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IN JAKARTA. MANY OF THE DISPLACED HAD CONTRACTED

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 MALARIA AND RESIDENTS WERE EXPERIENCING HIGHER INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE AS WELL. AS BAD AS THINGS WERE, SHE SAID,

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THE DIPLACED LIVING IN MILITIA AND MILITARY-CONTROLLED CAMPS WERE IN WORSE SHAPE. SOME OF THE DISPLACED IN MAUBARA, SHE SAID, HAD FLED FROM THESE CAMPS WITH GRIM STORIES. SHE CORROBORATED EMBOFF'S OBSERVATIONS THAT MOST OF THE DISPLACED WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ADDING THAT MOST OF THE MALES HAD FLED TO THE HILLS. SHE ESTIMATED THAT HUNDREDS OF DISPLACED HAD FOUND SHELTER IN MAUBARA BUT THAT THOUSANDS WERE IN CAMPS OUTSIDE THE TOWN. (EMBOFF'S DRIVER REFUSED TO LEAVE THE MAIN ROAD TO SEARCH FOR THE CAMPS, FEARING HE WOULD BE DETAINED BY THE MILITIA OR MILITARY.)

12. (C)

[REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE ESTIMATED THE DISPLACED POPULATION IN THE LIQUISA AREA TO BE IN EXCESS OF 20,000 (OF THE ROUGHLY 40,000 AREA POPULATION). SOME OF THE DISPLACED, HE SAID, HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO DILI (AND TO HIS CLINIC). HE DESCRIBED MILITIA, BACKED BY THE INDONESIAN MILITARY, AS CONDUCTING "POLITICAL CLEANSING SWEEPS" IN THE SEVEN VILLAGES SURROUNDING LIQUISA, FORCING ALMOST ALL INHABITANTS TO ABANDON THEIR HOMES -- MANY OF WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURNED. THE

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DESCRIBED THE MILITIAS' ACTIONS AS "POLITICAL CLEANSING."

13. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE LARGEST POPULATION DISPLACEMENT HAD OCCURRED IN THREE VALLEYS WHICH JOIN AT THE POINT WHERE LIQUICA, BOBONARO AND ERMERA DISTRICTS MEET. THE POINT IS NEAR ATSABAE, ALSO THE SITE OF THE MAY 16 MILITIA KILLING OF APPROXIMATELY 20 CIVILIANS. THIS AREA HAS NOT BEEN SURVEYED BY OUTSIDE OBSERVERS SINCE THE ATTACKS BEGAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. WHILE NOT ABLE TO ESTIMATE NUMBERS, [REDACTED] RECALLED THAT MILITIA LEADER JOAO TAVARES HAD STATED PUBLICLY THAT HE HAD MOVED 1,000 FAMILIES FROM MALIANA (CAPITAL OF BOBONARO DISTRICT) TO CAILOCO, PURPORTEDLY TO PROTECT THEM FROM FALINITL (PRO-INDEPENDENCE FORCES) ATTACKS.

14. (C) [REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE DISPLACEMENT HAD TAKEN PLACE JUST AS THE COFFEE AND CORN HARVESTS WERE GETTING UNDERWAY. THERE WERE TWO PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF THIS TIMING: MUCH OF THE CORN AND SOME OF THE COFFEE HARVEST WOULD LIKELY BE LOST (EMBOFF HEARD CONSISTENT REPORTS THAT MILITIA AND MILITARY

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PERSONNEL WERE ACCEPTING BRIBES TO ALLOW THE LUCRATIVE COFFEE HARVEST TO GO FORWARD). THE OTHER IMPACT WAS MORE WORRYING: THE PERIOD JUST BEFORE THE HARVEST IS WHEN THIS SUBSISTENCE POPULATION IS AT ITS MOST VULNERABLE AS SUPPLIES FROM THE PREVIOUS HARVEST DWINDLE OR ARE EXHAUSTED. [REDACTED] FOOD ASSISTANCE TO SOME COMMUNITIES, WHICH HAD CONTINUED UP UNTIL THE MILITIA ATTACKS HAD BEGUN, HAD IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR THOSE FAMILIES ABLE TO TAKE THIS FOOD WITH THEM AS THEY FLED. OTHERS WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO FLEE WITH LITTLE FOOD TO TAKE WITH THEM.

MILITIA ATTACKS STILL GENERATING DISPLACED

15. (C) A WESTERN JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFF THAT ON MAY 18 HE HAD WITNESSED MILITIA (HE BELIEVED THEM TO BE BESI MERAH PUTIH) BURNING HOUSES IN THE AREA WEST OF MAUBARA ON THE ROAD TO ATSABAE. HE SAW 12-15 HOUSES TORCHED. IN FRONT OF A NUMBER OF THE HOUSES HE SAW THE FAMILIES DISPLACED BY THE BURNING, EACH CLUTCHING A FEW ARTICLES THEY HAD GATHERED UP BEFORE THEY WERE FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES. HE DESCRIBED THEM AS "SITTING BY THE ROADSIDE CLUTCHING THEIR PLASTIC POTS WAITING FOR THE MILITIA TO TAKE THEM SOMEWHERE." [REDACTED] CORROBORATED THE JOURNALIST'S ACCOUNT, BASED ON REPORTS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM NON-EXPAT SOURCES OF RECENT MILITIA ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS WEST OF MAUBARA.

16. (C) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] CORROBORATED REPORTING BY A JAKARTA-BASED
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 WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE (REFTEL) REGARDING CONDITIONS IN THE CAMPS FOR THE DISPLACED WHERE, THEY SAID, HEALTH-THREATENING AND POSSIBLY LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS OBTAIN. FOOD QUALITY AND QUANTITY, THEY CLAIMED, WAS INADEQUATE, AVAILABLE WATER WAS UNCLEAR, THERE WAS NO ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND THE DISPLACED SUFFERED ABUSIVE TREATMENT BY THE MILITIAS WHO, WITH MILITARY ASSISTANCE, RUN THE CAMPS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THE MILITIAS WERE "INDOCTRINATING" THE DISPLACED WITH A PRO-AUTONOMY MESSAGE.

DISPLACED OUTSIDE OF EAST TIMOR

17. (U) A KUPANG-BASED LOCAL JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFF THAT

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APPROXIMATELY 1,500 PRO-INDEPENDENCE EAST TIMORESE HAD FLED JUST OVER THE BORDER INTO WEST TIMOR, ESCAPING THE MILITIA ATTACKS IN WESTERN BOBONARO BY HEADING WEST. THESE DISPLACED WERE RELATIVELY WELL CARED FOR BY A LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER WHO WAS A CHRISTIAN AND SEEMINGLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE DISPLACED. SEPARATELY, AN EXPAT JOURNALIST WHO VISITED THE AREA DESCRIBED THE DISPLACED IN THIS AREA AS LIVING IN SMALL (100-150) GROUPS UNDER THATCHED-ROOF EXTENSIONS TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES.

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18. (C) COMMENT: FOR THOSE WHOSE HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND WHOSE CROPS HAVE EITHER ROTTED IN THE FIELDS OR BEEN DESTROYED OR STOLEN BY THE MILITIAS, A NEAR-TERM RETURN HOME, PARTICULARLY BEFORE THE AUGUST 8 BALLOT, MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE. MEETING URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS WILL BE A PRIORITY ONCE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY/NGO ACCESS TO THESE GROUPS IS POSSIBLE. AS A SECONDARY CONCERN, ASSURING THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS AND THE BALLOT, PARTICULARLY UNDER CAMP CONDITIONS, WILL BE PROBLEMATIC.
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