



## SOLIDARITY FOR INDIGENOUS PAPUANS (SIP)

The photo stories of human rights violations against West Papua people by Indonesian military

## Violation of freedom of thought presented in photo compilation

The compilation of photos in this report aspires to inform the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Freedom of Religion or belief about what has been really happening in the Indonesian occupied West Papua.

In the cover of darkness that banned international media and INGOs from the region activities happing in West Papua has seldom been reported on the mainstream media overseas. The photo aspire to tell the real stories behind the smiles of West Papuans.



A West Papuan mother holding a Bible on her hands informing the police about the importance of the voices of the people of West Papua to be heard by the government as equally created by the same God.

Photo was captured in Sentani 2021, during the Papuan people's demonstration against the extension of Special Autonomy and creation of New provinces in West Papua region. West Papua people do not agree with the one sided proposal because it is against their will.

It is common for people to kill a pig and look after her piglets. The piglets won't feel anything may be because they are animals or may be because they cannot communicate like humans. Human beings are really different because their thought process is well developed, well above that of pig.

It is illogical that the same Indonesian military who are killing the Pastors, destroying schools and health facilities and churches in the conflict zones in West Papua are the same Indonesian military visiting schools and churches preaching, teaching and distributing goods with messages of peace.

It has been a real mental torture for West Papuan mothers, orphans and those who lost their loved ones in the hands of military and police. To make it worse is that not even a single case of human rights abuse since 1961 was ever been won or addressed through the Indonesian legal system.

We believe that the Indonesian military's actions are against the spirit of Article 18 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Indonesia needs to be urged to do the right thing, that is to respect the rights of West Papuans as human beings and not as some subhumans.



Ambroncius Nababan is an Indonesian Parliamentarian comparing Natalius Pigai a West Papuan leader and former Chairman for Indonesian Human Rights Commission to "Gorilla"/Orang Hutan. This happened in 2020 during the heat of Covid-19 crisis and the debate that followed with regard to the import and application of Covid-19 Vaccine.

This is only an example that happened on the highest level of the nation where respect, tolerance and discipline are expected to be maintained at all times. Racism in Indonesia is systematic against and has long been institutionalized making Papuans difficult to access government services due to the color of their skin.

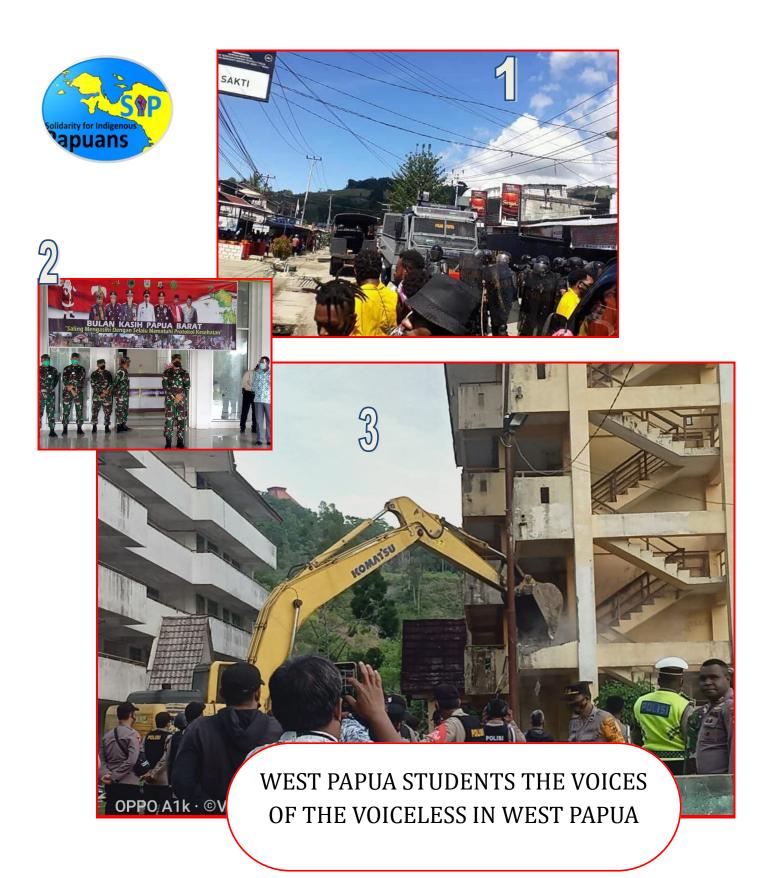


Photo No. 1: West Papua Students Supporting the people to demonstrate against the government of Indonesia for the one sided proposal to implement the Special Autonomy in West Papua and Papua provinces 2021.

Photo No. 2: Indonesian Military visiting University of Papua campus in Manokwari West Papua province to stop students from demonstrations.

Photo No. 3: Demolition of a student dormitory in the University of Cenderawasih and forced evacuation of students by the Administration of the University under the pretext of renovation. However, it was done during the semester without providing temporary accommodation for more than 3000 students May, 2021.



The photo above was taken in one of the remote Catholic churches in Asmat Regency in West Papua to the south west of West Papua bordering Nduga and Star Mountain regencies two of the conflict hotspots in the region. Most of the IDPs from the conflict zones have moved into Asmat regency, Indonesian military was in there to collect information from the IDPs traumatizing the people in the process. It's really a mental torture on the part of the people of West Papua for ages, a clear violation of their freedom of thought.



Indonesian military personnel in full gear posing for a photo with church leaders in one of the protestant churches in the highlands of West Papua, 2021. The difference here is that they are in full uniform in the Church without a threat.







INDONESIAN MILITARY POSING AS TEACHERS IN CONFLICT ZONES

Photo No. 1: An Indonesian military officer teaching in one of the remotes schools in the highlands in full military uniform 2020.

Photo No. 2: Another Military officer teaching in one of the schools up in the highlands, 2020.

Photo No. 3: Indonesian military take turns to teach a group of children in Nduga, 2020.





INDONESIAN MILITARY AND POLICE VISITING A SCHOOL TAKING PHOTOS FOR THEIR ONLINE PROPAGANDA IN WEST PAPUA 2020.

Photo No. 1: Indonesian Police distributing Indonesian flags and sweets to West Papua community school children 2020.

Photo No. 2: Indonesian military in a classroom teaching Indonesian Pancasila ideology to West Papua high school students.

Photo No. 3: Indonesian military and police visiting a community school taking pictures for their propaganda. The visit is often sudden, and students are often forced to take part in the photo shoots.



Photo No. 1 & 2: Indonesian military in one of the schools in Jayapura putting up posters in the classroom indoctrinating students.

Photo No. 3: The Tomb Stone of West Papua leader Theys Eluay murdered by Indonesian Intelligence in 2000 was painted by Morning Star flag but the Indonesian military repainted it (to the right). West Papuans are painting again after the destruction (left), November, 2020. The destruction of tomb stone engravings are occurring throughout the region, Indonesian military and police go into graves and deface the graveyards of West Papuan leaders. In 2020 alone, they defaced a graveyard of a West Papua National Committee Leader in Yahukimo and the tomb of Yudas Kogoya in Nduga one of the military commanders of the West Papua National Liberation Army.