

MOLUCCAN SOVEREIGNTY FRONT

FRONT KEDAULATAN MALUKU (FKM)

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Madame Chairperson, Distinguished members of the Working Group Indigenous Representatives and Government delegates.

Madame Chairperson,

The right to land and development is in our opinion indissoluble connected with one another.

Underlying these rights is the recognition of the fundamental right to self-determination of every nation.

Madame Chairperson,

In may 1998 general Suharto was forced to step down by the democratic and reformation movement in Indonesia. Several months later on the 18th of november students movements in Ambon the capital city of Maluku held a mass demonstration for democracy, reformation and self-determination. This demonstration were violently slashed by the Indonesian army, which resulted in the deaths of many students.

This vertical conflict was aggravated by the military into a horizontal conflict in January 1999 between Christians and Muslims.

Ambon, the surrounding islands, the South-east and the North Maluku became a stage of a bloody conflict instigated and orchestrated by the Indonesian Intelligence.

At the same time the top of the National Indonesian Army declare Maluku as a Military Command Area (KODAM). The reason behind this is to legitimize the stationing of more armed forces, under which special commando units as KOSTRAD en KOPASSUS.

Scorched earth tactics put into practice by above-mentioned commando units in East Timor occured also in Maluku.

The arrival in may last year of thousands of well armed militant muslims or para military from outside Maluku, encouraged by some highly influential politicians in Jakarta must be seen as a scenario with a final target: ethnic cleansing!

The war or *conflict*, lasting for 32 months has resulted in:

- thousands of deaths (unofficial sources: confirm more than thirty thousand deaths)
- Moluccans were intentionally killed and their bodies dumped into the sea during voyages to and from Ambon
- forced islamisation of christians by fundamentalistic muslims groups like the Mueahidin and Taliban
- depopulation and
- total destruction of several villages across Maluku
up to 860,000 people have been displaced with around 280,000 persons living in refugee camps in Southern Maluku and around 78,000 persons in North Maluku

This is "the job" of that part of the Indonesian army who are directly and indirectly supervised by generals who are allied to the New Order regime. Generals who have vested interests in fishery, forestry and mining in Maluku.

Madame Chairperson,

From January 1999 the Indonesian Government was not able to stop the conflict and to maintain order. It is therefore that several organisations under the umbrella of the Moluccan Sovereignty Front were forced to once again demand our sovereignty, which existed for a couple of months after the proclamation of independence on the 25th of April 1950. This was recently emphasized by hoisting our flag on several islands of the South Moluccas.

Madame Chairperson,

On the 17th of August, Indonesian Independence Day, we will launch, worldwide, together with the people of Aceh, West-Papua, East Timor and Maluku, a protest-manifestation. The theme of this manifestation will be: for Democracy, Human Rights and against Military terrorism.

Finally Madame Chairperson.

None of the military officers responsible for the atrocities in Maluku, that have been committed from January 1999 until now, have been court martialed or even investigated. A tribunal to investigate these crimes against humanity is a necessity.

Thank You very much Madame Chairperson

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Help Ambon! ---→ <http://www.angelfire.com/rock/hotburrito>
Maluku News---→ <http://www.listbot.com/archive/Malukunews>

Sites concerning the war in the Moluccas/Maluku

è <http://www.ambon.com>

è <http://www.go.to/ambon>

è <http://www.egroups.com/group/masariku>

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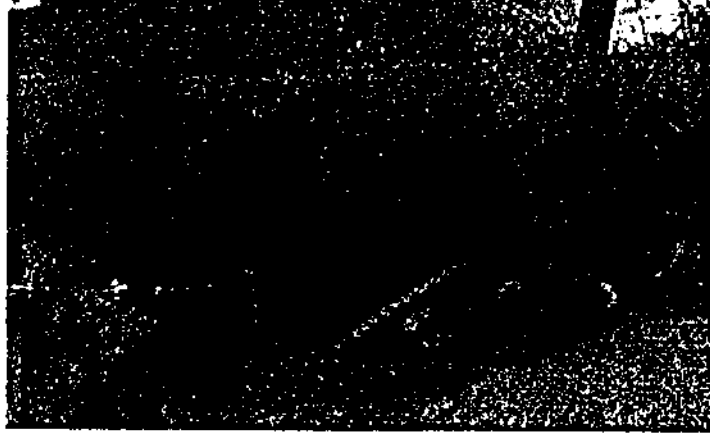
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