East Timor Alert Network (ETAN) Canada

Archives Box List

Location of papers:
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Includes:
- papers of the ETAN national office (originally in Vancouver, then in Toronto)
- Timor papers of Elaine Briere (Vancouver)
- additional papers provided by ETAN members.

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The East Timor Alert Network campaigned for a shift in Canadian foreign policy to support human rights and self-determination for East Timor. It was a volunteer organization founded in 1986 in British Columbia and later incorporated as a non-profit group. Its national office moved to Toronto in the early 1990s, with one part-time staff person hired in 1996. In 1997-98, the group was renamed Canadian Action for Indonesia and East Timor. It wound down operations soon after the end of the Indonesian occupation of East Timor in 1999.

There are 12 banker’s boxes of textual material and one of videotapes.

Series 1: Campaigns

These are the campaign files of the ETAN national office in Toronto, including some materials passed along from the earlier national office based in BC and campaign materials passed along by local groups who either an a campaign on behalf of the national organization, or received national office support. These files have been combined and are not in the same organizational system as used in the original office files. Subjects cover issues or events on which ETAN campaigned, including group publications and background materials.

Box 1
Santa Cruz massacre 1991
East Timor peace ship 1992
Free political prisoners inc David Alex action 1997
Canada-Indonesia Universities Aid – General campaign
SFU
Dalhousie/TUNS
U of Guelph SRDP (2 files)
Parwoto/Axworthy 1995
ET cultural school
Free Xanana campaign
Pinto, Constancio visit 1993
Six Months for ET 1994
Open letter 1992
Chomsky visit 1994
Bitter Paradise 1997
Agio Pereira Toronto visit
ET at Beijing Women’s Conference 1995
Women and ET
ET: Indonesian Government Statements and Publications
Wheat sales
Team Canada 1996
Team Canada 1994
20th anniversary news conference 1995
Embassy occupations Jakarta
Indonesia: Aid
Indonesia: Environment
East Timor and Kuwait 1991
Indonesia Labour support (incl. campaign to free Muchtar Pakpahan)
Indonesia Media (Press Ban campaign 1994)
Indonesia Women
Asia Pacific Conferences for East Timor
Prize Nominations
Prize Nominations _Bishop Belo 1995-96
Political Prisoners – Indonesian
Indonesia Letters from Kupang (Aid)
ABRI/demilitarisation campaign materials
Indonesia 1965 coup
Damage control, Indonesian govt 1997

**Box 2**
Post-conflict Timor
Indonesia Transition 1998
ET NGO’s
Dialogue – AIETD
Fall of Suharto 1998
ET UN Talks process
Pramoedya Ananta Toer visit May 1999
Aug 30/.99 Vote / IFET-OP
CLC Boycott 1999
Arms Embargo
Corporate Divestment Campaign
Corporate complicity background materials (3 files)
Canada’s Export Strategy 1994
PT Tel
HA Simons
Inco Campaign
Candu reactors 1996
Grimson and Associates
Nike Boycott
Bata Boycott
Anti-APEC Networking prior to 1997
APEC 1997
Team Timor (APEC 1997)
ETY symposium Vancouver 1997
Canadian MP mission 1997
Timor Gap Treaty
“Textiles of Timor” event and cultural/artistic background

**Box 3**
Election 1993
MP lobbying
Cdn foreign policy review 1995
Bilateral Human Rights Dialogues
Pope’s visit to ET 1989
Cdn trade del to Indonesia and ET 1987
Shortliffe visit 1978
DFAIT/Axworthy
DFAIT annual NGO consultations
Network for International Human Rights/DFAIT consultations
Cc letters from concerned Canadians
Cdn govt statements since 1993 election
Bill Graham
Raymond Chan
Letters from NDP
Parliamentarians for East Timor 1994-
Parliamentarians for East Timor up to 1993 election
Letters from Joe Clark
Barbara McDougall
Letters from Liberal MPs
ET Cdn govt statements up to 1993 election
Cdn Embassy ET trip reports

**Box 4**

*UN-focus campaigns:*
World Human Rights conference 1993
UN resolution campaign 1997
UN resolutions
UN Human Rights Commission
UN Decolonization Committee 1997
UNDC 1995
UNDC 1994
UNDC 1992
UNDC 1990-3
UNDC 1991
UNDC 1990
UNDC 1989
UNDC 1988
UNDC 1986-7

**Series 2, Barnabé Barreto Soares, CNRM representative to Canada, campaign files**
These are collected materials kept by Abé Barreto Soares, the first CNRM (National Council of Timorese Resistance) representative to Canada, who worked out of ETAN’s Toronto office, and at other times from homes in Kitchener and Guelph, Ont. They have been approximately categorized, and publications of other groups integrated into the main files series.

**Box 5**
Abé letters out via e-mail
CNRM letters
CNRM letters, appeals
Funding proposal
Abé ho Aloz music project
CNRM Diplomacy Training Programme Bangkok 1995
Abé/CNRM personal campaign files (3 files)
Oporto seminars
Series 3, ETAN internal organization
Minutes, correspondence, local groups information, finances, ETAN publications, etc. This material is representative, rather than complete, eg. The union files are followed by files on two representative cases, the Mississauga/Brampton Labour Council (Ont.) and the Surrey teachers Association (BC). Where local groups ran a specific campaign, eg the Ottawa group’s coordination of the Team Timor campaign or the Vancouver group’s coordination fo the Nike boycott campaign, those materials are in the campaign files rather than under local groups. Most of these files are in the categories received from the office, but some on the same topic have been combined to avoid duplication. In 1997, ETAN groups split to form two groups. After a short dispute over who would keep the name, the national office in Toronto, board of directors and some local groups formed Canadian Action for Indonesia and East Timor (CAFIET). The ETAN group in Ottawa, with some local groups, continued to operate under the ETAN name. Both groups continued until after the end of Indonesian rule in East Timor in 1999, then dissolved. There are also files of affiliated groups or groups with which ETAN was not formally linked but worked closely with on an unofficial basis.

Box 6
ETAN publicity materials, English
ETAN publicity materials, French
ETAN publicity materials, other languages
ETAN fact sheets/info kit
ETAN education kit, 1995
Backgrounders
ETAN pamphlets
Posters
Past news releases
ETAN/Toronto: minutes
ETAN/Toronto: Indonesian Consulate rally 1997
ETAN/Toronto 1996
ETAN/Toronto: events 1994-95
ETAN/Toronto 1993
ETAN/Toronto 1992
ETAN/Toronto 1991
ETAN/Toronto 1990
ETAN/Toronto: up to 1989
ETAN/Toronto Portuguese Committee
Guelph
Kingston
Kitchener-Waterloo
Hamilton
Montreal
Ottawa
Peterborough
St Catharines
Vancouver
Windsor
Winnipeg
East Timor Hope Foundation
Indonesia East Timor Programme
ETAN chapter contacts
New chapter kit, 1997
Mail-out material 1997
Churches Lobby
Canada Asia Working Group (of the Canadian Churches)
Union Outreach
Brampton/Mississauga Labour Council
Surrey Teachers Association
NAC (on the Status of Women)
CFS resolution 1998
Academics for East Timor
Indonesia-Canada Forum
Resource sales
Merchandise records 1997
Merchandise – national - $ to be collected
Merchandise (contains internal correspondence for period during which there was no national office staff)
Buttons and T shirts
Resources to be ordered 1997
Accounts book
ETAN Bank statements
Belo video Max Stahl
Worksheets for current fiscal year 1997
ETAN financial summaries and working papers for possible audit
Fundraising
Fundraising 1996-7
ETAN grant requests
Funding sources 1997
Resources (print/AV)
Misc contacts with other groups
ETAN correspondence up to 1993
ETAN misc corr
Corr 1995
Corr – letters from Timorese
ET personal testimonies
University papers on ET
Letters from children
ET Protestant church
ET Catholic Church
Fretilin & CNRM

**Box 7**

CAFIET
ETAN/Ottawa newsletter
CAFIET newsletter originals 1999
CAFIET newsletter originals 1998
ETAN newsletter 1993-98
ETAN newsletter up to 1992
The Indonesia Kit, first and second editions
CAFIET AGM 1999
CAFIET national office reports
CAFIET office staff
CAFIET Indonesia file
CAFIET women’s file
“Marsinah” Toronto performance
CAFIET press releases
CAFIET leaflet originals
CAFIET Quadra Island (BC) (includes earlier ETAN/Quadra Island)
CAFIET-RETAN (ETAN local in Regina operated as Regina East Timor Alert Network and continued this name as a CAFIET local group)
CAFIET Halifax (includes materials from earlier ETAN/Halifax and Nova Scotia East Timor Group)
CAFIET Toronto
CAFIET Windsor
CAFIET financial
CAFIET fundraising letter
CAFIET funders 1997-99
CAFIET board of directors
ETAN national office reports 1997
ETAN internal minutes and documents 1997-98
ETAN internal correspondence and constitutional review, 1997
ETAN incorporation papers
ETAN conference minutes, Toronto Jul 16-17, 1994
ETAN conference, 1992
Ontario regional Timor conference 1992
ET conference, Carleton University, 1989
Binder: ETAN internal correspondence 1997
Binder: Newsletter subscribers 1995

Series 4, ETAN video archive

Box 8
Video tapes

Series 5, International
Materials produced by solidarity groups in other countries working with ETAN, including ETAN contacts with those groups and in some cases campaigns directed at governments other than Canada, Indonesia and the UN. In most cases these groups were linked through the International Federation for East Timor, of which ETAN was the Canadian affiliate. IFET maintained offices in Japan (later moved to the Philippines) with a liaison office at the UN in New York.

Box 9
IFET – International Federation for East Timor
Australia
Australia – ET Human Rights Centre
Belgium
France
Germany
Indonesia
Ireland
Italy
Japan
Malaysia
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Portugal
South Africa
UK - Tapol
UK – other
USA
ET - Amnesty International statements
ET – AI urgent actions

**Box 10**

*International newsletters*

- AETA (Australia East Timor Association)
- Currents (Canada Asia Working Group) (2 files)
- ET The Inside Story (Australia)
- ET News/Monthly Memo (Portugal)
- ET News Digest (Hong Kong)
- Estafeta/Network News (ETAN/US)
- Fitun (UK)
- Indonesian Human Rights Forum
- Matebian news (Australia)
- Missing Peace, the (Australia)
- Newsbriefs (Fretilin office, Portugal)
- Suara Aksi (Australia)
- Tata Mai Lau (Macau)
- Timor Clips (Belgium)
- Timor Link (Catholic Institute for International Relations, UK)

*(Not yet boxed, will fit in Box 10-11)*

- TAPOL Bulletin
- Down to Earth
- Inside Indonesia
- Documents on East Timor

*(To be added: will fit in Box 11)*

- Clippings files, Canadian media coverage on East Timor

*To be boxed:*

**Series 6, Elaine Briere papers**

*(will fit in Boxes 12-13) (Box 1, files; Box 2, binders)*

These files were provided by Elaine Briere of Vancouver. They include personal materials on Briere’s work as a photojournalist on East Timor, personal collections and scrapbooks retained when the national office moved to Toronto, and more recent accruals from ETAN/Vancouver activities since the national office moved.
**Binders**
ET Intl solidarity
ET and Cda 1984-88
Canada 2 (1989-91)
Canada 3 (1991-2)
Canada 4 (1992-4)
Fretlin
Indonesia
UN

**Files**
Academic papers
First ETAN leaflet
Original incorporation document
Canada UN vote
IN info from McGehee and Manz
Dalhousie
Cdn universities
Exporters to IN – Cdn
Photo material
Cdn AI campaign on ET, 1985
Australian exhibit, birth control in ET
Atrocity photos, Australia
Trudeau and Suharto 1975
Jenny Groves photos from US ambassador Monjo’s Dili visit, 1989
Canada-East Timor
War Crimes Tribunal
Corr from volunteers, ET campaign
Brochures/publications, Briere

**LAST BOX**

**Oversize materials**
Media clips in files and two large scrapbooks
One binder, media clips
Scrapbook containing all issues of “East Timor Update,” published by ETAN
Calendar of Briere photos produced by ETAN

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