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E. TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM FRETILIN  
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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR

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F R E T I L I N

Dear Sirs

- DELEGATION -

Before referring to our struggle, I wish to offer on behalf of all the comrades who are part of the resistance as well as on behalf of all the population of the villages - our revolutionary salutations and best wishes to members of the Delegation which has recently arrived.

Subsequently, I shall mention the questions relating to the events suffered by East Timor, our motherland, since the first day of the invasion until today. And I do not refer only to the part of the country where we are but everywhere in general, that is, in the jungle as well as in the villages because everybody had to make sacrifices.

Thus, I will start with the question: what happened in East Timor? The answer is as follows: East Timor has been at war against the Indonesian aggressors from the first day of the invasion until today.

Thus, even now during the talks, in conformity with their declarations there should have been no more shootings during the talks but they continued to kill the FRETILIN guerrilleros who wanted to come close to the camps so as to be able to get in touch with their people. This is why we can say that the struggle is going on.

Furthermore, I can say that during this war which has been going on for 7 years and which is entering its 8th year, the Indonesians have slaughtered like pigs more than half the population which previously had reached a total of 600,000 inhabitants. Thus the Indonesians who did not respect the International Declaration of Human Rights killed men, women, aged people and children; what is even more incredible, is that they killed pregnant women by ripping their stomachs open and by cruelly violently throwing the children out. All those things cannot be forgiven.

The survivors living in the villages were asked forcefully to accept the 4 points of Pancasila but the majority refused to do so. They were then sent to the island of Atauro. When the INTEIS(?) (Indonesian forces(?)) discovered the learned people who followed the Fretilin political line in the villages, they questioned them and then threw them into the sea from helicopters.

The places where people have been exiled to are: Atauro, Mehara, (Los Palos) and Maliana. There are various aspects to the misery still endured by the people of East Timor: shortage of food, shortage of clothes and lack of medical treatment. The Indonesians even want the East Timorese to pay for their agricultural implements, houses, rooms etc. and it is unbelievable that they also demand that the women pay for their "nanas"(?) (crops?); this does not happen anywhere else in the world.

In that respect, the people who suffer from exile and slaughtering refuse to pay and demonstrate before the (civil and military) authorities who are the lackeys of the aggressors because they no longer want to be shamelessly exploited since that system (of exploitation) ceased to exist when the Portuguese left East Timor.

Thus, the people of East Timor now want to be free and independent in order to transform their country into a socialist nation where there is no more exploitation of Man by Man and they do not want to lead a miserable life in the motherland they love so much.

Thus, they trust their wise and courageous Fretilin Central Committee as well as its armed units called "Falintil" which struggled during those 7 years, and continues to do so in the 8th year with tenacity against the barbaric aggressor and the shameful government of Indonesia, demanding that those lackeys of imperialism leave our motherland and demanding that we be granted TOTAL and COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

I apologise for the words which I used but this is due to the Imperialists who prevented us from receiving any education.

Thus, on behalf of the people I ask and urge the gentlemen of the Delegation to transmit our message and find a solution.

Long live the wise and bold Central Committee of Fretilin.

Long live the glorious FALINTIL.

Long live the Maubere people Asuwain(?).

The struggle goes on.

To resist is to win.

The people united, will never be defeated.

Signed: FRETILIN

East Timor,

26 July 1983