



Messages of solidarity for the people of West Papua

You are invited to write a message of solidarity for the people of West Papua. This ongoing initiative was launched on 1 December 2004, the forty-third anniversary of the West Papuan Declaration of Independence from Dutch colonial rule.

Since 1963 West Papua has been occupied by Indonesian armed forces. For the past forty-one years, the people of West Papua have been subjected to gross human rights violations including rape, torture, cultural genocide, murder and massacre - more than 100,000 West Papuans have been killed. More than 15,000 West Papuans are currently living in camps in Papua New Guinea; and others are forced to live in exile around the world because it is not safe for them to go home.

Multi-national corporations in cahoots with the Indonesian authorities have exploited West Papua's natural resources to an extraordinary degree. This has caused massive social dislocation, devastation of rainforests, and pollution of streams and rivers on which the local people depend for their survival. As well as the direct violent repression by Indonesian armed forces, they are creating armed militias, similar to what they did in East Timor.

Add your voice to those of people all around the world who are calling for justice, peace and self-determination for the people of West Papua. Your message will be included on the 'Messages of solidarity' web page at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/wpsol.htm>

Name and Address*:

Occupation / Position and Organisation (optional):

My Message:

[*] The only address details which will be put on the web page are your town / city, not your full address. Please email your details and message to pma@xtra.co.nz or post this form to:



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