s 47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Killings in Timika

MRN:

s 47E(d)

31/08/2022 09:54:03 AM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, STO Offices, UN New York

Ministers:

Foreign Minister

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References:

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Six members of the Indonesian military (TNI) have been detained after the dismembered remains of four Papuan civilians were discovered near Timika in Central Papua province. TNI has announced a joint military-police investigation into the allegations. President Widodo is conducting prescheduled travel to the area to open sporting facilities. s 33(b)

Six members of the Indonesian military (TNI) have been detained after the dismembered remains of four civilians were discovered stuffed in sacks in a river near Timika, the city closest to Freeport mine. One of the civilians was identified as a village chief from nearby Nduga (a hotspot for separatist conflict). It is believed the other three victims are also indigenous Papuans. Local police said there were four additional civilian suspects in the case.

2. The response from officials and media has been muted. On 29 August a military spokesperson announced a joint military and police investigation saying "If, from the results of the investigation, soldiers were involved, then they will be sternly sanctioned". Local police statements have focussed on the possibility that one of the victims was linked to armed independence groups and may have been attempting to illegally purchase weapons from the military.

s 33(a)(iii), s33(b)

s33(a)(iii), s47C

Sebby Sambom, a spokesperson for the armed separatist group TPNPB went further in a 29 August statement: "If Indonesian

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President Joko Widodo does not immediately take responsibility, then the TPNPB together with the Papuan people will take revenge".

5. President Widodo proceeded with a pre-planned visit to Papua on 30 August, accompanied by s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47C

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Title:

Indonesia: \$ 22(1)(a)(ii)

MRN:

s 47E(d)

09/09/2022 04:58:40 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Holy See, Indo-Pacific Posts, STO Offices, UN New York

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: \$47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(III), s 47C

s 22(1)(a)(II)

s 47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: First Nations Foreign Policy

MRN:

s 47E(d)

19/09/2022 04:23:27 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR : Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, STO Offices, UN New York

Ministers:

Foreign Minister

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS**

Files:

References: \$ 47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s33(a)(iii)

s 47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Deputy Secretary Chan visit to Jakarta - Bilateral relationship

MRN:

s 47E(d)

26/09/2022 10:52:20 AM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Indo-Pacific Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: \$ 47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s 33(a)(iii)

DFAT Deputy Secretary Chan (Southeast Asia and Global Partners Group) met with \$47F \$47F

during her 14-15 September visit

to Jakarta. s47F s22(1)(a)(II)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Papua and First Nations foreign policy

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s33(a)(iii), s33(b)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: corruption scandal implicates Papua Governor

MRN:

s47E(d) 29/09/2022 06:02:27 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: ASEAN Posts, Indo-Pacific Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References:

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Papua Governor Lukas Enembe has been named as a corruption suspect. Allegations include that he received bribes, and also spent millions of funds earmarked for the Papua provinces in overseas casinos - including over AUD 1 million in a Perth casino. He has avoided two attempts by Indonesia's anti-corruption body to interview him, citing ill-health. Pro-Enembe supporters, reportedly several thousand, have taken to the streets in Jayapura in recent days (largely non-violent with few arrests). These charges are not a surprise; corruption rumours have swirled across Enembe's 9-year tenure. We will monitor the Australia angle, including allegations of money laundering.

s 47E(d)

Indonesia: Trilateral cooperation with the $Pacific^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}$ Title:

MRN:

s 47E(d)

31/10/2022 12:49:27 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Pacific Posts, Seoul, Tokyo, UN New York, Washington,

Wellington

From:

Jakarta

From File: JA21/66

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Files:

References: \$ 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response:

Summary

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47C(1)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua - death of activist raises tensions

MRN:

s 47E(d)

07/11/2022 01:06:17 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Ce:

RR: ASEAN Posts, Indo-Pacific Posts, Pacific Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References:

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Reactions last week to the unexpected death of eminent Papuan activist, Filep Karma, highlighted the tense state of police-community relations in Papua. \$33(a)(iii) \$33(a)(iii), \$47E(d)\$ and the funeral procession had the character of a large, spontaneous pro-independence protest. \$33(a)(iii)

The body of Papuan independence activist, Filep Karma, was found on a beach in Jayapura, Papua province, on 1 November. Karma was a respected figure in the independence movement. He was imprisoned for raising the banned Morning Star flag in 2004 and released in 2015 by then-newly-elected President Widodo, after serving 11 years of his 15 year sentence for treason. § 47E(d)

- 2. Karma's body was found in his wetsuit on the shoreline (he was an avid diver). His daughter announced publicly the same day that a post-mortem medical examination had confirmed he had drowned in a diving accident. Consistent with Papuan cultural practice, his family refused an autopsy.
- 3. Rumours that Karma had been murdered-\$33(a)(iii)
 began as soon as his body was discovered. Usman Hamid, Executive Director of
 Amnesty International Indonesia, called for an investigation into Karma's cause of death.
 Social media users circulated a photo of Karma on a diving boat with four non-ethnically
 Papuan Indonesians, speculating that they were responsible. Armed separatist group TPNPB
 released a statement saying Karma's death had been 'planned'.
- 4. Despite these tensions and accusations, there were no reports of violence associated with the 2 November funeral. Large crowds gathered at Karma's family residence and followed the funeral procession, raising the Morning Star flag and chanting proindependence slogans. Exiled independence activist, Veronica Koman, tweeted during the funeral: 'appreciate that Indonesia has so far shown (sic) restraint than their usual repressive standards'.

5. s33(a)(iii) . Soon after the body was discovered, Jayapura Police Chief, Victor Mackbon, announced that police investigators were working with the National Human Rights Commission (Komnas HAM) to ensure the case was handled transparently. s 33(b)

Mackbon later told media police had tolerated the use of the banned Morning Star flag to avoid clashing with the crowd as they were 'highly emotional and calling for answers', but any future uses of the flag would still attract punishment.

6. On 2 November, the head of Indonesia's largest mainstream Islamic organisation, Nahdlatul Ulama, tweeted a detailed tribute directly referencing Karma's role as a Papuan independence leader. The tweet was deleted the following day and replaced with a shorter condolence message referring to Karma as 'a defender of humanity and equality'. In a 3 November press conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Teuku Faizasyah, expressed the Ministry's condolences and said he hoped there would be no further speculation about the cause of death.

Comment

s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii) Governor of Papua province, Lukas Enembe, who is known to be extremely unwell, is involved in a public stoush with the central Government over corruption allegations. Hundreds of Enembe's supporters have reportedly been camped outside his residence, ready to protect him from corruption investigators. Careful handling by the police will be required if Enembe passes away.

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Caretaker Governors for new provinces

MRN:

s47E(d)

14/11/2022 05:16:44 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Indo-Pacific Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: \$47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs has inaugurated caretaker Governors for the three newly-created provinces in Papua: South Papua - Apolo Safanpo, former Rector of Cenderawasih University; Central Papua - Ribka Haluk, former head of the Papua Social, Population and Civil Registration Office; Papua Highlands - Nikolaus Kondomo, former Deputy Head of the Papua Prosecutions Office. All three are Indigenous Papuans. Haluk is the first woman to lead a province in Papua and has previously engaged with our development program. Caretakers' key task will be to establish the institutions required to facilitate the Presidential (Feb 2024) and Gubernatorial elections (Nov 2024).

Title:

Indonesia: Parliament passes law to establish new Southwest Papua

Province

MRN:

s47E(d)

18/11/2022 02:58:00 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

s47E(d)

Indo-Pacific Posts, \$47E(d)

Ministers:

Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS

Files:

References: s47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Indonesia's parliament yesterday passed legislation establishing the new Southwest Papua Province, with Sorong as its designated capital. The legislation was urgently required to enable the new Papua provinces to be included in regulations being issued to facilitate the 2024 elections. Home Affairs Minister Tito Karnavian said the regulations would be finalised in December. s47C(1)

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Title:

Indonesia: Human Rights: The State of Play

MRN:

s 47E(d)

11/10/2022 02:28:26 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra; Geneva UN

Cc:

RR: ASEAN Posts, G20 Posts, Indo-Pacific Posts, Indonesia Posts, Middle

East Posts, UN New York

Ministers:

Trade Minister

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References: 8 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response: Routine, Information Only

Summary

While Indonesia has made real progress on human rights issues since the transition to democracy, Indonesian human rights activists remain concerned by: ongoing violence in the Papua provinces, the death penalty, gender-based violence, and persecution of minority groups \$ 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(III), s 4/U(1)

Fundamentally, Indonesia is a strong and stable democracy. It is the world's largest Muslimmajority country, and one of the region's most sprawling and socially, ethnically and religiously complicated nations. The country has seen solid^{s 47C(1)} progress on human rights since the fall of Soeharto's New Order.^{s 33(a)(III)}

s 33(a)(iii), s 47C

s33(a)(iii), s47C(1)

3. This cable summarises the key human rights indicators for Indonesia: Papua, the death penalty, freedom of religion and minority rights, rights of women, children and persons with disabilities and fundamental freedoms: expression, assembly and association. They reflect the areas of particular concern for Indonesia, as drawn out by CSOs and international observers.

Papua Issues

4. Above all, ongoing instability and violence in the Papua provinces remains the key human rights challenge facing Indonesia today s47E(d) s47C(1)

Widodo has invested heavily to improve conditions on the ground on key issues for Papuans, particularly demilitarisation, and accountability for past human rights abuses. President Widodo also recently announced his intention to address past human rights abuses \$47E(d) \$33(a)(iii), \$33(b)

s33(a)(iii), s47C(1)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Human Rights: \$22(1)(a)(ii)

MRN:

s47E(d)

11/10/2022 04:37:03 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra; China Posts; Geneva UN

Cc:

RR: Indo-Pacific Posts, Indonesia Posts, Middle East Posts, UN New York,

Washington

Ministers:

Trade Minister

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: \$47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s33(a)(iii)

s22(1)(a)(II)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s33(a)(iii)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Cabinet reshuffle, including new Trade Minister

MRN:

s47E(d)

15/06/2022 04:58:22 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: G20 Posts, Geneva WTO, Indo-Pacific Posts

Ministers:

Trade Minister

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS**

Files:

References: The cable has the following attachment/s - s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

5. In addition to Cabinet changes, Widodo appointed three new Vice Ministers, including one for Home Affairs from the PDI-P party, of which Widodo is a member. This role will be particularly important given Home Affairs is responsible for selecting acting regional heads and organising the creation of new provinces in Papua. The other Vice Ministerial positions were for Labour and Agrarian and Spatial Planning.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Defence: Chief of Air Force Visit February 2022

MRN:

s47E(d)

15/03/2022 06:01:46 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Indo-Pacific Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: s47E(d)

Response:

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9. On the topic of **Space**, CAF explained the reason for and development of the new Defence Space Command that will be hosted within Air Force. s33(a)(iii), s33(b)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Pacific: MFA planning Indonesia-Pacific Forum for

Development

MRN:

s47E(d)

24/06/2022 04:29:39 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, Seoul, UN New York

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS

Files:

References: s47E(d)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

s22(1)(a)(ii)

4. s33(a)(iii), s47C(1)

s22(1)(a)(II)

s 47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Embassy intention to visit Papua province

MRN:

s 47E(d)

To:

30/06/2022 04:05:50 PM ZE7 Canberra

Cc:

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References:

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Post has notified Indonesia's MFA (Kemlu) of DHOM's intention to visit Papua province during the week of 17 July 2022. Due to covid restrictions and security concerns, this would be Post's first visit to the province since February 2020 (DHOM visited West Papua province s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b) in November 2021). s 47E(d)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: New province creation law passed

MRN:

s47E(d)

30/06/2022 08:39:20 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, UN New York

From:

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: s47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Indonesia's Parliament today passed laws formally creating three new provinces in Papua, in addition to the existing two (Papua and West Papua). The new provinces are South Papua (capital city - Merauke, Central Papua (capital city - Nabire) and Papua Highlands (capital city - Wamena). Protests against the new provinces have been ongoing since the idea was included in Special Autonomy legislation passed in July 2021. \$47C(1) Further reporting to follow.

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Ten civilians killed in separatist attack in Papua

Highlands

MRN:

s47E(d)

18/07/2022 04:45:43 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Indonesia Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References:

Response: Routine, Information Only

Summary

A 16 July attack in Nduga, Papua Highlands Province killed ten civilians and wounded two. Local police reported up to 20 militants armed with three rifles and a pistol ambushed a passing truck. An online media outlet reported on 18 July that West Papua National Liberation Army-Free Papua Movement (TPNPB-OPM) spokesman Sebby Sambom had claimed responsibility. Police said at least eight victims were non-indigenous Papuans and two were religious leaders – one Christian and one Muslim. The attack has been widely condemned by political and religious leaders and human rights activists for targeting civilians. \$47E(d)

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Embassy plan to visit Papua province deferred

MRN:

s47E(d)

14/07/2022 04:40:59 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Indonesia Posts

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: 847E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s33(a)(iii), s33(b)

DHOM to visit Papua province during the week of 17 July. However, the visit will be deferred due to COVID-19 cases among the travelling party. Post will report on planning for a rescheduled visit in due course.

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Visit to Australia by Papuan Independence Leader

MRN:

s47E(d)

28/07/2022 04:21:38 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, UN New York

From:

Jakarta

From File: **EDRMS** Files:

References: \$47E(d)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

UK-based Papuan Independence figure Benny Wenda plans to travel to Canberra to deliver a seminar on alleged human rights abuses in Papua at ANU on 3 August with Vanuatu's Opposition leader. ANU confirmed on Twitter that Wenda has sought meetings with Ministers Wong and Conroy. s33(a)(iii), s33(b)

Wenda

visited Canberra in 2013. This would be his first visit to Australia since Indonesia's 2021 classification of Papuan separatist groups as terrorists.

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia Pacific Forum for Development - "By the Pacific, from the

Pacific, for the Pacific"

MRN:

s47E(d)

19/12/2022 02:46:14 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Australian Mission to ASEAN, Geneva UN, Pacific Posts, Tokyo, UN

New York, Washington, Wellington

From:

From File: s47E(d)

EDRMS

Files:

References: \$47E(d)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

s47E(d)

Title:

Indonesia: Papua: Protests on 10 May

MRN:

s47E(d)

10/05/2022 06:39:01 PM ZE7

To:

Canberra

Cc:

RR: Geneva UN, Indo-Pacific Posts, UN New York

From:

Jakarta

From File: EDRMS Files:

References:

Response:

Routine, Information Only

Summary

Protests against the subdivision of Papua and West Papua provinces into smaller provinces took place on 10 May in several cities across Indonesia. Police forcibly dispersed protests in Jayapura (Papua province) using water cannon and rubber bullets. Protest organisers had reportedly been refused a permit to protest in Jayapura city. No major incidents have yet been reported at protests in Surabaya (East Java), Makassar (South Sulawesi), Sorong (West Papua province) and Wamena (Papua province). Several activists in Jayapura were detained, including the spokesperson of the group organising the protest. s47E(d)