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OFFICIAL OPM Press Release May 17, 2023 OPEN LETTER TO AMERICAN PRESIDENT, JOE BIDEN

OPM leader, Jeffrey Bomanak, calls for a proactive role from President Joe Biden in ending Indonesia's unlawful military occupation and annexation of West Papua and America's subsequent foreign policy failure in protecting six decades of crimes against humanity.

To USA leader, President Joe Biden, from OPM leader, Jeffrey Bomanak

Dear President Biden,

I wish you and your partner, First Lady Dr Jill Biden, a warm welcome when you land on the island of New Guinea. Papua New Guinea is the eastern half; West Papua is the western half. One people – Melanesian. An island that has never been part of southeast Asia. An island that exists, in modern nation-state terms, as an anachronism of colonial conquest, both by past empires from the Middle Ages and from more recent times. This land of our ancestors, we used to call it our very own paradise before the Indonesian invasion and military occupation.

If somebody had told me our second world war allies, USA, Australia and New Zealand, would treat my people as collateral damage to foreign policies of COLD War geopolitical convenience with Indonesia, but also for economic exploitation to steal and plunder my country, and that these same nations would avert their gaze to the bloody rivers of hundreds of thousands of indigenous victims to Indonesia's crimes against humanity, I would have found this impossible to believe. Unfortunately, this is the case – these democratic Christian governments, who we supported during the life-and-death cataclysm of the Second World War, abandoned both their duty to support international decolonization laws and their duty of care to stop Indonesia's barbarism against indigenous West Papuans – the rightful landowners of our ancestral lands.

Six decades of callous betrayal and abandonment – my people enslaved, imprisoned, assaulted, tortured, raped, murdered, massacred, poisoned, impoverished, and starved and forcefully relocated; villages bombed, even now as I address my concerns to you, and current victims, children, families ... every day of every week.

I want to make it very clear that while we were a part of the colonial empire of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for 500 hundred years, we were never abused and mistreated ... we were never subjected to crimes against humanity. Under Indonesia's colonial empire, as the illegitimate invader and military occupier, we have lived in a



Indigenous West Papuans learning trades under Dutch Government

slaughterhouse with hundreds of thousands of victims – men, women, and children. The New York Agreement, written and sponsored by your government on August 15, 1962, without any inclusion or representation of a single West Papuan, paved the road for this slaughterhouse. My people call this agreement The Gateway to Hell.

Crimes Against Humanity

President Biden, with the deepest respect, I would like to introduce you to some of these crimes against humanity and some of our victims. I have restricted the prima facie



photographic evidence to not visually include the worst of the worst, although, how this can be defined is a subjective detail beyond my assessment – they are all my suffering grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters. Every crime is personal. Every victim is family.

Mutilation and Dismemberment

Dismemberment is one of Indonesia's defence and security forces specialties to instill terror and fear into village populations. This practice has been used from the beginning of the Indonesian military occupation and is still being used. I am amazed that any people who profess to worship any religious faith, as the people of Indonesia claim they do, can resort to such barbarity ... continuously.

First photo top left. March 4, 2023 - A 35-year-old mother, was beheaded by Indonesian defence and security forces on International Women's Day 2023. Murdered and mutilated by the Indonesian military in Puncak Regency; villages and churches have been emptied as thousands more soldiers have been deployed in the area.



Tarina Murib, was found by local residents. She was naked and her head was cut off and missing. A number of civilians, including a baby, were also shot during the military raid. A bullet hit one-year-old Aniton Kulua in the head, while his mother Daisina Alom was shot in the shoulder.

Second photo. August 22, 2022 - Four Papuan civilians had been killed and mutilated by Indonesian special forces - Irian Nirigi, Arnold Lokbere, Atis Tini, and Kelemanus Nirigi were beheaded and their legs were cut off before their bodies were placed in sacks and tossed into the river. Residents of Iwaka village in Mimika district were shocked by the discovery of four sacks floating down the Pigapu River. In this photo, body parts of the victims are being unloaded to the local hospital.



Assault of an elder

In our Melanesian culture, village elders are greatly respected. What the Indonesian defence and security forces do is to try and break our spirit. For sixty-one years they have been attacking us and trying to break our spirit. Using terror to make us fear to stand up for our right to freedom ... our right to defend our ancestral lands from a hostile and barbaric invader.

Third photo. 2023 - Assault – No one is immune to a beating from Indonesian defence and security forces. Not the young, not the elderly.

When I was growing up, I witnessed many terrible crimes. Women in my village being raped by Indonesia's soldiers, the same ones that your governments have always trained and equipped with weapons through your armament exports. It is horrifying for a child to not know if their mother or



father is safe. My own father – a teacher – was interrogated numerous times and roughed up to ensure he remained a patriotic teacher.

Assault of a child

28 October 2022 - Three minors were assaulted on this occasion.

In our Melanesian culture, children are loved and adored. Many have fallen victim during the worst years of the invasion when entire families were preyed upon by Indonesia's defence and security forces. From the very beginning of the theft of our nation, and the abandonment of our rights, to these last weeks, children continue to be victims of multiple

crimes against humanity.



Infanticide

It is estimated that 150,000 children have been victims of Indonesian crimes against humanity. This is the equivalent of a holocaust. An evil forced upon West Papua for Cold War politics and to satisfy American mining company Freeport-McMoRan’s quest to be the beneficiary of West Papua’s spectacular mineral reserves rather than the Dutch, which would have been the case if West Papua had been decolonized in accordance with international law and if the rights of West Papua’s people to freedom and nation-state sovereignty had been respected.

October 18, 2022 - Kris Tabuni 9 years old, unexplained death RIP

There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people.

Howard Zinn - American historian, playwright, philosopher, socialist thinker and World War II veteran

Sir, please look at this child – I know you and Dr Biden have had your own grief in life. The loss of a son or a daughter is a grief that never calms. Yes, we do carry on as best as possible for the family and because our loved ones



would want us to carry on. The voices of our little ones often speak to me in the dead of night and these voices are united in single soft chorus - ‘Father, we will come back when we are free ...’

November 20, 2020 Infanticide victim

The perversion of truth

Many politicians and diplomats cannot envisage Indonesia leaving West Papua. It is a step that is difficult for them to take. They respond to the injustice of the invasion and military occupation of our ancestral land with handwringing apologies while stating that the world is an unfair place.

This is their personal maxim for hardship and crimes against humanity, and then they join in the plunder. The Historical Truth is that West Papua – the western half of the island of New Guinea – has never been a part of Indonesia. Various legal, political and military arguments stating otherwise are all contrary to the norms of international laws and to justice. The Papuan Nation is not part of the Indonesian Colonial State. The process of annexation on May 1, 1963, was forced onto my people. This is a serious violation of international law that no leader of your nation has had the courage to condemn. No leader of your nation has had the integrity to demand justice for West Papua. And children die ... in the numbers of a Holocaust.



Our weekly way of life

Our nation’s flag is called the Morning Star. It is possibly the most often used burial flag in the entire world. However, with hundreds of thousands of victims over 61 years, many of our fallen have not even received this act of respect and remembrance.





Systemic racism and apartheid

As an occupied people with a culture and an appearance so distinct and so different to Indonesians and the Indonesian way of life, we are regularly referred to as monkeys. For my people – the indigenous Melanesian race of West Papua – the experience of Indonesian racism and apartheid is a part of our daily life.



Dispossession & Enslavement

This is what Freeport-McMoRan gold and copper has cost my people – ethnocide and ecocide.



Generation after generation of youth and elders jailed for peaceful protests

West Papuans are assaulted and imprisoned for raising the Morning Star flag. In these weeks of May 2023, students have been assaulted and imprisoned for wearing the Morning Star flag as an item of clothing. There have been past massacres for raising our beloved Morning Star.



West Papuan Youth leader, Victor Yeimo, has spent several years in jail awaiting trial. He was sentenced on May 5, 2023, to eight months imprisonment due to his involvement in an anti-racism protest in Papua province in August 2019.

Right: Victor Yeimo at one of his numerous hearings.





Above: September 18, 2019, NAME WITH-HELD, shot dead

Weekly killings

There are literally thousands of recorded extrajudicial executions, mass murders, and massacres.

Left: March 22, 2023, ENIUS TABUNI, shot dead

Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.

Benjamin Franklin



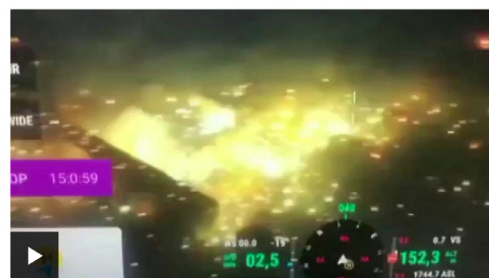
Bombing of villages

September 14, 2021

This bombing of villages in Nduga is not an isolated crime. It is TNI's baseline strategy, and is occurring now, once again in Nduga.

Ukraine war: Russia accused of using phosphorus bombs in Bakhmut

© 10 hours ago
Russia-Ukraine war



Ukraine accuses Russia of phosphorus attack on Bakhmut

By Matt Murphy
BBC News

Ukraine has accused Russia of attacking the besieged city of Bakhmut with phosphorus munitions.

In drone footage released by Ukraine's military, Bakhmut can be seen ablaze as what appears to be white phosphorus rains down on the city.

Bombing of villages using phosphorus - not just Russia - Indonesia also in December 2018 as per photo on right, NDUGA village victim.





Captive audience ... Papuan boys at the Daarur Rasul Islamic boarding school, outside Jakarta, behind locked gates. MICHAEL BACHELARD

Stolen Children - Stolen Generations - Stolen Nation

Yes, Sir ... stolen children. The Indonesian government is responsible for the organized trafficking of children and youth, removed from Papuan families with the promise of free education in parts of Indonesia outside of West Papua ... education that is Islamic education. This is Jakarta's long-

term strategy for weakening the West Papua National Liberation Army. Religious conversion of children is illegal in Indonesia, but government and legalities in Indonesia have long been known to be two different things altogether.

Transmigration and ethnic cleansing

Over three quarters of a million people have resettled in West Papua under Indonesia's Transmigration program. As either 'spontaneous', or sponsored Transmigrasi, most have been resettled in large settlements along the Indonesia/PNG border, near the large towns of Jayapura and Merauke, or in the forestry / mining areas of Sorong and Timika. The Trans-Papua Highway will soon open up to transmigration the previously isolated rural, and more densely populated, central highlands, a region where a mining concession of over three million hectares has been issued by the Indonesian government. We view the transmigration program as an illegal manifestation of the unlawful military occupation of our ancestral land and homes with an overall effect of ethnic cleansing and the unlawful destruction of pristine ecosystems.



Disappearance

I have supplied two photos here of the many who have disappeared.

Left: April 13, 2023: Father Abiani Weya disappeared during an Indonesian military search in Munumai Village. There are quotation marks on his blood splattered inside the church, but his body has not been found to this day.

Right: January 23, 2023: 15-year-old Abihut Yeimo disappeared from Kopo village and has not been found to this day.



Forced Relocation, Starvation, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees

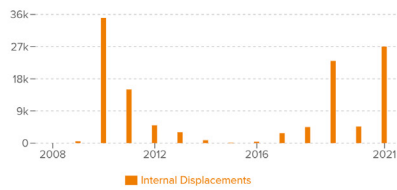
The following information is from the United Nations. Papua New Guinea hosts more than 10,000 refugees. As I am also a refugee, I would argue that 100% of this figure is West Papuan refugees.

Conflict and Violence Data

2008 - 2021

**27,000**

Internal Displacements ⓘ (2008 - 2021)

**73,000**

Internally displaced people (IDPs) ⓘ (As of end of 2021)



The most current graph on the right is from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), the world's leading source of data and analysis on internal displacement established in 1998 as part of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) supplying a rigorous, independent and trusted service to the international community. Please be aware that the number of IDPs has risen dramatically since the recent and ongoing air bombing and ground combat operations that Indonesian defence and security forces are carrying out in their typical response to find the New Zealand hostage, Phillip Mehrstens. Phillip is more guest than hostage – the military force of OPM – TPNPB – is his host.

United Nations figures for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) cite between 60,000 to 100,000 since 2018. I will now insert a quotation of a report by the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, dated March 1, 2022:

GENEVA (1 March 2022) - UN human rights experts* today expressed serious concerns about the deteriorating human rights situation in the Indonesian provinces of Papua and West Papua, citing shocking abuses against indigenous Papuans, including child killings, disappearances, torture and mass displacement of people.

The experts called for urgent humanitarian access to the region and urged the Indonesian Government to conduct full and independent investigations into abuses against the indigenous peoples.

“Between April and November 2021, we have received allegations indicating several instances of extrajudicial killings, including of young children, enforced disappearance, torture and inhuman treatment and the forced displacement of at least 5,000 indigenous Papuans by security forces,” the experts said.

They said estimates put the overall number of displaced, since the escalation of violence in December 2018, at between 60,000 to 100,000 people.

“The majority of IDPs in West Papua have not returned to their homes due to the heavy security force presence and ongoing armed clashes in the conflict areas,” the experts said. “Some IDPs live in temporary shelters or stay with relatives. Thousands of displaced villagers have fled to the forests where they are exposed to the harsh climate in the highlands without access to food, healthcare, and education facilities.”

Apart from ad hoc aid deliveries, humanitarian relief agencies, including the Red Cross, have had limited or no access to the IDPs, they said. “We are particularly disturbed by reports that humanitarian aid to displaced Papuans



West Papuan villagers forced by Indonesia's military campaigns to camp in Highland jungles.

is being obstructed by the authorities," the experts added.

"Severe malnutrition has been reported in some areas with lack of access to adequate and timely food and health services. In several incidents church workers have been prevented by security forces from visiting villages where IDPs are seeking shelter.

"Unrestricted humanitarian access should be provided immediately to all areas where indigenous Papuans are currently

located after being internally displaced. Durable solutions must be sought."

Since late 2018, the experts have written to the Indonesian Government on a dozen occasions** about numerous alleged incidents. "These cases may represent the tip of the iceberg given that access to the region is severely restricted making it difficult to monitor events on the ground," they said.



Poverty and impoverishment in a land of spectacular natural resources

President Biden, you will not be able to visit West Papua's impoverished people - the true owners of the western half of the island of New Guinea and of the land's natural resources. Spectacular natural resources that have been stolen from us using the pretext of a fraudulent gun-barrel referendum that was staged for the purpose

of international public relations for American mining company Freeport-McMoRan and their cohort at that time, Suharto, to freely plunder West Papua's resources ... to destroy whole ecosystems during this plunder, to contaminate entire riverine catchments during this plunder ... to inflict upon a vulnerable people six decades of crimes against humanity as part of this plunder, and to undermine the integrity and legitimacy of the rightful owners of this island.

As an illegal part of the Indonesian colonial empire, my people have been historically dehumanised, and subjected to a discriminatory system of skin colour and economic marginalization. This is America's achievement as much as Indonesia's, thanks to the strategic designs of wealthy and elite American political and mining families.

A licence to destroy the environment

President Biden, I am now going to quote from an Australian news report from the Age Newspaper published seventeen years ago and written by Marianne Kearney. I must confess, I have not asked for permission from the newspaper or from the journalist, to display this quotation. I am hopeful that both the newspaper and the journalist support justice and freedom for my people.

The AGE Newspaper May 4, 2006 — 10.00am.

THE giant Freeport mine is polluting West Papua's rivers and estuaries and a world heritage-protected national park, according to the company's own environmental assessments and Indonesian Government standards.

Documents leaked to an environment group show that the world's largest gold and copper mine has dumped a billion tonnes of mine waste, known as tailings, into surrounding rivers, polluting forests and river systems with heavy metals such as copper and arsenic, and endangering species such as the flying fox.

The environmental risk assessments were leaked to Indonesian environment group Wahli. "Freeport has known that their operation is endangering the environment but they don't do anything," Wahli spokesman Torry Kuswardono said.

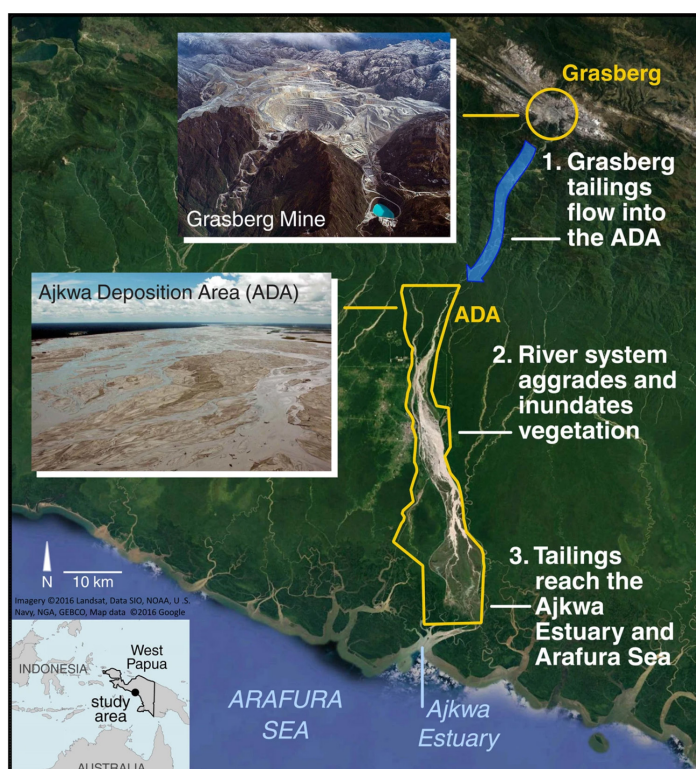
The environmental assessments show that the company's tailings are polluting the world-heritage Lorentz National Park, which stretches from glacier-capped mountains to a tropical marine environment.

Wahli's Igor O'Neill, who examined the documents, said: "Modelling by an expert employed by Freeport confirmed that the tailings are reaching the coastal part of the national park and testing showed that aquatic animals are contaminated with copper."

Scientific report on environmental destruction - out of place, out of mind

President Biden, I am now going to quote, in part, from a peer-reviewed scientific report published in NAUTURE, a weekly international journal publishing the finest peer-reviewed research in all fields of science and technology. NATURE is a multi-awarded journal and internationally recognized since the first publication in 1869. This report is titled "Capturing coupled riparian and coastal disturbance from industrial mining using cloud-resilient satellite time series analysis" by Alonzo, M., Van Den Hoek, J. & Ahmed, N. and was first published in 2016. Once again, I have not asked for permission from the journal or the authors to display this quotation and their graphic image. I am hopeful that they support justice and freedom for my people.

Papua is the easternmost province in the archipelago nation of Indonesia and a global ethno-linguistic and biodiversity hotspot. Home to 1.5 million indigenous peoples who speak over 250 languages, the province also boasts over 17,700 species of flora and fauna, 32





**The SUBTEXT: “It does not matter how many die; what matters is stealing their gold! Besides, we are bringing civilization and progress to these tribal villagers.”
And MASS MURDER! TORTURE! RAPE! ENSLAVEMENT!
THIS IS THE PATHOLOGICAL COLONIAL MINDSET.**

million ha of old growth tropical rainforest and mangroves, and one of the world’s richest marine reef environments with 565 species of coral. Papua’s Grasberg minerals district contains the world’s largest proven gold reserve (28.2 million ounces) and the second largest proven copper reserve (29 billion lbs) as of December 2014. Since 1973, PT Freeport Indonesia (PT-FI), through contract with the Indonesian government, has excavated an open-pit mine (hereafter referred to as “Grasberg”) that produced 18,600 metric tons of ore per day by 1988 and that reached a peak of 237,800 tons per day by 2001. Grasberg is not only one of the most productive gold or copper mines in the world, it is also the largest tax payer in Indonesia and generates over 50% of provincial gross domestic product as of 2005.

Grasberg sits at 4,270 meters above sea level near the headwaters of the Aghawagon-Otomona-Ajkwa (hereafter, “Ajkwa”) river system that drains an approximately 2,100 km² watershed into the Arafura Sea. Over the last 30 years, Grasberg tailings have been deposited directly into the Ajkwa river system for transport to the Ajkwa Deposition Area (ADA; presently known as the ModADA for “Modified ADA”; Fig. 1). Of the 1.3 billion metric tons of copper ore excavated during our 1987–2014 study period, 1–1.5% was

viable mineralized copper while 97% was discharged as mine tailings into the Ajkwa river system. With increased discharge and continued heavy metal-rich tailing deposition, the river bed has dramatically aggraded and the channel capacity has been reduced. Mine tailings that do not settle within the ADA are presumed to reach the Arafura Sea—in violation of Indonesian environmental law¹⁰—where we hypothesize that they increase coastal suspended particulate matter (SPM) and heavy metal concentrations.

Neither the ecological nor socio-economic costs of such intensive and protracted mining have been sufficiently assessed. Since the opening of the mine in 1973, the Amungme people who traditionally lived in the region immediately surrounding Grasberg have been repeatedly displaced by the Indonesian government as the mine has expanded. Downstream towards the coastal lowlands, the Kamoro people have lost traditional staples as the aggrading ADA has inundated Sago palm (*Metroxylon sagu*) and Matoa fruit (*Pometia pinnata*) trees. Traditional fisheries, such as mollusk, on which the Kamoro people depend, have similarly been degraded by elevated SPM and associated copper toxicity. Despite prolonged social protest, both groups have had their settlements destroyed, communities frayed, livelihoods imperiled, and have been witness to violence from military, police, and security forces.

After more than three decades of large-scale mining, the impacts of Grasberg tailing disposal on Papua’s forest and estuarial ecosystems have received only minimal study in part because of restricted access to the ADA and regional political instability. Repeat remote sensing from satellite platforms, alternatively, allows for monitoring of spatially diffuse and temporally protracted environmental change with reduced need for physical site access. Moderate resolution (30 m) Landsat satellite imagery, in particular, have been successfully used to characterize

mining operations and impacted ecosystems. In the ADA, Paull et al.¹³ used Landsat imagery to characterize synoptic vegetation changes between 1988, 1996, and 2004, finding extensive human-induced land cover change directly attributable to mining activities via tailings deposition and indirectly via urbanization. This study did not consider changes to coastal conditions and was restricted to only three image dates because of persistent cloud cover and manual change-detection methods; as a result, Paull et al.¹³ could not characterize correlation between mine production and downstream environmental consequences.



PATHOLOGICAL COLONIAL MINDSET

Freeport-McMoRan CEO Richard Adkerson explains in a 2015 **ICONIC VOICES** video interview with Jeff Cunningham that "... the challenge we have is often how does that military president act within the country, and so we have strong human rights standards, we have training things for them, but I will admit there are times when that military presence does things that we wish they wouldn't do and we have to work to try to resolve them ..."

And now Freeport-McMoRan wants everything – pathological colonial mindset

The ruining of our invaluable and ancient ecosystems is in large part thanks to the greed of American mining company Freeport-McMoRan, and their absolute depravity in ethics and morality, by colluding with the Indonesian mass murderer and dictator Suharto in 1967 when their Contract of Work was signed between Suharto and Freeport-McMoRan (then Standard Oil) for the plunder of a land and this land's spectacular natural wealth that did not belong to them. The passing of time is not some type of fairy-tale amnesty that absolves wickedness. The passing of time does not make Freeport-McMoRan's role as a principal collaborator in the fate of my country and my people disappear and become a fantasy of upright acceptability. I am certain that in any state of your country, walking into your neighbour's house and taking all their gold is a criminal act that is punishable, in the very least, by imprisonment. It also appears that Freeport-McMoRan is now after the whole house! John McBeth reports in the *Asia Times* article, *Freeport digging deep for new Grasberg mine deal* (May 12, 2023), that "Freeport and Indonesian government are haggling over three main conditions to extend US mining giant's contract over copper and gold mine ..." and that the Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold chairman, Richard Adkerson, "wants a guarantee of a 20-year extension in planning the future development of the four rich ore bodies comprising one of the world's most lucrative mines lying 3,500 meters up in Papua's rain-swept Central Highlands."

Well, I believe this can only lead to further ongoing bloodshed as we who are the rightful owners of this land and these mineral resources and we will continue to fight our righteous war of liberation against both the Indonesian invader and the foreign mining invader.

Unexplained deaths and poisoning

There are multiple reports of wrongful deaths that is saddly something West Papua has in common with the United States of America. The wrongful deaths in your nation finally resulted in the **BLACK LIVES MATTER** movement.

In West Papua, **BLACK LIVES DO NOT MATTER**. Unexplained and wrongful deaths and assassination by poisoning have been a consistent strategy of Indonesian defence and security forces. But Sir, there are three types of poisoning – poison that kills the body, poison that kills the soul, and poison that kills the land.

Assassination by poison

While assassination by poison is a common fate for West Papuan leaders, it is also the fate attributed to many unexplained deaths.



Youth leaders poisoned

Heni Lani

Left photo - poisoned to death 2019.

Kristina Kobogau

Right photo - poisoned to death 2014.



Some say I dream too big.

I say you think too small.

Kristina Kobogau & Heni Lani

West Papuan Warrior Sisters

Poison of heart and soul

The obsession of the economic exploitation of a land with spectacular mineral reserves owned by a vulnerable indigenous people has been the poison that Freeport-McMoRan freely embraced with mass murderer Suharto. The consequences being a heart and soul without principle, without shame, without morality. A ‘do the business whatever the cost’ mentality that becomes the handwringing justification: ‘if we don’t someone else will.’ A classic excuse wheeled out whenever their ethics are questioned.

Poison of Ancestral Lands

There is, of course, this third poison – the poisoning of the land and riverine catchments that have supported my people for thousands and thousands of years. Suharto, and all subsequent Indonesian presidents and governments along with the Freeport-McMoRan Grasberg Mine have poisoned both the environment and those indigenous people dependent on the environment. Every Indonesian president, with Freeport-McMoRan and other multinational companies, has continued this environmental catastrophe.

Individual cases

I will cite two sources from the multiple cases my colleagues are compiling as part of a submission for crimes against humanity.

Poisoning Case 1

Urgent Appeal to Special Rapporteur on EJs: West Papuan activist poisoned to death

23 DEC 2013

Human Rights and Peace for Papua (ICP), Franciscans International, TAPOL, the West Papua Netzwerk (WPN) and the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

20 December 2013

Mr. Christof Heyns

UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

c/o OHCHR-UNOG, 1211 Geneva 10, SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr. Heyns,

Re: Letter of allegation – West Papuan activist poisoned to death

Human Rights and Peace for Papua (ICP), Franciscans International, TAPOL, the West Papua Netzwerk (WPN) and

the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) are writing to inform you of a case regarding the suspicious death of Danny Kogoya, the Jayapura regional commander of the Free Papua Movement (Operasi Papua Merdeka, OPM). Danny Kogoya, a citizen of Papua province, Indonesia, died in the morning of 15 December 2013 in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea. A medical report issued by Vanimo General Hospital reveals that he died of liver failure provoked by the presence of unusual chemical materials in his body.

A relative of Danny Kogoya submitted the medical report to Vanimo Court House which, after learning the document, called for Danny's death to be treated as a murder case. On 17 December 2013, the Court issued an order calling for an autopsy. However, as the autopsy was about to be conducted in the afternoon of the same day, representatives of the Indonesian government intervened in order that the autopsy was postponed. This raises the suspicion that the Indonesian government has been involved in the death of Danny Kogoya.

In September 2012, Danny Kogoya was shot in his right leg by the Indonesian security forces. He was later taken to Bhayangkara Kotaraja police hospital where he received medical treatment for two weeks without being permitted to receive visit from his family. During his stay in the hospital, Danny had his right leg amputated without his or his family's consent. There is an allegation that the unusual chemical materials were put into his body during this time.

Further details on the case and Danny Kogoya are available in the attached letter of allegation.

We are requesting you to take immediate action urging the government of Papua New Guinea to conduct an independent investigation on the death of Danny Kogoya, despite the attempts of the Indonesian government to obstruct the process. We are also calling you to urge the Indonesian government not to interfere with the ongoing criminal investigation ordered by the Vanimo Court House and to respect the sovereignty of Papua New Guinea.

We look forward to your positive and effective response in this matter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

1. Human Rights and Peace for Papua, The International Coalition for Papua, GERMANY
2. Fransiscans International, GENEVA
3. TAPOL, UNITED KINGDOM
4. West Papua Netzwerk, GERMANY
5. Asian Human Rights Commission, HONG KONG

Poisoning Case 2

Rico Ayomi, 17-year-old student

There are multiple accounts of how Rico Ayomi, a 17-year-old student, died in Sorong, in Indonesia's West Papua province, after 24 hours in police detention.

Police initially said Ayomi was found unconscious near an empty bottle of 70-percent alcohol when they detained him at midnight on March 11, indicating that his death 27 hours later was due to "alcohol poisoning."

But Simon Soren, a relative of Ayomi's, told Human Rights Watch that when police returned Ayomi to his family 24 hours after they detained him, he was unconscious and had injuries including "bruises on his left cheek, left shoulder, a bleeding nose and a broken jaw." Ayomi never regained consciousness and died three hours later. Soren said eyewitnesses told him that a mob had assaulted Ayomi on the evening of March 11, accusing him of theft.

On March 21, Sorong's deputy police chief, Chandra Ismawanto, told Human Rights Watch that the police assessment of "alcohol poisoning" as the cause of Ayomi's death was "controversial" and that police now suspected Ayomi died from a combination of excessive alcohol consumption and a mob beating. He declined to say whether police were investigating. Ismawanto said the results of an autopsy would be available last week, but neither we nor the family have been able to get the results.

Questions about police conduct in Ayomi's case don't end there. Ismawanto confirmed that police waited 23 hours after they detained Ayomi to take him to a hospital, attributing the delay to slow official approval. He said police noted Ayomi's failure to regain consciousness while in detention as "strange," but that a doctor at the hospital certified that he was "healthy."



Indonesian Snipers

Yet another Indonesian defence and security force crime against humanity to terrorise highland villagers.

May 5, 2023, Reverend Pantur Tabuni, the principal of the catholic high school SMA YPPGI in SINAK was shot by the Indonesian soldiers while going to the garden. Evacuated to hospital at Timika on May 6, 2023.



Assassination of leaders

Death at the hands of Indonesian defence and security forces in West Papua is a regular occurrence. There are some extrajudicial executions that are politically motivated to terrorize and emasculate the independence movement. Arnold Ap was assassinated in 1984. Tom Wanggai died in mysterious circumstances while in prison which we believe was another extrajudicial execution in 1989. Tribal leader Theys Hiyo Eluay was assassinated in November 2001. Filep Karma also died in mysterious circumstances which we believe was another extrajudicial execution in November 2022 at the same beach where Arnold Ap was executed.

*Pain in the struggle is only temporary. Within a minute, an hour, a day or a year.
However, if you give up, the pain will last forever.*

Marko Musa Tabuni - West Papuan Leader assassinated by Indonesian Special Forces on June 14, 2012

There is no honour in maintaining this lie of Indonesia's illegitimate claim; no honour in supporting the slow genocide of my people

President Biden, I could have easily filled 10,000 more pages with victims of this miscarriage of international justice, but I understand your time is limited with important matters of state and of international affairs. Sir, there is no honour in helping Indonesia maintain their lie, their deception, their treachery, and the six decades of crimes against humanity that many academics call 'West Papua's slow genocide'. The fraudulent annexation of my country is as much a story of dishonourable and deceitful western governance and influence by the American mining company, Freeport-McMoRan. The fraudulent annexation of my country is something Putin would be proud of achieving. No one can look with honour upon the death and destruction that is West Papua's experience of American capitalism.

The American Dream is more than a geopolitical empire

There is honour in helping to end this tragedy. Great honour. I cannot for one moment imagine that your America can be proud of the history of involvement with the mass murder Suharto and the subsequent deaths of hundreds

of thousands of civilians across West Papua and East Timor. Geopolitical alliances cannot be at the expense of the Melanesian Papuan race that has existed since time immemorial on the island of New Guinea. Bilateral relationships cannot be with eyes closed to the criminal consequences. If international governance is to advance into global cooperation that we can proudly call peaceful, civilized and lawful governance of united nations, the starting point is justice, freedom, and nation-state sovereignty for West Papua. I believe you hold the key to this sacred kingdom.

War of Independence, the Liberty Bell and the New York Agreement

When the creators of the American constitution signed their names to what they believed was a constitution devoted to freedom and the inalienable right that all men are created equal, their declaration was despite the fact that many of them owned slaves and the abomination of slavery was still de rigueur across the USA. I wonder if they were alive in this epoch, whether they would support and accept the desecration of these ideals for geopolitical convenience and economic plunder. I very much doubt if the late Martin Luther King Jr would have supported what has happened to my people. It is impossible for me to fathom how your nation can celebrate the 4th of July in mighty cathedrals honouring your faith in The Redeemer while dishonouring the heart and soul of Christianity because I can think of no greater dishonour to Our Redeemer than abandoning a vulnerable indigenous people who were expecting to become a sovereign nation-state until thwarted by illegal and scurrilous strategies of unbridled conquest. Are we so bereft of integrity and principle that we cannot control and overcome the evil impulses to be the conqueror of vulnerable indigenous people whose invaluable resources we can plunder to our heart's content? This is not Christianity.

The illegal invasion of Ukraine – what is the difference?

There is honour in ending this tragedy in the same way East Timor (Timor Leste) reached freedom and nation-state sovereignty. I cannot see the difference with the illegal invasion and military occupation of West Papua, illegal invasion and military occupation of East Timor, and the illegal invasion and military occupation of Ukrainian territory. I do not wish to be impertinent, but can you enlighten me as to what is the difference? The number of victims of crimes against humanity? The number of years of the illegal invasion and military occupation? They have all been the tragic consequences of geopolitical alliances and strategies, but of the three I have cited, it is my land and my people who have the dubious honour of being the longest in time and the very most in the numbers of victims, and the most valuable in plunder.

The perception of righteousness does not define righteousness

The recent call by several UN members for access to West Papua for the UN Human Rights commissioner and the call for Indonesia to faithfully investigate crimes against humanity is not a development that will ever solve the problem of Indonesia's illegitimate claim to the land of West Papua. While any humanitarian development is welcome, a singular focus on humanitarian concerns by these nations fails to appreciate the plain-as-daylight fact that West Papuans want the UN to complete the decolonization process that is the solemn duty of the UN to complete in accordance with the UN Charter. The UN is, in fact, in breach of its own charter and several resolutions regarding West Papua. West Papua wants the sins of the fathers addressed and resolved with this outcome – liberation from the illegal military occupation-annexation, and recognition of the nation-state The Republic of West Papua, as declared by OPM-TPNPB leaders on July 1, 1971.



When American troops entered the Nazi death camps in Europe at the end of the second world war, would the world have accepted this same singular focus on humanitarian concerns without liberation? Without freedom? Access to human rights dignitaries but no freedom? “Sorry! Holocaust victims are free to remain within the camp!”

*We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.*

Elie Wiesel

When the New York Agreement was signed on August 15, 1962, there was no consideration given to West Papuan dialogue for any discussion and inclusion for what was to become of their freedom and to become of their right to be a sovereign nation-state in accordance with the UN decolonization charter. There is not one West Papuan signature on this document. It is an illegal document. Your legendary president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, called West Papuans natives living in the Stone Age, or in other words, savages, as have many others. A classic act of a geopolitical conjuring with the Truth being that we were defenceless and vulnerable and easily overcome and our spectacular natural wealth and mineral reserves could be plundered if you knew the right people and the Indonesian mass murderer Suharto was that right person. Freeport-McMoRan, the right companion.

Let us be above the infantile dissembling of diplomats and the ‘abracadabra’ deceit of all previous leaders. ‘Savages!’ One word used often as a demeaning act of disempowerment. Yes, we still have a proud tribal culture far more nurturing of biodiversity than any undertakings by the savages of rampant capitalism, who have, along with Freeport-McMoRan, polluted and destroyed much of our environment and contaminated whole riverine systems in ways that would never be legally possible to do to your country’s environment. Let Freeport-McMoRan repeat the same environmental disaster in Yellowstone National Park!



Here is a photo from 1950. Two West Papuan political representatives are in this gathering. Can you spot the savages?

Left: Papuan delegates Marcus Kaisiepo and Nicolas Jouwe represented Dutch New Guinea at the first South Pacific Conference in 1950

Every apologist’s claim: bringing civilization to the savages. The Kingdom of the Netherlands had already raised our awareness of modernity and taught us all manner of associated crafts and trades, including statesmanship and statehood.



Incredible irony, isn’t it? The island of New Guinea – the eastern and western halves – the second lungs of Mother Earth and Freeport-McMoRan and other western mining companies have been destroying our ancestral land and once-pristine environment because we savages did not know any better.

Along with Suharto, wealthy elite American businessmen condemned West Papuans to enslavement and six decades of crimes against humanity. Hundreds of thousands of victims! And we were the savages!

Left: Members of the New Guinea Council delegation at Suestdijk Palace with Queen Juliana, Netherlands, 14 December 1961

The photo at the bottom of the previous page includes a number of West Papuan political representatives of the New Guinea Council delegation. The forerunners of our war of liberation. Not savages. Educated statesmen with an unyielding grasp of integrity and patriotism. The date: 1961 – the same year that John F Kennedy approved the annexation of West Papua by the Indonesian government with the words: “Those Papuans of yours are some seven hundred thousand and living in the stone age.”

The same company that desecrated West Papua’s pristine environment - Freeport McMoRan - lauds the famous Liberty Bell on their website - “Liberty Bell Serves as Lasting Symbol of Freedom, Independence. ... The bell was then sent on tour across the nation following the Civil War to remind Americans of a time when they fought for independence together, according to the National Park Service. It also has been a centerpiece to political movements from Women’s Suffrage to Civil Rights, as people embraced the bell for both protest and celebration.”



The New York Agreement and every bilateral defence and trade treaty ever since

Let me quote from several notable sources, the background to American entry into West Papua’s ancestral land – the content is taken from Tapol Bulletin #188 (March 2008).

Within two months of the 1965 coup that brought Suharto to power, the geologist Forbes Wilson, who had been involved years earlier in the geological investigations in West Papua, received a call from Freeport’s CEO saying he had been privately approached by two oil executives and told that negotiations would immediately begin about mining Erstberg, the first copper outcrop. The Washington government supported Freeport’s association with the new regime by guaranteeing a \$60 million loan to the company that enabled it to proceed with the extremely expensive initial stages of the project. The Erstberg mine was officially opened by Suharto in March 1973, on which occasion he announced that the territory would be called Irian Jaya. (Many years later, President Abdurrahman Wahid reversed this decision and named it Papua.)

Freeport needed to build the infrastructure for the copper and gold mine in Tembagapura at an elevation of 4,500 metres through what the company called ‘inhospitable country’, 68 miles from the coast. This meant installing a pipeline to carry the copper slurry down to the coast. Construction took five years to complete before production could begin and was described at the time as a ‘stupendous engineering’ feat. For Papuans living in the vicinity, the project violated and destroyed their mountain, which they regarded as their ‘spiritual mother’. Their ancestral ties with the land were simply ignored and they were evicted from their homes, to be re-settled in coastal hamlets, without a thought about the impact of the new environment, away from the cool, clear air around their mountain homes to the hot, malaria-infested coastal plain.

The leading Indonesian weekly Tempo wrote in its issue for 13 September, 1980: ‘It is logical for these mountain people not to feel at home. Besides the climate, the houses built for them by the local government are quite unsuitable. They are very basic, just bare huts with a roof and an earthen floor. In their native villages, these people had houses with wooden floors. ‘We feel ill. We can’t sleep,’ said one woman living in one of these huts, pointing to the earthen floors on which they have to sleep.’

A Jayapura-based newspaper, Tifa Irian, reported in June 1980 that an epidemic swept through their kampungs, killing 216 children, more than 20 percent of the infant population. A doctor complained of the lack of funds for medicines to fight the epidemic, only a stone’s throw from Freeport which was by then already worth \$150 million a year.

During its twenty-year life-span, Erstberg produced thirty-two million tonnes of copper, silver and gold and generated an annual income for the company of around \$300 million.



Sir, as I have requested earlier in my entreaty to you, as leaders of people, I expect us to be above and beyond the various deceptions and improper strategic objectives of those who committed themselves and their nation to collusion and complicity in six decades of Indonesia's crimes against humanity.

Horse trading is for horses not for the universal rights of freedom and nation-state sovereignty in accordance with international laws, as well as freedom from persecution.

What characteristics of a nation's personality do you look for when forming an alliance?

Sir, I am not trying to lead the answer to this, but I must point out that Indonesia's defence and security force characteristics are lamentable and undeserving of any

relationship with a democratic Christian nation. And we West Papuans are devoted Christians.



Heroes of West Papua's War of Liberation

President Biden, our heroes are patriots no different to your patriots. I would like you to meet some of them.

West Papuan Women

The West Papua National Liberation Army is an army of warriors dedicated to defending our ancestral lands from the uninvited military invader, Indonesia. Our army of warriors includes women. We live,

fight, and die together. We are gaoled, tortured, and mutilated together. But our women and our daughters are often

targeted for rape. Indonesia's defence and security forces use every possible manner of crime to demean, to disempower, to humiliate, to terrify indigenous West Papuan women. Our women fight back. They are the mothers of our war of liberation. Many have fallen, and many survive. Pictured here is the West Papuan Women's Fighter's Group at their inauguration on December 11, 2012 at TPNPB-OPM HQ.



West Papuan Men

Warriors from the West Papua National Liberation Army. Like West Papuan women, our warriors are dedicated to defending our ancestral lands from the uninvited military invader, Indonesia. An invader your governments have supported. We are not afraid to die for our freedom.



I CANNOT BREATHE!

Indonesia will say it is all a misunderstanding and an exaggeration

President Biden, as a leader, I honour my role by speaking the truth as a man of principle, honor, and of utmost importance, a man devoted to my Christian faith. Many politicians and diplomats use abracadabra diplomacy to escape responsibility and to subvert the truth according to the strategic necessities of their governments or of their multinational corporations.

There are multiple photos and videos of crimes against humanity across six decades that OPM is compiling as prima facie evidence to be presented on completion to various international bodies and media outlets. There is NO misunderstanding. There is no exaggeration. Prima facie evidence does not lie.

Video links - these Indonesian military members have been trained and supplied by USA, Australia, New Zealand.

[Indonesian soldier using interrogation methods in public location](#)

This video is of an Indonesian military member assaulting an apprehended young Indonesian man in a public street. This is how he behaves in public to his own people. How he behaves within the walls of an isolated interrogation room can only be far worse. The environment of impunity – this is what democratic Christian nations have provided Indonesia. Protection for crimes against humanity – this is what democratic Christian nations have provided Indonesia. West Papuans are subjected to treatment far worse than this.

[Indonesian soldiers firing chopper machine gun indiscriminately across villages](#)

Indonesian military members opening fire from a helicopter at settlements in the Yahukimo regency, Papua province, in December 2021. This crime against humanity is repeated on a regular basis.



[Student beaten for wearing the Morning Star flag on his shirt May 5, 2023](#)

Discrimination in Human Rights – We will never stop our war of liberation until liberation is a reality

We will never stop our war of liberation until liberation is a reality. This is the human right of every illegally invaded people and the right of every people thrown to the wolves by so-called peacemakers using our vulnerability for their geopolitical cowardice and their criminal actions by aiding and abetting Indonesia to plunder our spectacular natural wealth at the cost of our lives and our rights under UN decolonization processes.

New Zealand Hostage Phillip Mehrtens

The photo here is a 24-year-old West Papuan patriot - Brigadier General Egianus Kogoya. He is the area commander of the West Papua National Liberation Army responsible for taking the New Zealand pilot Phillip Mehrtens hostage. Twenty-four years old! A hero to all West Papuans. Indonesia has been conducting air and ground combat



operations including the bombing of villagers – defenceless civilians – in their attempt to ‘rescue’ Pilot Phillip Mehrtens.

President Biden, a war of liberation has been undertaken by my people since the fraudulent 1969 referendum. We have issued hundreds of warnings to both Indonesians and foreigners not to be in our land. Unlike, Indonesia, we will care for Phillip Mehrtens the same way we care for our brothers and sisters. He is safe with us, but he is at great risk from Indonesian air and ground combat operations. The Indonesian defence force has already suffered significant battle fatalities. We request a peaceful solution with the aim of Indonesia leaving West Papua. Perhaps you can appoint Ambassador Caroline Kennedy to this role? But you will need to apply muscular diplomacy to Indonesian president Joko Widodo and his government. You will need to initiate a moratorium on export armaments. Indonesia will

not go willingly. They will need to be pushed.

Leadership that does not aid and abet crimes against humanity

President Biden. You have held leadership roles while your country is at war. This is something we have in common. My leadership role is founded on one principle: you cannot be selective with accountability for crimes against humanity and be a just leader. Either Indonesia has illegally invaded my country or it has legally invaded my country. Either Indonesia has illegally occupied and annexed my country or Indonesia has legally occupied and annexed my country. Sir, I am sure you can see where I am heading. Either Indonesia has illegally committed six decades of crimes against humanity or Indonesia has legally committed six decades of crimes against humanity. Young American school students would be able to see through the charade of bribery, embezzlement, the concealment of criminal profits, the corruption and the abracadabra diplomacy pulling rabbits and excuses from top hats. You do not have to be Noam Chomsky to know the incontrovertible truth. (And thank you, beloved Noam Chomsky!)

Accountability for crimes in international governance - Freeport-McMoRan & the administrations of every nation aiding and abetting Indonesia’s crimes against humanity

President Biden, if Ukraine can have an investigation for crimes against humanity then, after six decades of Indonesia’s crimes against humanity, West Papuans are entitled to justice through the very same measures of accountability and due process. Freeport-McMoRan have not even hidden the history of their involvement with mass murderer Suharto in illegally entering into a Contract of Work with Indonesia to exploit West Papua’s mineral wealth two years before West Papuans were supposed to have a referendum on self-determination. Anyone blessed with reasonable intelligence will understand that Freeport-McMoRan’s commencement of construction of the

Mt Grasberg mine in 1967 and 1968 would have received the seal of approval in security of tenure assurances from Suharto – that West Papua’s future as part of Indonesia was a foregone conclusion. Anyone not being blessed with reasonable intelligence will, no doubt, offer a chicanery of shallow and evasive falsehoods – a stream of dissembling abracadabra in order to appear ... ‘on the up and up’. I believe that is the American vernacular for appearing to be telling the truth – ‘on the up and up’. Sir, there is no need to continue the deception. The hundreds of thousands of my people who are the victims of this deception cry out for justice. Collusion and collaboration comes with a cost – it is time to pay up, and to deliver recompense in the form of Truth Telling ... in the form of a spiritual cleansing and the recovery of integrity and honour that are supposed to be traditional American values.

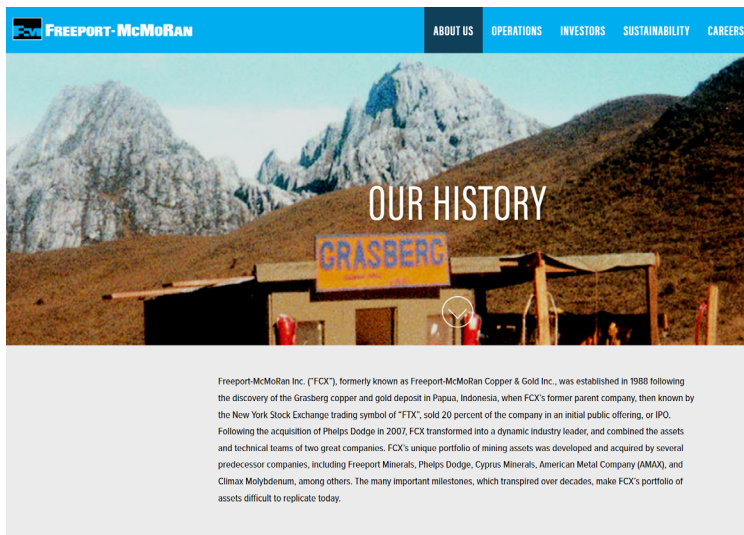
I do not believe that Freeport-McMoRan will have this aspect of traditional American values. I do not believe Freeport-McMoRan will offer recompense. I have every hope that you, Sir, wholeheartedly believe in these critical traditional American values. I appeal to you, on behalf of my suffering people, to deliver us from evil. Indonesia must leave West Papua. The lie cannot continue. This egregious travesty of justice is waiting for an act of deliverance. History calls America the leader of the Free World. Our chains are not unlike the chains of slavery that caused the American Civil War. The abomination of captivity, incarceration, oppression, death, and servitude. We, who are without freedom, await your reply. Allow us to once again respect the United States of America.

Prayer of the Warriors Leader

President Biden, as leaders we have many difficult decisions to make. This is my prayer to seek guidance. I dedicate my life to Truth and honour in the name of God and of my ancestors and I pray we may create a righteous bond together for West Papua’s final path of her long journey to liberation.

I look forward in the spirit and courage of Christian faith to your reply.

God bless you and Dr Jill Biden. Papua Merdeka!



Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (‘FCX’), formerly known as Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., was established in 1988 following the discovery of the Grasberg copper and gold deposit in Papua, Indonesia, when FCX’s former parent company, then known by the New York Stock Exchange trading symbol of ‘FTX’, sold 20 percent of the company in an initial public offering, or IPO. Following the acquisition of Phelps Dodge in 2007, FCX transformed into a dynamic industry leader, and combined the assets and technical teams of two great companies. FCX’s unique portfolio of mining assets was developed and acquired by several predecessor companies, including Freeport Minerals, Phelps Dodge, Cyprus Minerals, American Metal Company (AMAX), and Climax Molybdenum, among others. The many important milestones, which transpired over decades, make FCX’s portfolio of assets difficult to replicate today.

- 1834 Phelps, Dodge & Company formed as a metals and mercantile firm; produced brass and copper kettles, rivets, buttons and copper wire
- 1870s First mining claims established in Morenci, Arizona; first copper smelter built in Clifton, Arizona
- 1881 Phelps Dodge entered into copper mining by buying into the Detroit Copper Mining Company in Morenci, Arizona, where copper was discovered in 1866
- 1887 The American Metal Company founded
- 1912 Freeport Sulphur (renamed Freeport Minerals Company in 1971) founded; established the city of Freeport in Texas near its new sulphur mines
- 1918 First Climax Molybdenum Company founded to mine molybdenum deposit near Leadville, Colorado; mine began production in 1918, with increased demand for molybdenum-steel alloys during World War I
- 1957 Climax Molybdenum merged with The American Metal Company (Limited) to form American Metal Climax Inc. (renamed AMAX Inc. in 1974). A new Climax Molybdenum Company formed on the same date.
- 1960 Freeport expedition explored Ertsberg, which was initially identified in 1936 by Jean-Jacques Dozy and the first outside group to reach the Jayawijaya mountain glacier
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Indonesia Puts Out Welcome Mat



Parts of prefabricated house are delivered to a copper mine in West Irian (former Dutch New Guinea) operated by Freeport Indonesia, a subsidiary of the Freeport Sulphur Co.

By GERD WILCKE
 Indonesia, striving to remove the legacy of former President Sukarno, is seeking new foreign investments. For its part, the new leadership under General Suharto is promising to create a climate of economic and political stability. American business leaders who heard these messages the other day at a symposium of the American Management

Association also were told bluntly that there was still corruption in Indonesia’s administration but that it was up to them not to “succumb” to it. The speaker delivering this analysis of Indonesia’s plight at the start of the three-day session was Ambassador Soedjatmoko, the top Indonesian diplomat in the United States. “Investing in Indonesia is

not exactly without difficulties,” Mr. Soedjatmoko acknowledged. He said there were potentially few Indonesians who might “fit” as partners in joint ventures. However, he said, there are a number of “capable entrepreneurs who transferred their money out of the country under Sukarno and now want to return it on the

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Construction work, according to the signed Contract of Work between Suharto and Freeport-McMoRan, already commenced for the Mt Grasberg Mine, as reported in the New York Times August 17, 1968.

Heavenly Father,

You know each warrior by name,

As do I.

You know the Truth of their cause,

As do I.

You inspire courage and valor for battle,

As do I.

You provide alms for suffering and pain,

As do I.

You offer salvation for the fallen
into the arms of spiritual victory ...

And this I cannot ... I must attend
to the duties of leadership

for my virtue to be unshakeable,

for my integrity to be resolute and righteous,

for my faith each day to be uncompromising.

For it is only through the spirit of Jesus
can the courage of my warriors deeds guide us
through this darkness and lead us into Your Light.

I pray this all in His Good and Holy Name.

Amen!

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

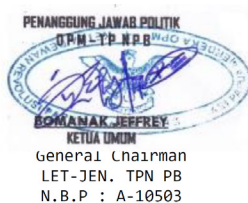
Jeffrey Bomanak

Chairman-Commander OPM

Markas Victoria, May 17, 2023



Internally Displaced Persons 2022, having fled from their villages into the jungle to avoid Indonesia's air and ground combat campaigns, are standing in line to receive communion in their makeshift chapel. Prayer and worship: the spiritual source of our sustenance. We are without food, health and medical essentials – we are not without God.



“Indigenous peoples have the right to the restitution of the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used, and which have been confiscated, occupied, used or damaged without their free and informed consent. Where this is not possible, they have the right to just and fair compensation. Unless otherwise freely agreed upon by the peoples concerned, compensation shall take the form of lands, territories and resources equal in quality, size and legal status.”

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, The United Nations Commission on Human Rights

