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FOUR NEW INDICTMENTS FILED BY SCU

SAKO LORO MONU MILITIA PLATOON COMMANDER AND 3 MAHIDI MILITIA INDICTED

Between 3 and 6 December 2004 the Serious Crimes Unit filed four new indictments charging two former members Mahidi Militia, one Deputy Company Commander of this same Militia and one former Sako Loro Monu Militia Commander with Crimes Against Humanity, involving the murder of 19 persons. All the accused persons are at large and believed to currently be outside of Timor Leste.

Frans Tallo, the Sako Loro Monu Militia Commander, who was indicted on the 3 of December, is alleged to be criminally responsible for the murder of 11 persons and for torturing one person, in the context of the systematic attack on civilian population conducted by that militia group in Balibo sub-district, Bobonaro district, in 1999. Frans Tallo's militia group operated specifically close to the border with West Timor, where the commanders of the Sako Loro Monu Militia together with the FIRMI militia commanders used to plan and execute operations against independence supporters. The indictment alleges, amongst other facts, that he was directly involved in the attack, in September 1999, against a group of pro-independence supporters named Sagrada Familia, and has allegedly stabbed six men to death with a samurai sword.

The other three indictments, filed by the SCU on 6 December, charge Tomas Lopes Maia Udin, former Deputy Company Commander of the Mahidi Militia, Alfredo Breok, Domingos Mau Buti and Adriano Nascimento, all three former Mahidi Militia members, with crimes against humanity. All of the crimes they are being indicted for were committed in Covalima district as a part of the widespread and systematic attack against civilian population.

Domingos Mau Buti and Adriano Nascimento, both in the same indictment, are being held responsible for the murder of 5 persons, the rape of one woman and the attempted murder of one other person, on 17 and 18 June in Mape village, Zumalai sub-district. Tomas Lopes Maia Udin is charged for the murder of one person and attempted murder of another, which took place on 12 September 1999 in Kamenasa village, Suai sub-district during one attack executed by the Mahidi Militia to the villagers on the rice fields. The fourth indictment charges Alfredo Breok, who was a platoon commander of the Mahidi Militia in Zumalai, for the murder of two persons.

To date, the Serious Crimes Unit has filed 90 indictments charging 377 individuals with some accused charged in multiple indictments. Cases have been

completed through trial for 74 accused persons, with 72 convicted of one or more charges.