

PROGRAM

GRASSROOTS, U.S.-BASED SOLIDARITY GROUP
THE EAST TIMOR AND INDONESIA ACTION NETWORK (ETAN)
INVITES YOU TO:

**TIMOR-LESTE
STUDENTS & FRIENDS
SORUMUTU VIRTUÁL**

THEME: FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND ACTIVISM

April 9 (North America) / April 10 (Timor-Leste)
4-8pm CDT 6-10am OTL

This event, geared to current students or alumni of schools in North America, will be primarily in English, though breakout room discussions may happen in English and Tetum.

Join us to:

- Get to know other students and make new friends
- Celebrate Timorese art and culture together
- Discuss the role of activism and solidarity today
- Learn more about ETAN (www.etan.org)

REGISTER HERE
(<https://forms.gle/4Q5hAwZKwgFkgDrL7>)

The East Timor and Indonesia *Action* Network (ETAN) is pleased to host this Sorumutu Virtual. We are a U.S.-based grassroots organization working in solidarity with the peoples of Timor-Leste (East Timor), West Papua and Indonesia.

Founded soon after the November 11, 1991 Santa Cruz massacre, ETAN provides information about, and ways to help, Timor-Leste, invaded and subjugated by U.S. ally Indonesia in 1975. Timor-Leste finally became independent on May 20, 2002. ETAN educates, organizes, and advocates for justice for historic and ongoing crimes against humanity, war crimes, and human rights violations in East Timor, West Papua, and Indonesia. ETAN supports democratic development of Timor-Leste. ETAN supports genuine self-determination for West Papua and restrictions on security assistance to Indonesia to support democracy and justice.



GOALS OF GATHERING

- Make new friendships and connections
- Celebrate culture and have fun
- Learn about past activism and solidarity
- Explore new activism and solidarity

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

ETAN and Solidarity

Roundtable with Amy Goodman, John M. Miller & Octo Mote

Timor-Leste Activism

Roundtable with Alau Aparicio, Natalino Guterres & Berta Antonieta

Conversations together

Closing

SPEAKER BIOS

Amy Goodman, Journalist and Host of TV/Radio Program [Democracy Now!](#), is a survivor of the [Santa Cruz Massacre](#) and helped to inspire the founding of ETAN with her reporting, together with Allan Nairn, about East Timor. She has won numerous awards for her reporting which sheds light on struggles overlooked by mainstream media sources.

John M. Miller, ETAN Coordinator, is a co-founder and the National Coordinator for the [East Timor and Indonesia Action Network](#) (ETAN). He has been active on issues of peace and justice since the 1970s, including campaigns against nuclear power and weapons, U.S. military bases in the Philippines, and militarization of the seas. Currently he is on the National Committee of the [War Resisters League](#) and serves as its Treasurer.

Octovianus Mote, West Papuan activist, is former bureau chief of Kompas, one of the leading Indonesian daily newspapers. He has held fellowships at Yale and Cornell Universities, and has worked with the West Papua Action Team, an advocacy organization based in the United States. He has worked closely with ETAN to advocate for [policy changes](#) in the U.S. Government and at the United Nations on the issue of West Papua.

Berta Antonieta Tilman (Mana Berta), Feminist Activist, earned her BA from Luther College in Iowa. She worked as a researcher at La'o Hamutuk for several years, and now does consulting and volunteer work to promote sustainable, people-focused policies. She has been a strong voice for women's rights and the rights of marginalized groups; she is a member of various grass-roots organizations, including [Grupú Feminista](#) and Movimentu Letras. She is currently a member of ETAN's Executive Committee.

Natalino Ornai Guterres (Maun Nata), LGBT Activist, earned his BA from Luther College in Iowa and MA in Responsible Management & Sustainable Economic Development from UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica. He founded several youth movements including MAC - Crianças Unidas and Hatutan. He organized the first Pride March in Timor-Leste in 2017 and is currently working at the office of the Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Planning, as Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Advisor. He is committed to creating a nation that is inclusive for the LGBT community.

Angelo A. Menezes Guterres Aparicio (Alau), Mental Health Activist, earned his BA from the University of Hawaii in Psychology and Sociology and Masters in Clinical Forensic Psychology from Montclair State University in New Jersey, USA. Currently, he is an Adviser for Psychosocial Issues with one of the UN agencies in Dili, working to normalize conversations about mental health and integrate mental health aspects into Timor-Leste's justice system's work. He also writes a [blog](#) in Tetum and English which has explored issues such as identity, mental health, patriarchy, and sexual violence.

Sign ETAN's Petitions

[Free West Papua Political Prisoners](#) - Indonesia continues to persecute - and prosecute - West Papuans who protest for self-determination and respect. This petition calls on Indonesia to release prominent Papuan activist Victor Yeimo and other political prisoners, end attacks and arrests at peaceful protests and to allow a visit by the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights that was agreed to more than 3 years ago.

[Support #Justice4Timor](#) - It is never too late for justice! It is never too late to end impunity! This petition urges key governments to establish an international tribunal to try those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against the people of Timor-Leste during Indonesia's invasion and occupation.

Sign up for ETAN's Listservs

ETAN maintains [email listservs](#) on Timor-Leste, West Papua and Indonesia.

The east-timor list distributes news, analysis and job and other announcements from a wide range of sources (headlines with links on twitter [@timornews](#)). The reg.westpapua brings together english language news on the region (on twitter [@westpapuanews](#)). Indonesia-act *provides Indonesia news and analysis useful for activists - including human rights, security, environment, anti-corruption, women's rights, religious freedom, military links, foreign policy, poverty and more* (on twitter [@actindonesia](#)).

To sign up for ETAN's list go to <https://fs20.formsite.com/jmm555/form2/index.html>

Work With ETAN

Follow, share, take part in - ETAN action (see petitions above) and information (see [ETAN website](#) and social media contacts below)

Invite an ETAN speaker to your school or community group ([email us](#))

[Volunteer or intern](#)

Have information and action suggestions? We want to hear from you. ([Write us](#))

Connect with ETAN



Website: www.etan.org

WhatsApp Group

We have set up a [WhatsApp group](#) to use for parallel discussion during the student meeting tomorrow. Some find it easier to use than Zoom chat, especially if logging on by phone: It will also be available after the meeting to continue discussion and share information. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrf7pu3E2Cu5Z5MHxpKRli>

Further Reading and Action

Klibur Solidaridade Timor-Leste/ Timor-Leste Solidarity Group: [2009 International Conference reaffirms importance of solidarity with Timor-Leste](#) (Dili)

[ETAN Condemns Violence and Racism Against West Papuans: Calls for freeing Papuan Political Prisoners](#)

[Press and Media from U.S. Free Western Sahara Campaign](#)

[Biden's Dangerous Refusal to Reverse Trump's Western Sahara Policy](#)

[The East Timor Model Offers a Way out for Western Sahara and Morocco](#)

[30 Years On Justice for Timorese Remains Elusive](#); ETAN Says That It Is Never Too Late to Hold Accountable Those Responsible for Santa Cruz Massacre

About ETAN: [Background and History](#)

[La'o Hamutuk](#): Timor-Leste Institute for Development Monitoring and Analysis



Coming Event

16 - 19 May 2022

Solidarity with Timor-Leste struggle for self-determination: actors, institutions, contexts

Museu do Oriente, Portugal (Presencial) | Zoom (Online)

[Draft Program](#) and Register [here](#)

Music Shared

- [Patria!](#) (Francisco Borja da Costa)
- [Rai Dili Rai Cidade](#) (Anito Matos)
- [Oh Oh Oh Timor](#) (Ego Lemos)
- [Rai Timor Loro Sae](#)
- [Hadomi O Timor](#) (Amelia Kundel with PaulHaus beats)
- [Tebe Likurai](#)

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ETAN welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions. [Contact us.](#)

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