

Whither East Timor?

More bloody occupation? Or true self-determination?

- **Who is responsible for evicting an estimated 200,000 East Timorese—one fourth of the current population? Who is responsible for killing one third of the East Timorese population since 1975?**
- **Why does the U\$ bomb Iraq and Yugoslavia under the pretense of humanitarianism while arming the Indonesian government against the East Timorese and the Indonesian people?**
- **What does the U\$ get out of backing IMF/World Bank loans to Indonesia?**



Militias backed by the Indonesian military have killed as many as 10,000 East Timorese following their vote for independence on August 30th. This massacre is just one of the brutal crimes committed by the Indonesian military since it invaded East Timor in 1975.

The U.S. has backed the Indonesian occupation of East Timor from the beginning. It has given political, economic and military support to the dictatorships of former President Suharto and President Habibie. U.S. arms sales to Indonesia totaled more than \$1.1 billion dollars and two decades worth of U.S. arm shipments account for 90% of Indonesia's military hardware. Commercial arms sales from the United States for just the next year are expected to total about \$16 million. In 1997, the U.S. congress allocated an additional \$45 million in aid to the Indonesian dictatorship, with \$100,000 aimed at military training alone.

The military and economic aid only insures more profits for First World corporations like Nike. Originally, United States support for Indonesian fascism was a direct response to a strong communist-led anti-imperialist movement. The Indonesian fascists went on to invade East Timor and now back the militias blamed for recent violence. Just like the death squads in Latin America, these militias are doing the dirty work—but we still hold the U\$ and other First World nations responsible for the last 24 years of violent repression of the East Timorese.

LEARN MORE about what is happening in East Timor. FIND out WHAT YOU CAN DO. Join invited speakers from the East Timor Action Network, the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League, and the Maoist Internationalist Movement for a night of

**Speakers, video, and discussion
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