

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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President Ir. H. Joko Widodo
Republic of Indonesia, State Secretariat
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Papuan Anti-Racism Protestors Must Be Freed

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you for the unconditional release of **Ferry Kombo, Alexander Gobai, Agus Kossay, Stevanus Itlay, Hengki Hilapok, Buchtar Tabuni** and **Irwanus Uropmabin**. All of these men were convicted on charges of treason on 17 June, 2020 for their role in an anti-racism demonstration in Jayapura in August 2019.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that these men now face up to 11 months in prison for exercising their right to peaceful collective assembly. As collective assembly is a protected human right, we believe this to be an unlawful conviction.

We believe that you have an obligation to investigate the arrest of these men and to organize for their immediate and unconditional release from prison, dropping all charges against them. Furthermore, we request that these men have regular access to their families, medical care and the lawyers of their choice while in prison. We also request that Article 106 can no longer be used to unlawfully convict members of a collective assembly for treason.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Lane".

Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
TRU Students' Union

cc. Ambassador Abdul Kadir Jailani