

Jailed for raising banned flag

Teacher Johan Teterissa is serving a 15-year jail sentence for raising a flag banned by the Indonesian government.

In 2007 he led a group of people, mainly teachers and farmers, in a peaceful protest in front of the president. They performed a traditional war dance, before unfurling a 'rainbow' flag, a historical symbol of independence for the eastern province of Maluku.

Police officers removed Johan and the others, punching and beating them. They forced them to crawl on their stomachs on hot asphalt, whipped them with electric cables, and beat their ears with rifle butts until they bled.

After an unfair trial, the protestors were convicted of 'rebellion' and Johan was sentenced to life, later reduced to 15 years. He is in prison thousands of kilometres away from his family and friends.

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Johan Teterissa
Lembaga Pemasyarakatan (Lapas)
Klas 1 Batu
Nusa Lambangan
Tambakreja
Cilacap Selatan
53213, Cilacap
Central Java, Indonesia

■ **Language:** Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language

■ **Suggested message:** Saya mengerti bahwa anda ditahan atas akifitas yang damai oleh karenanya saya sedang mengkampanyekan agar anda dibebaskan. (I know that you have been imprisoned for peaceful activities and I am campaigning for you to be released.)

■ **Note:** Johan's birthday is 31 December.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge President Joko Widodo to immediately and unconditionally release Johan and the other protesters.

Write to: President of the Republic of Indonesia
H.E Joko Widodo
c/o Presidential Staff Office (KSP)
Gedung Bina Graha
Jalan Veteran No. 16
Jakarta Pusat 10110, Indonesia

Fax: +62 21 354 0009

Email: webmaster@ksp.go.id

Twitter: @jokowi

Language: Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter: Urge the President to immediately and unconditionally release Johan and the others. Pending their release, they should be urgently transferred to a prison closer to their families. Call on him to ensure Johan is not tortured or ill-treated, and has access to medical treatment, lawyers of his choosing, and family visits.

'I urge Amnesty International to continue campaigning for the freedom of all political prisoners from Maluku... we should not have been charged in the first place.'

Johan Teterissa

