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SUBJECT: TFI001:SITUATION IN EASTERN INDONESIA MAY 20

1. SUMMARY: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED MAY 20 IN SURABAYA AT SURABAYA UNIVERSITY (UBAYA), THE NOVEMBER 10TH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ITS), AND THE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE (IKIP). DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN MOSTLY PEACEFUL, THE STUDENTS DID NOT LEAVE CAMPUS. POLICE AND MILITARY IN SURABAYA LATER SOUGHT TO CHECK UNAUTHORIZED CONVOYS OFF CAMPUS. IN YOGYAKARTA, THOUSANDS GATHERED AT THE SULTAN'S PALACE FOR AN ADDRESS AND DEMONSTRATION. CONTACTS REPORTED CROWDS GATHERING IN THE MALIOBORO AREA AND WERE WARNED BY POLICE TO EXPECT VIOLENCE LATER IN THE DAY. IN UJUNG PANDANG, MASSIVE CROWDS GATHERED IN THE CITY CENTER FOR A DEMONSTRATION CALLING ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO RESIGN. AS OF 1500 DEMONSTRATORS WERE CIRCLING THE CITY IN CONVOYS BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO VIOLENCE. THE SEMARANG AIRPORT MAY BE CLOSED. THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY IN SOLO. 1000 LABORERS DEMONSTRATED MAY 19 IN FRONT OF THE SURABAYA OFFICE OF THE SPSI. DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS WERE BEATEN BY MILITARY FORCES OUTSIDE AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY IN SURABAYA THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 19. TWENTY FOUR WERE INJURED, THREE OF THEM SERIOUSLY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SURABAYA ON MAY 19 STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE BEATEN BY MILITARY FORCES AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO CONTINUE STREET PROTESTS. TWENTY-FOUR STUDENTS WERE INJURED, THREE OF THEM SERIOUSLY. STUDENTS HAD REPORTEDLY RECEIVED POLICE PERMISSION TO CIRCLE THE AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY (UNAIR) CAMPUS ON MOTORCYCLES AS THEY DEMONSTRATED. AFTER SEVERAL TRIPS AROUND THE CAMPUS THE POLICE ASKED THE STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CAMPUS. WHEN THE STUDENTS REFUSED THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY KOSTRAD TROOPS WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGAN BEATING THE DEMONSTRATORS WITH RATTAN STAFFS. STUDENTS

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FLED INTO THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND WERE NOT PURSUED. THREE STUDENTS RECEIVED SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES THAT REQUIRED THEM TO BE ADMITTED TO INTENSIVE CARE, FOURTEEN WERE TREATED AND RELEASED. ONE SOLDIER WHO WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HE FELL OUT OF HIS TRUCK WAS JEEERED BY STUDENTS WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. HE HAS NOT REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

3. WE DROVE THROUGH THE SCENE OF THE ATTACK SOON AFTERWARDS. WE SAW A SIZEABLE MILITARY PRESENCE WAITING NEAR CAMPUS, INCLUDING

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TWO TRUCKS FULL OF SOLDIERS AND ANOTHER GROUP ON MOTORCYCLES, BUT TRAFFIC WAS MOVING SMOOTHLY. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE PUSHED BY MILITARY TRUCKS ON MAY 18. NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

4. ALSO ON MAY 19, CLOSE TO 1000 LABORERS DEMONSTRATED AT THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL LABOR UNION (SPSI). THE WORKERS, LED BY THE PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE SPSI, DEMANDED SUHARTO'S RESIGNATION AND AN END TO COLLUSION, CORRUPTION, AND NEPOTISM. THE DEMONSTRATION BROKE UP PEACEFULLY. AT ONE SHOE FACTORY IN THE RUNGKUT INDUSTRIAL AREA, THE OWNERS WERE REPORTEDLY HELD FOR TEN HOURS BY SCORES OF MOSTLY FEMALE WORKERS DEMANDING UNPAID WAGES. POLICE FREED THE OWNERS WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

5. ON MAY 20, DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED AS STUDENTS FROM AROUND SURABAYA GATHERED ON THE CAMPUSES OF UBAYA, ITS, AND IKIP. THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS EXPECTED DID NOT MATERIALIZE AS MANY STUDENTS, FRIGHTENED BY THE INCIDENT AT UNAIR THE PREVIOUS DAY, STAYED AWAY. STUDENT LEADERS AT UBAYA TOLD US THAT THE RECTOR HAD REQUESTED THEY REMAIN ON CAMPUS. AT EACH CAMPUS A FEW THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS HELD FREE SPEECH FORUMS AND SANG

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NATIONALIST SONGS THROUGH THE EARLY AFTERNOON. AT IKIP, A SMALL GROUP OF RADICAL STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO MOVE OFF CAMPUS. THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY POLICE AND RETURNED TO CAMPUS. THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SANCTIONED DEMONSTRATIONS BROKE UP IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON AND STUDENTS LEFT CAMPUS IN SMALL GROUPS. MILITARY UNITS ARE BEING REENFORCED, WE UNDERSTAND, AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS FROM SINGOSARI ARE IN SURABAYA. PEMUDA PANCASILA (PROFESSIONAL THUGS CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT) AND PEMUDA PANCA MANGGA UNITS (YOUTH GROUPS TIED TO THE ABRI), AND BANSER (THE PARAMILITARY WING OF THE NU) ARE ALSO SUPPORTING THE MILITARY.

6. CONVOYS OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH BEGAN FORMING MID-AFTERNOON FROM CAMPUSES SUCH AS AIRLANGGA, IKIP, AND UBAYA. THE CONVOYS WERE JOINED BY OTHERS FROM SOCIETY IN GENERAL. MILITARY FORCES ACTED QUICKLY TO BREAK UP THESE SMALL GROUPS AND PURSUED THEM AT HIGH SPEED WITH TRUCKS AND SHOOTING INTO THE AIR. A SIMILAR INCIDENT WAS REPORTED AT 1420 AT UBAYA. AT 1530 WE RECEIVED A REPORT OF A CONVOY OF 1000 STUDENTS, YOUTHS, AND LOCAL RESIDENTS HEADING AWAY FROM ITS AND UNAIR TOWARDS THE CENTER OF TOWN. WE

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SAW ONE CONVOY OF MORE 3000 PEOPLE PASS THE CONSULATE AT 1615 THROUGH THE MAIN CITY STREET NORTH AND TURN BACK SOUTH. THE MAIN BANNER SAID: STRUGGLE FOR REFORMATION AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS CELEBRATIVE. THE MILITARY APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTING TO CHANNEL IT ONTO THE MAIN STREETS. WE HEARD WARNING SHOTS. (COMMENT: THE CONVOYS RESEMBLED THE BOISTEROUS DEMONSTRATIONS DURING LAST MAY'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN.)

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7. IN YOGYAKARTA, TWO MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD, ONE IN THE MORNING OF ABOUT 5000 AT THE GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY DURING WHICH THE SULTAN SPOKE, AND ONE LATER AT THE KRATON (SULTAN'S PALACE) THAT SWELLED TO ABOUT 500,000. STUDENTS FROM ALL REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES GATHERED AT THE SULTAN'S PALACE, WHERE THE SULTAN GAVE AN ADDRESS IN SUPPORT OF REFORM. BY 1330 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WERE GATHERING IN THE MALIOBORO DISTRICT. POLICE WERE WARNING FACTORY AND SHOP OWNERS THAT STUDENT CONVOYS WOULD ATTACK NON-PRIBUMI PLACES OF BUSINESS. AN ACADEMIC CONTACT DISMISSED THIS AS SCARE-MONGERING. NO VIOLENCE WAS REPORTED DURING THE DAY.

8. SOLO CONTACTS REPORTED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. STUDENTS RETURNED TO THEIR UNIVERSITIES IN THE AFTERNOON. CAR LOADS OF PROTESTORS PASSING THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT WERE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE MILITARY. STREETS INTO MOST RESIDENTIAL AREAS WERE BARRICADED AND GUARDED BY CIVILIANS. ALL BANKS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REOPEN BEFORE MAY 25. ONE AMERICAN TOLD US TWENTY OF HIS WORKERS WERE LIVING WITH HIM AND HIS BALINESE WIFE IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIS SAFETY. FIFTY WORKERS GUARDED HIS FACTORY. HIS BUSINESS HAD BEEN SPARED EARLIER IN THE

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WEEK WHEN HIS STAFF WAS ABLE TO PROVE TO LOOTERS THAT IS WAS
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OWNED BY A NON-CHINESE INDONESIAN. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF
BURNING OR LOOTING IN SOLO SINCE SATURDAY.

9. IN UJUNG PANDANG, LOCAL SOURCES REPORTED THAT MORE THAN NE
HUNDRED THOUSAND GATHERED AT 0800 IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY TO
PROTEST. (NOTE: THIS UPDATES THE SITREP WHICH REPORTED NO
MASSIVE CROWDS. END NOTE). AT 1100 DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN TO CONVOY
AROUND THE CITY. BY 1330 THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR
DESTRUCTION. A RELIABLE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACT TOLD US CHINESE-
INDONESIANS WERE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DEMONSTRATION,
CLOSE TO 1000 DID SO. IN PALU, CENTRAL SULAWESI, 5000 STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATED AND MARCHED OFF CAMPUS TO TVRI AND THE DPRD.
MILITARY UNITS TIGHTLY GUARDED TVRI BUT ALLOWED THE DEMONSTRATORS
TO ENTER THE DPRD. MANADO WAS CALM AND REPORTED NO
DEMONSTRATIONS.

10. CONAGENT BALI REPORTS THAT A FEW THOUSAND DEMONSTRATED AT
UDAYANA, THE LARGEST UNIVERSITY IN DENPASAR, BUT THAT STUDENTS
REMAINED ON CAMPUS. A SMALL GROUP PROTESTED AT THE DPRD WITHOUT
INCIDENT. MILITARY IS GUARDING KEY BUILDINGS AND INTERSECTIONS
BUT TOURIST AREAS ARE CALM AND INCIDENT FREE.

11. AS OF 1630 LOCAL TIME, WE ARE AWARE OF NO INJURIES OR DIRECT
CLASHES ON MAY 20 BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE
SURABAYA CONSULAR DISTRICT. CONVOYS, HOWEVER, ARE STILL
CONTINUING HERE AND MOST LIKELY IN YOGYAKARTA, AND POSSIBLY
UNJUNG PANDANG AND ELSEWHERE. PIERCE/ROY

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