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Dear General (Pol). Prabowo,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the case of three pro-independence activists named **Pieter Likumahua**, **Alexander Workala** and **Benjamin Naene** who have been arrested and accused of treason (makar) allegedly due to their affiliation with the Republic of South Maluku (RMS).

It is alarming that on 7 April 2021, as many as twenty fully armed soldiers (TNI) entered Alexander Workala's house without a warrant. Seemingly based solely on alleged evidence of a flag and a book, Alexander was then taken by the troops to the West Seram (SBB) Police. The next day, 8 April, police arrived at Pieter's house and took him to be a witness. After the investigation, he was arrested based on the accusation that he gave the Benang Raja flag to Alexander. Benjamin, who accompanied Pieter at the time, was also arrested and detained after confessing to the police that he is a member of the RMS.

I find it deeply distressing that the three Mollucans have been accused of violating Article 106 of the Indonesian Criminal Code (KUHP) simply for peacefully exercising their human rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly.

Therefore, I urge you to:

- Immediately release Pieter Likumahua, Alexander Workala and Benjamin Naene and drop the charges against them;
- Ensure that they have regular, unrestricted access to their family and a lawyer of their choice in line with international standards of fair trial, and
- Ensure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment and have access to adequate medical care on request or as necessary.

Yours sincerely,