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EAST ASIA BRIEF CI EAB 76-023.Y

1. INDONESIA: THE INDONESIANS HAVE THWARTED THE UN FACT-FINDING TEAM'S EFFORTS TO VISIT FRETILIN-HELD AREAS OF EAST TIMOR.Y

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE LEFT AUSTRALIA FOR GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 8 AFTER TRYING FOR A WEEK TO ARRANGE SAFE PASSAGE TO CONSULT FRETILIN LEADERS IN EAST TIMOR. WALDHEIM, WHO IS VISITING AUSTRALIA, SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATIVE'S MISSION TERMINATED, BUT SET NO TIMETABLE FOR HIS RETURN.Y

JAKARTA PAID LIP SERVICE TO THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE UN MISSION'S EFFORTS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ACCELERATED THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF REMAINING POPULATION CENTERS AND AIRFIELDS. THE INDONESIANS THEN PROFESSED TO BE UNABLE TO GUARANTEE SAFE PASSAGE BECAUSE OF THE UNSETTLED SITUATION AND LEFT THE UN REPRESENTATIVE WITH NO OTHER OPTION THAN TO MEET FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVES IN EXILE IN AUSTRALIA. [REDACTED]

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