



Australia, as West Papua's closest neighbour, must end its complicity. By providing military support and training to Indonesian forces, Australia becomes an accomplice to the ongoing exploitation and violence. It must demand international scrutiny through a UN Special Rapporteur, open access for journalists, and humanitarian aid for West Papua.

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destruction, cultural erasure, and the loss of more than 500,000 indigenous lives in what many call a slow-motion genocide. Yet, the Morning Star continues to rise as a beacon of hope. Each December 1, raising the flag—despite its prohibition under Indonesian law, raising it one can be imprisoned for up to 15 years—remains an act of resistance, solidarity, and resilience.

open to learn more about West Papua's History

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with 2,000 troops deployed to Merauke, escalating violence and contributing to the internal displacement of over 750,000 Indigenous Papuans.

These atrocities reflect broader patterns of Indigenous resistance against colonial powers worldwide. In so-called Australia, Aboriginal Senator Lidia Thorpe disrupted the King of England's visit to Parliament House, challenging the colonial monarchy's legitimacy on stolen land. Her bold stance embodies a growing Indigenous movement rejecting colonial myths and demanding justice for First Nations peoples.



Similarly, the Kanak people of Kanaky (New Caledonia) are resisting French attempts to stifle their independence movement. Despite suppression, the Kanak people's resolve for sovereignty

remains strong. In Aotearoa (New Zealand), Māori MP Hana-Rāwhiti Maipi-Clarke symbolically tore up a misleading interpretation of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill in Parliament, highlighting the colonial state's ongoing disregard for Indigenous rights.

Meanwhile, in Palestine, the fight against Israeli settler-colonialism has drawn global attention. Despite relentless occupation, genocide, displacement, and violence, Palestinians persist in their quest for liberation, embodying unyielding resistance against overwhelming adversity. These struggles, though geographically distant, share a common thread: the fight against settler-colonial systems and the demand for self-determination. From West Papua to Palestine, Indigenous peoples are united in rejecting oppression. Each act of resistance inspires others to stand for justice.

For West Papua, the Morning Star flag symbolises this shared struggle. Since Indonesia's occupation in 1963, West Papuans have endured state violence, genocide, environmental

MERDEKA!

We stand in solidarity with the calls for West Papuan freedom, independence and self-determination that have echoed for generations.

MERDEKA!

On stolen land we live. From this continent to West Papua, we fight for the interconnected struggles of all colonised peoples.

MERDEKA!

As migrants, settlers and non-Indigenous people, there is no such thing as settler moves to innocence. There can be no innocence without an end to the slow genocide of West Papuans.

MERDEKA!

Genocide coincides with ecocide. We center West Papuan liberation as the liberation of all - fighting for destined clear waters, skies and nourished lands for future generations.

MERDEKA FOREVER

Merdeka meaning freedom. Merdeka meaning strike! defund! boycott! restore!

The continuum of resistance lives within all of us - this fight is deep and ancient. Sit and learn, and act on the knowledge with the strengths that you have.

You just have to be human.

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RETHINK GOING TO BALI – SOLIDARITY WITH WEST PAPUA

While Bali is a popular holiday destination for Australians, it's important to reflect on the broader context of Indonesia's occupation and colonisation of West Papua since 1962. The people of West Papua have endured decades of systemic violence, genocide, exploitation, and human rights abuses under Indonesian rule as they continue their fight for self-determination and independence.

Tourism revenue contributes significantly to the Indonesian economy, which supports the structures that perpetuate oppression in West Papua. By vacationing in Bali, Australians became unintentionally complicit in maintaining these systems of colonialism and oppression.

your jewelry and consider recycled metals.

BUYING GOLD?
Freeport McMoran's land theft and ecocide is an integral contributor to the colonial project in West Papua. Educate yourself on the source of

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WHOSE FLAG



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**MORNING STAR FIRST
FLAG RAISING ANNIVERSARY**

**63 YEARS OF RESISTANCE,
PRESERVING THE SPIRIT
OF THE MORNING STAR**

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On December 1, 1961, the Morning Star flag was raised as a symbol of West Papua's aspiration for independence from Dutch colonial rule. For West Papuans, it signifies freedom, dignity, and resistance. Sixty-three years later, it remains a powerful emblem of defiance, uniting Indigenous peoples globally in their fight against colonialism and for justice, land, and rights.

Recently, this spirit was evident in widespread protests across West Papua on November 15, 2024. From Jayapura to Timika and even the Indonesian city of Makassar, Papuans marched against Indonesian settler-colonial occupation and the renewal of the Transmigration Programme under (war criminal)

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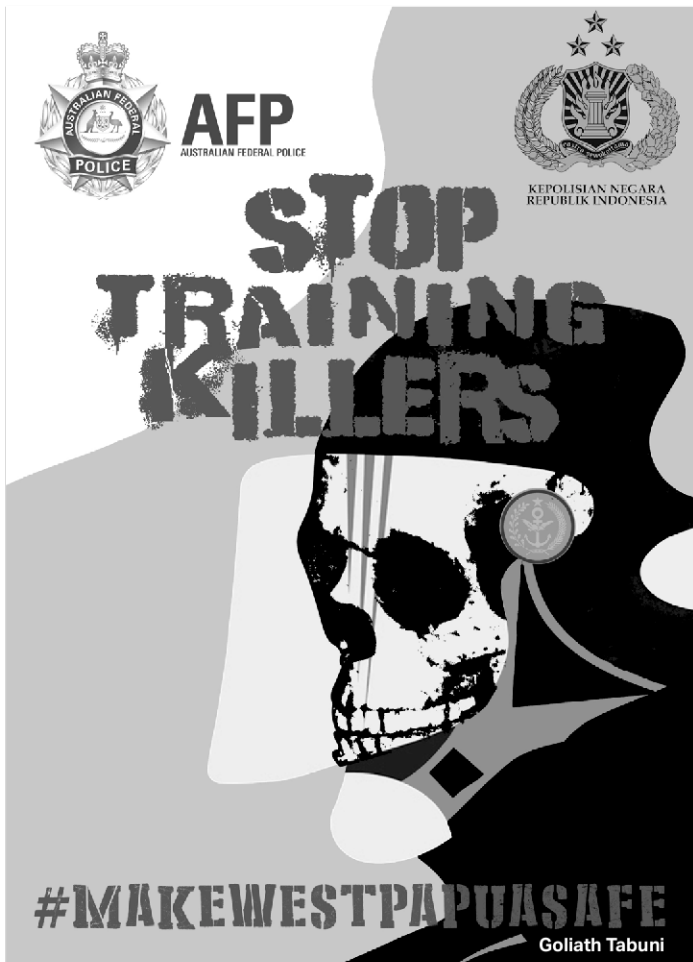
to meaningful change.
For more information, explore resources and campaigns dedicated to West Papua's independence and self-determination.

Change • Connecting with West Papuan Voices

Consider how your choices might impact the struggle of West Papuans for justice and freedom. Ask questions, make informed decisions, and support actions that align with solidarity. Your advocacy can contribute

Before planning a trip to Bali, We urge Australians to exercise due diligence when planning their trips to Bali. This can include:

- Educating Yourself • Supporting Indigenous Balinese Businesses
- Being Critical of Tourism Revenue Allocation • Advocating for



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WEST PAPUA: A HISTORY OF OCCUPATION + RESISTANCE

