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

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

Change • Connecting with West Papuan Voices

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

gence when planning their trips to Bali. This can include: Before planning a trip to Bali. We urge Australians to exercise due dilicomplicit in maintaining these systems of colonialism and oppression. Papua. By vacationing in Bali, Australians became unintentionally which supports the structures that perpetuate oppression in West Tourism revenue contributes significantly to the Indonesian economy,

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

RETHINK GOING TO BALI - SOLIDARITY WITH WEST PAPUA

your jewelery and consider recycled metals. the colonial project in West Papua. Educate yourself on the source of Freeport McMoran's land theft and ecocide is an integral contributor to

BUYING GOLD?

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You just have to be human.

that you have. knowledge with the strengths Sit and learn, and act on the

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> defund! boycott! restore! meaning strike!

Merdeka

reedom. meaning Merdeka

FOREVER MERDEKA

generations. lands for future skies and nourished

> for destined clear waters, liberation of all - fighting Papuan liberation as the ecocide. We center West Genocide coincides with

> > **MEBDEKA!**

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

WEBDEKA!

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

MEBDEKA!

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

MERDEKA!

achieve collective liberation. rise. By resisting together, we By standing in solidarity, we freedom, and self-determination towards aspirations of justice, The Morning Star lights the path that colonialism's time is up. unstoppable. United, we declare judigenous resistance is so-called Australia and Aotearoa, of Kanaky, and the shores of sea of Palestine, to the islands West Papua to the rivers and together. From the forests of Let this anniversary rally us for all resisting colonial domination. shines not just for West Papua but find strength. The Morning Star solidarity, Indigenous movements oppression. However, through militarisation, and systemic uses similar tools: dispossession, colonisation, while varied in form, Morning Star reminds us that



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



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

MORNING STAR FIRST FLAG RAISING ANNIVERSARY

63 YEARS OF RESISTANCE. PRESERVING THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING STAR

Words by Cyndi Makabory (FWP Aus) Photos by @m_rasy (ABM)

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 settlercolonial occupation and the renewal of the Transmigration Programme under (war criminal) President Prabowo Subianto Between 1970 and 2000, this program relocated over 750,000 Indonesians to West Papua, increasing the non-Indigenous population from 6% to 21% Today, settlers outnumber Indigenous Papuans, a stark indicator of Indonesia's intent to erode Melanesian identity while exploiting West Papua's vast natural resources.

The protests also condemned Indonesia's destructive Food Estate Programme, which has displaced Indigenous communities and desecrated sacred lands. In Merauke, two million hectares of land are being cleared without consent, marking the world's largest deforestation project. Indigenous leaders have rejected these illegal seizures, declaring, "The Land of Papua is not empty. It is owned and managed by Indigenous Papuans.'

Military intimidation has accompanied these land grabs, 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



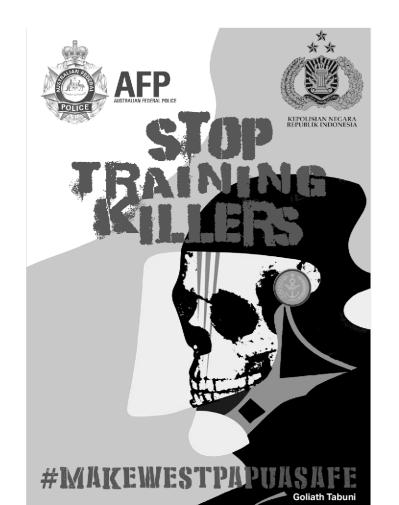
Similarly, the Kanak people of Kanaky (New Caledonia) are resisting French attempts to stifle their independence movement. Despite suppression, the Kanak people's resolve for sovereignty

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



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IS THAT?

WEST PAPUA: A HISTORY OF OCCUPATION + RESISTANCE



1949-1960

PREPARING WEST PAPUA FOR INDEPENDENCE

Indonesia gets independence.

- But claims West Papua is also a part of
- The Dutch government recognised geographic, cultural, and ethnic difference from Indonesia and prepared West Papua's independence instead.

1970-1990

INDONESIA'S TRANSMIGRATION

While the

PROGRAM IN WEST PAPUA

The Indonesian government

coercive military operations

people became a minority

the Indigenous Papuan

In combination with

on their own land.

relocated over 3/4 of a million

people to resettle in West Papua.

2019 MASS DEMONSTRATIONS

AGAINST INDONESIA'S RACISM AND

FOR WEST PAPUA INDEPENDENCE

arrested for allegedly disrespecting the

physically and verbally using derogatory slurs.

into riots across the two provinces, reportedly

- Papuans protested in various cities, escalating

More than 6000 Indonesian

troops were deployed

- Civil militias attacked the students both

43 Papuan students in Surabaya were

leading to the deaths of dozens.

Indonesian flag.



1" DECEMBER

63-PRESENT DA

MORE THAN 00,000 WEST PAPUANS AVE DIED AS A RESUL

FIRST RAISING OF THE

MORNING STAR FLAG

The new Morning Star flag officially raised for the first time outside the council's building in the capital Hollandia (now Jayapura).

ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER WEST PAPUA

WAS PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE, THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT STARTED INVADING WEST PAPUA.

The US urged the The Indonesian Netherlands and its allies government sought help to hand over West Papua from the Soviet Union to Indonesia. The Dutch government

1962-63) THE NEW YORK AGREEMENT W

In May 1963, the UN transferred (WITHOUT CONSENT OR INVOLVEMENT of Indigenous Papuans) de facto authority to the Indonesian government with the provision that a referendum to determine the future political status of West Papua be held by 1969.

ceded control of West Papua to the

UN under the New York Agreement



West Papuans created OPM (Organisasi Papua Merdeka, Free Papua Movement) to coordinate their political efforts to regain independence and freedom from Indonesia.



2001 SPECIAL **AUTONOMY LAW PASSED**

> In response to growing calls for Papuan self-determination, the law was meant to give the Papuan people more room to govern themselves while still remaining part of Indonesia.



140

people detained. tortured, or otherwise ill-treated

person died in custody from

1

are believed to have been extra-judicially executed



Eminent independence Leader Theys Hiyo Eluay was killed by members of the Special Army Forces (Kopassus) in Jayapura.

2024 WORLD'S LARGEST **DEFORESTATION PROJECT**

Indonesia plans to establish 2 million hectares (5 million acres) of sugarcane plantations in Merauke, West Papua.





TRANSMIGRATION PROJECT REVIVED

New Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto plans to introduce a new transmigration programme to West Papua.

As unofficial transmigration has continued, it is now very likely that Indonesians outnumber Indigenous West Papuans within West Papua.



OPEN GOLD & **COPPER MINE**

First work contract between Indonesia and Freeport McMoran. Indonesia sold Freeport a 30-year mining licence of West Papua.

X The Papuans were not consulted in this decision



Members of the Indonesian military force carried out a series of raids on villages in Wamena in response to a raid by a suspected armed pro-independence group.

42

died from

exhaustion

and hunger

in refugee

camps

civilians

1000's displaced

15 38 tortured

arbitrarily arrested

NOVEMBER

WEST PAPUA SPLIT INTO

The West Irian province (later named West Papua) officially elected its first



43 WEST PAPUA REFUGEES ARRIVED BY CANOE IN AUSTRALIA

Indonesian General Sarwo Edhi Wibowo implemented the 'Act of Free Choice' (also known as PEPERA)

Indonesian soldiers 'selected' 1025 out of 800,000 Indigenous Papuans to 'vote' in the referendum.

SUBSEQUENTLY, WEST PAPUA OFFICIALLY BECAME THE INDONESIAN PROVINCE OF 'IRIAN JAYA'.

Hundreds of Papuan protestors gathered in alocal military and police headquarters, after the alleged military beating of 11

Indonesian security forces killed four people and injured at least 11 others.

7 DECEMBER 2014

UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA ESTABLISHED



Formed in Vanuatu the political independence movements seeking indepence for West

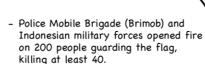


ULMWP merged three Papua from Indonesia



AUGUST 22ND - EARLY SEPTEMBER Indonesian government enforced a total internet blackout in Papua and West Papua for "security"

On 2nd July, activist Filep Karma led a ceremony to raise the Morning Star flag in a small tower near the Port of Biak Island.



- Detained individuals disappeared, 19 people were sentenced for treason and Karma spent over a decade in prison.
- X No one has been charged with the massacre.

2020

BALIKPAPAN JUNE 17"

The Balikpapan District Court found seven Papuans quilty of treason for their involvement in anti-racism

Prosecutors sought 5-17 years of imprisonment

protests in 2019.

were met with protests from activists and the public The seven Papuans were sentenced

to 10-11months in prison.



Eden Armando Debari and Ronny Wandik were found dead. shot by a military official as the two men were fishing.

2021) SPECIAL AUTONOMY

The uneven implementation of the law resulted in widespread dissatisfaction, leading to a number of protests in West Papua and other regions in Indonesia over the past years.

in 1996, as Chief of the Amungme Tribal Council, Tom filed West Papua's first US lawsuit against Freeport for their destruction of the Papuan environment and complicity in the cultural genocide of West Papua.

Tom Beanal passed away 29 May 2023.

FREEDOM FIGHTER. TOM BEANAL



2022 **CREATION OF FOUR NEW**

2000

ESTABLISHED

National Flag.

PAPUAN PRESIDIUM COUNCIL (PDP)

President Abdurrahman Wahid:

- Allowed the raising of the

Morning Star flag, under the

Papuan Presidium Council (PDP) rose

to power to gain world recognition

for West Papua's Independence.

- Changed the official name of the

region from Irian Jaya to Papua.

2023 DEATH OF WEST PAPUAN





