

TRAPPED BY THE PAST

THIS IS GLORIA.

Her family was attacked by a militia gang in East Timor in 1999. Her husband was badly beaten. A bullet hit her 5-year-old son in the head.

It was a time of lawlessness and terror. Today East Timor is an independent nation – but still the violence continues. Two years ago, Gloria's husband was murdered by a local man known to the family. No arrests have been made.

Why has no-one been brought to justice?



EAST TIMOR: WHO CARES?

GLORIA IS NOT ALONE.

Often criminals go unpunished in East Timor, a legacy of the 25-year occupation by Indonesia when mass killings and human rights abuses were common.

"I will keep protesting," says Gloria.
"Justice is important. If you don't have justice then people will do whatever they want. There are no rules."

It's time to help people like Gloria.

The UK government sold weapons to Indonesia when it was occupying East Timor and terrorising its people. Now it's time for the UK to help bring peace, justice and development to the suffering people of East Timor.

Gloria's son Here

Please write to your MP, and show Gloria and the people of East Timor that you care



A minute of your time is all it takes. Just send this letter to your MP asking them to help bring justice to East Timor. (Send the letter to us at our Freepost address and we will forward it to your MP.)

And with just a little more time, you can help us show that justice has a human face. Inside this leaflet is a poster. Before you send off the letter, write a message on the poster, take a photo of yourself holding your poster, and email the photo to us. We will build a collage of your photos to present to UK MPs. Because people who care can be a powerful force for change.

Who Cares about East Timor? Let the answer be you.

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Dear _____ MP

I am concerned about recent outbreaks of violence in East Timor – a country occupied brutally for 25 years by Indonesia with whom the UK profited from a lucrative arms trade.

I believe the UK must do more to support justice, truth and reconciliation initiatives in East Timor. Otherwise, East Timor risks being trapped in a cycle of violence and poverty. I ask you to write on my behalf to the UK government expressing my concerns.

The UK government should pressure the Timorese government to take action on past crimes. Please also urge the UK government to provide technical and financial support for a proposed justice centre in East Timor that will provide support to victims of violence seeking justice. As one of the supporters of the truth and reconciliation process, the UK government should also discuss and respond to recommendations relating to the UK in the two major truth and reconciliation reports from East Timor (the CTF and CAVR).

Please write on my behalf to the Secretaries of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and for International Development.

Yours sincerely, _____ (signature)

Your name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Email (optional) _____

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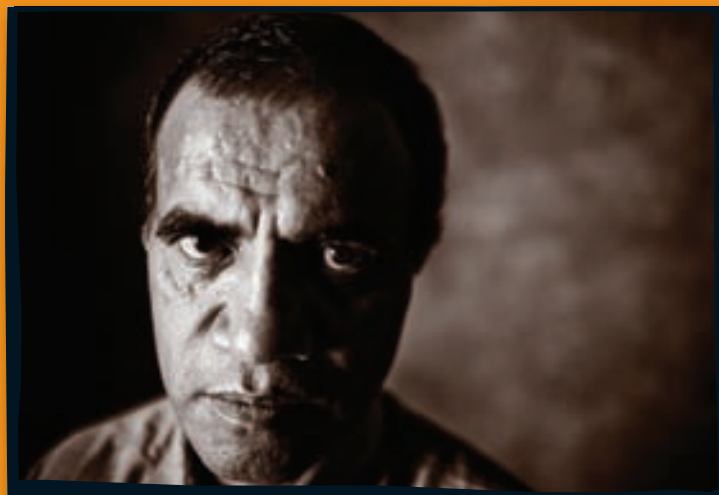
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Jelja: still waiting for the truth about her husband's disappearance



Antonio: violently attacked for his political beliefs



Floriana: widowed in 1999 when her husband was killed



Jose: survived an attempted beheading

Show your MP that justice has a human face. Write in marker pen in the space below why you care about East Timor (some ideas are given below). Take a photo of yourself holding your poster, and send the photo to us (email your photo to wecare@progressio.org.uk). We will build a collage of your photos to present to UK MPs. We will not use your photo for any other purpose.

I care about East Timor because. . .

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IMPORTANT FOR ALL

I care about East Timor because. . .

EVERYONE'S HUMAN
RIGHTS MATTER

I care about East Timor because. . .

THE TIMORESE PEOPLE
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EVERYONE NEEDS
TO LIVE IN PEACE

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THE UK HAS A
RESPONSIBILITY TO
HELP EAST TIMOR

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Bring truth and justice to a forgotten nation