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LDN PARIS GENEV SEOUL CIDAULL/BSE PCOOTT/HEINBECKER/MCGOVERN

TT NDHQOTT/CIS/ADM(POT AMD COW)DIPOL/ DE CAF

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---INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR:RECENT SHOOTINGS

FACTS ARE NOT/NOT CLEAR,BUT BEST AND LATEST INFO WE HAVE IS AS FOLLOWS.APPROX 1,000 PEOPLE PROCEEDED FROM MOTAEL CHURCH TO SANTA CRUZ CEMETARY AROUND 0700 NOV12 TO ATTEND CEREMONY FOR SEBASTIAN GOMEZ,TIMORESE YOUTH KILLED OCT28(SEE BELOW).ANOTHER APPROX 500 PEOPLE JOINED THEM AT CEMETARY.AT ABOUT SAME TIME SOME OTHER TIMORESE SEEM TO HAVE GATHERED AT NEW RESENDA HOTEL WHERE REP FROM UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS(DUTCH PROF KOUIJMANS)WAS STAYING.

2.ACCORDING TO DUTCH EMBASSY(PROTECT)A MAJOR FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WAS APPARENTLY TAKING PICTURES OF THESE PEOPLE(WE DO NOT/NOT KNOW IF THEY WERE DEMONSTRATING OR JUST STANDING OR WAITING) AND WAS STABBED.(WE UNDERSTAND HE IS STILL ALIVE).ROUGHLY 30 MIN LATER SOLDIERS(3 TRUCKLOADS)WENT TO CEMETARY,PUT ON HELMETS,LOADED GUNS AND OPENED FIRE ON CROWD OF 1,500.THERE ARE REPORTS THAT BEFORE SHOOTING THEY/ONE OF THEM SAID QUOTE THE MILITARY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED

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AND THIS IS OUR ANSWER UNQUOTE.

3. IF ABOVE IS CORRECT, SITU IS MUCH WORSE (PREMEDITATED, UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON CIVILIANS) THAN INFO AVAILABLE NOV13 INDICATED OR THAN PRESS OR SOME EMBASSIES HERE UNDERSTOOD AS LATE AS 0900 TODAY (NOV14) WHEN PRESS/COLLEAGUES WERE STILL SAYING THEY DID NOT/NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT LED TO SHOOTING OR WHAT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WAS. ABRI IS PUTTING OUT DIFFERENT LINE: THAT MOB LEFT CHURCH, BEGAN ENTICING PEOPLE TO JOIN, BEGAN THROWING STONES, ETC. THE MAJOR WAS STABBED, DEMONSTRATORS THEN THREW A GRENADE, POLICE AND SOLDIERS PANICKED AND OPENED FIRE.

4. ESTIMATES OF CASUALTIES RUN FROM 13 (ONE ABRI ESTIMATE) TO 150. DUTCH EMBASSY SUGGESTS 55, AND 50 WAS FIGURE WE HAD TUESDAY EVENING AND ONE GENERALLY BEING USED. WE HAVE HEARD THAT ABRI HAS BURIED BODIES IN MASS GRAVE, SO TRUTH MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. FIGURE BEING USED FOR BADLY WOUNDED IS 30, SOME OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY DIED OR WILL DIE, AND ONE FIGURE USED FOR MODERATELY INJURED IS 60. ONE THING JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS WILL BE LOOKING AT IS RATIO OF KILLED TO WOUNDED BECAUSE IF IT IS HIGH IT WOULD SUGGEST TROOPS WERE AIMING TO KILL. DOZENS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND WE HAVE HEARD ABRI IS ENGAGED IN DOOR-TO-DOOR HOUSE SEARCHES. ONE YOUNG MALAYSIAN-NEW ZEALANDER PRESENT AT CEMETARY WAS WOUNDED AND DIED IN HOSPITAL.

5. NEEDLESS TO SAY TIMORESE ARE TERRIFIED AND ET CONTACTS, INCLUDING OUR OWN, ARE AFRAID TO TALK ON PHONE. WE ALSO DO NOT/NOT WISH TO PUT

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THEM IN JEOPARDY AND ARE NOT/NOT ATTEMPTING TO REACH THEM FOR
MOMENT.NEEDLESS TO SAY VISIT TO ET BY UNHCR EXPERT ON TORTURE WAS
A SHAMBLES-HE HAS BEEN BADLY SHAKEN BY EVENT(PIETER KOOIJMANS).

6.INFO BASE IN JKRTA SHOULD BEGIN IMPROVING THIS PM.UK DIPLOMAT
ARRIVES IN DILI AT NOON AND WILL MEET TWO UK JOURNALISTS WHO WERE
THERE(ARRESTED AND RELEASED).AUSTL FIRST SECR THERE NOW.REUTERS,
ABC,FEER AND 3 OTHER AGENCIES HAVE SENT JOURNALISTS.

7.WE HAD NOT/NOT REPORTED OCT28 INCIDENT BECAUSE FACTS WERE NOT/NOT
CLEAR(AND STILL ARE NOT/NOT)AND KILLING BY AUTHORITIES IS ALL TOO
COMMON IN INDONESIA.TIMORESE YOUTHS HAVE LONG USED MOTAEEL CHURCH AS
SANCTUARY AND AUTHORITIES HAVE TOLERATED SITU.IT SEEMS THAT AT 0200
ON OCT28 A YOUNG TIMORESE IN POLICE PAY MET ANOTHER,SEBASTIAN GOMEZ,
WHO HAD BEEN STAYING IN THE CHURCH.THERE WAS SOME SORT OF INCIDENT
(NOT/NOT A RIOT)AND THE YOUTH WORKING FOR POLICE WAS STABBED AND
GOMEZ WAS SHOT.IT IS ASSUMED THE AUTHORITIES WERE BEHIND THIS
BECAUSE ORDINARY TIMORESE DO NOT/NOT GO OUT ON STREETS AT 0200 AND
DO NOT/NOT HAVE GUNS.GOMEZ WAS BURIED ON FOLLOWING DAY IN VERY NICE
GRAVE AND OTHER YOUTH BURIED WITHOUT FANFARE OR TOMBSTONE.
PROCESSION TO CEMETARY ON NOV12 WAS TO HONOUR GOMEZ,BUT GIVEN
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING OF HIS DEATH IT WAS ALSO A POLITICAL
STATEMENT.

8.HAVE REQUESTED MTG WITH ACTING FOR MIN MURDANI BUT HE IS ABSENT
TILL NOV19.HAVE REQUESTED MTG WITH SECURITY AND POLITICAL
COORDINATING MIN SUDOMO AND INTERIOR MIN RUDINI(BOTH ARE EX-GENERALS
AND IT IS MILITARY THAT RUNS ET).ALATAS TIED UP TILL HIS DEPARTURE

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ON TUESDAY WITH PRESIDENT FOR G15 MTG. AMB IS MEETING JUNIOR MIN
TRADE THIS PM AND WILL RAISE SUBJ, AS SHE HAS WITH OTHER MINS SHE IS
MEETING. AMB ANSWERED QUESTIONS RAISED ON ET AT PRESS CONF THIS AM
(PURPOSE WAS CROSS-CULTURAL LEARNING) EXPRESSING CDAS DEEP SHOCK AT
KILLING BY MILITARY OF UNARMED CIVILIANS (AND MADE POINT THAT MOST
FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT OF ALL WAS RIGHT TO LIFE. USA AND AUSTL
MAKING DEMARCHES AND AUSTL AMB HAS ALREADY SEEN MURDANI, SUDOMO AND
RUDINI.

9. REF YOURTEL 2966, SOME POINTS:

(A) PARA 2: AS MANY AS 50 TIMORESE KILLED (NOT/NOT 100). OF SOME 1,500
MOURNERS (NOT/NOT 2,000). AN INCIDENT LAST MONTH (NOT/NOT A RIOT).

(B) PARA 5: RE TALKING POINT FIVE, IN LIGHT OF NOV12 INCIDENT IS CDA
STILL IN FAVOUR OF PORTUGUESE PARL VISIT AT THIS TIME. GIVEN GAPS IN
INFO ON NOV12 (MOTIVES OF PEOPLE, OF TROOPS, LEVEL OF ABRI COMMAND WHO
ORDERED/LET HAPPEN INCIDENT, HOW ABRI WILL HANDLE, ETC) MIGHT IT
NOT/NOT BE BETTER TO REPLY, IF ASKED ABOUT PORT PARL VISIT, THAT THIS
IS ONE OF ISSUES CDN GOVT IS NOW EXAMINING.

10. REF YOURTEL 2984, SOME POINTS:

(A) CONDEMN NOT/NOT CONDONE MANNER OF INCORPORATION (TYPO).

(B) LAST TALKING POINT PARA 1 QUOTE AND AMB HAS REPEATEDLY RAISED HR
CONCERNS AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

11. REF LSBON TEL 0183 NOV13 JUST RECD, WE HAVE NOTED TEL AND WISH TO
COMMENT LATER WHEN MORE INFO AVAILABLE ON SUBJ OF PORT PARL VISIT
AND DESIRABILITY OF GG RAISING ISSUE. LSBON TEL NOTWITHSTANDING, WE
LEAVE ON TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION POINT RAISED PARA 9(B) ABOVE.

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