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United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

**The General Prosecutor of the United Nations Transitional
Administration for East Timor**

I. INDICTMENT

The General Prosecutor of the United Nations Transitional Administration for East Timor, pursuant to his authority under UNTAET Regulations 1999/1, 2000/11, 2000/15, 2000/16 and 2000/30 charges:

CIPRIANO DA COSTA

With

MURDER

As set forth in this indictment

II NAME AND PARTICULARS OF THE ACCUSED

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Name: Cipriano Da Costa alias Mausupri

Date of Birth: Not Known

Place of Birth: Urahou- Ermera

Nationality: East Timorese

Location: Released after Detention

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1) The Accused Cipriano Da Costa was a member of the Darah Merah militia, which was operating in the district of Ermera in the year 1999. Cipriano Da Costa was the Operational Commander of the Darah Merah militia in the village of Urahou. The said group along with

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soldiers of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) directed acts of violence towards the pro-independence activists, specifically members of the Armed Forces for the National Liberation of East Timor (FALINTIL) and National Council of East Timorese Resistance (CNRT).

- 2) On or about 13 May 1999, some TNI soldiers under the command of Melki came to the village of Urahou and shot Abrao Salsinha as he ran from them near the home of his father, MauKruma, and he was injured as a result.
- 3) On or about 19 May 1999, Cipriano Da Costa, met with members of the Darah Merah Militia and TNI soldiers at the house of Antonio Da Costa. At this meeting, the group was ordered to arrest Abrao Salsinha, a FALANTIL sympathizer.
- 4) Cipriano Da Costa and the group entered the home of MauKruma where Abrao Salsinha was staying. Abrao Salsinha was forcibly taken from Mau Kruma's (Abro Salsinha's father) house and was shot by Cipriano Da Costa and others. As a result of these shots, Abrao Salsinha was killed.

IV. STATEMENT OF THE OFFENCE .

Pursuant to the above the Prosecutor CHARGES;

COUNT 1: Murder,

On or about the 19th of May 1999, in Urahou, Ermera District, Cipriano Da Costa alias Mausupri, together with others, with deliberate intent and premeditation did commit or aid in the murder of Abrao Salsinha in violation of Article 340 of the Indonesian Penal Code read with Sections 14.3 and 8 of the UNTAET regulation 2000/15.

V. EVIDENCE

The list of witnesses and evidence that supports this Indictment is contained in Annex, "A" which forms an integral part of this Indictment.

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REQUEST FOR TRAIL

The General Prosecutor hereby requests the Special Panel for Serious Crimes of the District Court of Dili to take jurisdiction and try this case expeditiously.

Date 26 June 2001

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Prosecutor Serious Crimes