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Your Excellency

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience Johan Teterissa and all of his co-protestors imprisoned solely for their peaceful political expression.

Johan, a primary school teacher from Maluku, has spent nearly 10 years in prison for the simple act of waving a flag. He led a group of men in a "cakalele" dance protest in front of the former President which ended with them raising a flag banned by the government. The men were taken by the police, whipped, beaten and imprisoned following an unfair trial. Johan was sentenced to life, reduced to a 15-year sentence.

Johan and his co-protestors remain imprisoned thousands of kilometres from family and friends. Pending their release they should be immediately transferred to a prison closer to their families.

Please take action today to end this injustice.

Yours sincerely,