

## Indonesian military personnel - Training

This extract from a submission I provided to a parliamentary committee lists a few Indonesian military personnel who have trained in Australia. International training does not improve their human rights conduct but grants them a degree of international legitimacy, allowing them to rise through the ranks. No human rights benefits for the people of Indonesia have been observed as a result of this training.

### **Major General Syafrie Syamsuoddin**

Date of Birth: 30 October 1952

Place of Birth: Ujung Pandang, South Sulawesi

Relevant Profile:

1975 – Participated in Operation Flamboyan (East Timor) under Yunus Yosfiah. The operation led to the murder of five Australian journalists, among others.

1975 – Participated in Operation Seroja (the invasion of East Timor).

1975-1977 – Responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity while Battalion Commander, Group I Kopassandha (the organization now known as Kopassus), in East Timor.

1984 – Deputy Commander, Battle Detachment 13, Special Forces, in East Timor as part of Operasi Candrasa.

1985 – Training in the US (Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Fort Benning, USA).

1987 – Fought in West Papua (then Irian Jaya) as part of Group I, Kopassus.

1991-1993 – Deputy Assistant for Operations, Kopassus. The Dili Massacre occurred during this time.

1993 – Training in Australia (Special Air Service Regiment, Perth).

1999 – Returned to East Timor, reporting to Major General Zacky Anwar Makarim, one of the architects of the terror campaign in 1999.

### **Major General Sutiyoso**

Date of Birth: 6 December 1944

Place of Birth: Java

Relevant Profile:

1975 – Participated in Operation Flamboyan (East Timor) under Dading Kalbuadi. The operation led to the murder of five Australian journalists, among others.

1978 – Participated in operations against the people of Aceh.

1989-1990 – Training in Australia (Army Command and Staff College).

1990-1992 – Training in the US and UK (various courses at Fort Bragg, USA, and Aldershot, UK).

1992-1993 – Deputy Commander, Kopassus

1996 – Commanded the attack against pro-democracy activists in Jakarta on 27 July 1996. Issued a shoot-on-sight order on 29 July 1996.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Bambang Heru Sukmadi**

Date of Birth: 28 March 1952

Place of Birth: Wonosobo, Central Java

Relevant Profile:

1974 – Military Academy, Magelang

1974 – Training in Australia (Cadets Exchange Program, Royal Military College, Duntroon)

1976-1977 – Participated in Operation Seroja (the invasion of East Timor).

1981 – Training in the US (Communication-Electronics Staff Officer Course, USA).

1992 – Training in Australia (Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre).

### **Lieutenant General A. M. Hendropriyono**

Date of Birth: 7 May 1945

Place of Birth: Yogyakarta

Relevant Profile:

1971 – Training in Australia (School of Military Intelligence, Canungra).

1974 – Participated in counter-insurgency operations in Kalimantan

1975 – Participated in the destabilization and invasion of East Timor

1989 – Led troops against villagers in Lampung, South Sumatra on 7 February 1989. The operation resulted in the deaths of upto 300 men, women and children. Hendropriyono has the nickname “Butcher of Lampung” for this reason.

1999 – Responsible for the ethnic cleansing campaign against East Timorese civilians.

2001 – Promoted to Head, National Intelligence Body.

Holds the TNI record for the number of academic degrees (four).

### **Major General Syahrir**

Date of Birth: 20 July 1947

Place of Birth: Baturaja, South Sumatra

Relevant Profile:

1983 – Participated in operations against civilians in East Timor as part of Special Forces

1985 – Participated in operations in East Timor as part of Special Forces

1988 – Participated in operations against civilians in East Timor as part of Special Forces

1992 – Training in Australia (Joint Services College, Weston Creek, Canberra).

1997-1998 – Commander, Military Command Area IX (incorporating East Timor). Attacks against civilians were common while he was commander.

1998 – One of his sons studied in Perth, Western Australia.

1998-2000 – Commander, Kopassus. Extra-judicial murder of students and other pro-democracy activists were common while he was commander.

### **Major General George Toisutta**

Date of Birth: c 1953

Place of Birth: Makassar (ethnically Ambonese)

Relevant Profile:

1976 – Military Academy, Magelang  
1982 – Training in Australia  
1992 – Indonesian Staff College  
1995-1996 – Deputy Commander, East Timor Military District. Responsible for setting up the intelligence and militia networks there.  
1998-1999 – Commander Korem 051. He had responsibility for East Jakarta and South Jakarta during the “Semanggi” incident in which at least 16 students were killed by the military at the Semanggi toll road ramp adjacent to Atma Jaya University.  
2003 – Military Operations Commander, Aceh. Numerous attacks against civilians were reported during his time there.  
2005 – Promoted. Given the job of Military Commander, West Papua.

### **Brigadier General Syarifudin Tippe**

Date of Birth: 7 June 1953  
Place of Birth: Sinjai, South Sulawesi  
Relevant Profile:  
1975 – Military Academy, Magelang  
1976-1985 – Various postings as Battalion Commander, Operations Intelligence Officer, Deputy Commander of 6<sup>th</sup> Combat Intelligence Detachment.  
1990 – Army Staff and Command College  
1992 – Training in the US (Staff College)  
1994 – Training in Australia  
1999 – Commander, Korem 012, Banda Aceh. Stated in an interview, “I will slaughter provocateurs and Aceh Merdeka members who intimidate the people in Western and Southern Aceh, because they are clearly enemies of the state who are intent on sabotaging the general election... I don't care, I regard anyone like that as an enemy of the state. Because they are trampling on the unitary state and they obviously want to sabotage the elections.” Defended the Bantakiah massacre in West Aceh in July 1999.  
2000 – Wrote a book about his military experiences in Aceh (*Aceh di Persimpangan Jalan*, Pustaka Cidesindo, Jakarta, November 2000).

### **General Ryamizard Riyacudu.**

Date of Birth: 21 April 1950  
Place of Birth: Palembang  
Relevant Profile:  
1974 – Military Academy, Magelang  
Received On-The-Job Training in Australia during his career.  
1974 – Participated in counter-insurgency operations against civilians, primarily villagers, in Kalimantan as part of Infantry Battalion 641.  
1991 – Commander, Infantry Battalion 305 under Brigade Linud 17 Kostrad.  
1992 – Commanded the 12<sup>th</sup> Garuda Contingent B, in Kompong Thom, Cambodia.  
1994 – Commander, Sector A, East Timor, when attacks against civilians were common.

2001 – Chief of the Indonesian Army when Papuan leader Theys Eluay was strangled to death Indonesian soldiers. Ryacudu endorsed the assassination, stating that the soldiers “are heroes because the person they killed was a rebel leader”.

### **Lieutenant General Prabowo Subianto**

Date of Birth: 17 October 1951

Place of Birth: Jakarta

Relevant Profile:

1974 – Military Academy, Magelang

Very close with the Australian Defence Force for the duration of his career.

1976-1979 – Involved in war crimes while participating in operations in East Timor as part of Tim Nanggala X, Special Forces.

1980 – Training in the US (US Army Special Forces course, Fort Bragg, USA).

1981 – Training in West Germany (Anti-terrorist training with GSG-9)

1984 – Deputy Commander, Detachment-81 (anti-terror unit), Kopassus

1985 – Training in the US (US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, USA)

1988-1989 – Commander, Battalion 328, Kostrad, in East Timor. A Yale University study found ‘strong evidence of the covert, forcible injection of young women with hormonal contraceptives during 1987-1989’, and ‘a disturbingly high reliance on injectable contraceptives, which at 62% of all continuing family planning users is double that of the next nearest province’.

1995-1998 – Commander, Kopassus. Repeated crackdowns against pro-democracy activists.

1998 – Commander, Kostrad. Implicated in the mass rapes of ethnic Chinese women and the abductions of students and other pro-democracy activists.

### **Brigadier General Nur Muis**

Date of Birth: c1953

Place of Birth: Kuala Simpang, Aceh

Relevant Profile:

1976 – Military Academy, Magelang

Received Training in Australia during his career.

1999-2000 – Commander, Korem 164 (East Timor) during the terror campaign against the people of East Timor in 1999. He is said to have served a two year term in East Timor earlier in his career. After evacuating his troops from East Timor in 1999, he told them, “You don't need to tell anyone about what you have done on your way here. Don't even tell your wives.”