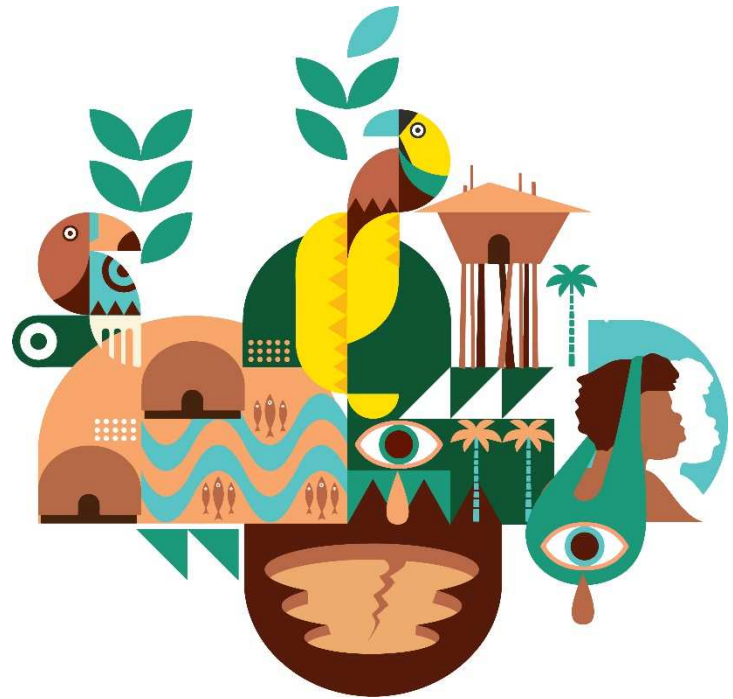


# Voices from Papua



“From January to March 2022, the following events in West Papua are notable:

- Provincial expansion. The central government intended to establish five new provinces in Tanah Papua. This idea comes from the revision of the Special Autonomy Law No. 2, 2021, Article 76 on the addition of new provinces to autonomous regions. This article is the basis for the idea to expand the province.

"The main objective of the Special Autonomy Revision Law is to achieve equitable development throughout Indonesia" - according to the head of the second commission of the House of Representatives of the Indonesian Republic.

- The trial of Victor Yeimo is still ongoing. On Monday 21 February, the prosecutor of the Jayapura Chief Public Prosecutor's Office filed charges of treason against Victor Yeimo. Currently, Victor Yeimo is suffering from chronic tuberculosis and is undergoing treatment. The medical treatment will take another 5 months.
- An IDP from Ayata village East Aifat Sub District passed away on Monday 21 February 2022. Previously, two other IDPs died in February. They are Timo Fatem who passed away on Friday 18 Feb 22 and Samuel Saisor who passed away on Sunday 20 Feb 2022.
- On Thursday 24 February 2022, a child named Makilon Tabuni died after being tortured by police and military in Sinak, Puncak Regency.

Prada Kristian Sandi Alviando lost his SS2 firearm near Tapulinik Airport in Sinak Sub District, Puncak County. TNI and police chased and searched a number of houses and burnt a honai (traditional hut). They arrested seven primary school students and took them to a military post near the airport where they were interrogated and tortured. They were then taken to the Sinak police office. Makilon Tabuni died the same day.

- Blok Wabu: On Wednesday 9 February 2022, Front Papuan students in Bali and Java held protests in front of the House of Representatives in Jakarta. They opposed the Blok Wabu mine in Intan Jaya and called on the government to consider and take into account the future of the Moni tribe who live in the mining area that will be opened.

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From these events, we can see that the security approach relied on by the central government has only led to an increase in the number of deaths among Papuans. Civil society and even children become victims of military operations. Especially in the highlands, Papuans increasingly have to leave their homes or their villages and seek protection from the armed conflict. The houses of the local villagers have often been destroyed and/or burnt down. Public facilities such as government offices, health centers and schools have been taken by the security forces as their posts. Teachers, health workers and public servants can no longer perform their duties. Civil society is not getting its due and cannot access services for its basic needs."

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