

**Onderwerp:** Black West Papuan Lives Matter - Help Free Buchtar!

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Hi ,

**From Minneapolis to West Papua, Black people are fighting against racism and discrimination.** The powers that be want to stop them.

**Buchtar Tabuni**, one of the most prominent leaders inside West Papua, is facing **17 years in prison** for standing up against racism and defending the Black Melanesian people of West Papua.

**We need your help.** Before sentencing, let the Indonesian State hear a chorus of global solidarity:

- **Contact your MPs or political representatives:** ask them to raise Buchtar's case with your government and parliament;
- **Release statements of solidarity** from any organisations you are involved in;
- **Post pictures on social media** holding signs in solidarity with Buchtar.



Buchtar Tabuni addressing a rally in West Papua.

Now is the crucial moment. One of West Papua's most effective organisers could be consigned to prison for the better part of his life – and **we need to act**.

Buchtar was [kidnapped at his home in September last year by armed Indonesian troops](#) and **flown to East Kalimantan, far from his family, friends and legal advisers**.

He was charged with 'treason' during the [massive 2019 West Papua Uprising](#), when hundreds of thousands of Papuans came out to struggle against [the racism they face every day](#). **As Benny Wenda has said, 'West Papuans are not being killed for what we have done. We are being killed for who we are.'**



Buchtar is Deputy Chair of the Legislative Council of the United Liberation Movement for West Papua, and Chair of the National Parliament of West Papua. **His prominence is the real reason he is being persecuted.**

Together, we can help get Buchtar out of prison and back to the heart of West Papuan independence movement. **Free Buchtar!**

With warmth and solidarity,

## The Free West Papua Campaign

*P.s. Two other West Papuan activists, Gerson Tabuni and Kalep Kilungga, have been recently arrested and tortured by the Indonesian police. Please call the local police detective and demand their release - [more information here!](#)*

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