

West Papua human rights abuses, 2024.

Note - This is by no means an exhaustive list of abuses that have occurred this year, but is intended to provide a snapshot of life in West Papua, and illustrate the kinds of military and police violence currently taking place.

- **January 2024:** Daud Bano, 35, killed after a disagreement with an Indonesian soldier in Karya Bumi village, Jayapura Regency. The incident was triggered after the soldier witnessed Bano and a friend ask an Indonesian shop owner for cigarettes. He then beat Bano, after which a fight ensued, and the soldier then struck Bano in the neck with a machete. He died on the spot. 958 West Papuans were forcibly displaced following the incident, after Papuan villagers mobilised to defend themselves. Karya Bumi village has been a transmigrant settlement since 1976. It has long been a hotspot of tension between indigenous Papuans and Indonesian settlers, as the land was appropriated without compensation and the customary rights of the local tribes have never been acknowledged.
- **February 2024:** Marten Kudia, 30, and Oktofianus Yogi, 31, are beaten and tortured using a crowbar, hammer, and knife while drinking in a market in Paniai. The attack happened at Enarotali Central Market, after two soldiers approached the pair while consuming alcohol. The soldiers fled the scene of the crime immediately after, leaving the two men critically injured.
- **February 2024:** Mr Andinus Murib, 21, and Mr Devius Wanikbo, 19, are tortured after soldiers arrested them while they were fixing a roof in their village. Security forces carried out a military raid on Manggume Village, Omukia District. Indigenous villagers fled into the bush while Murib and Wanikbo were trapped on the roof. During the same raid, a group of soldiers beat, kicked, and stabbed a Mr Werinus Murib, 20, before tying his feet to a car and dragging him for 1km, killing him. At least three other civilians were also tortured, including a pastor named Reverend Eriak Waker. Security forces also burnt houses in the village during the raid.
- **February 2024:** Following a February military operation in which one TPNPB fighter was killed, Indonesian soldiers arrested, tortured, and took 'trophy' photos with the bodies of two teenage Papuan civilians. After Indonesian military killed Otniel Giban on February 2022, soldiers arrested two 15-year-old Papuans as they were crossing the Brasa river. The teenagers (names not released) were initially seized as 'suspects' but later held as 'witnesses' to the TPNPB shootout. The TPNPB denied the pair were members and stated they were ordinary civilians.
- **February 2024:** Selli Maiseni, 17, and Mr Mikalon Yoani, 26, shot and wounded in Sugapa District, Intan Jaya Regency, during vote counting following the Indonesian presidential elections. Maiseni sustained a gunshot wound to the arm, while Yoani was shot in the thigh. A military spokesperson denied the incident entirely. Intan Jaya has been a hotspot of TNI activity since 2018, with there being numerous incidents of

Papuan minors from the Regency being killed or tortured in that time (e.g. Mekelon Sondegau, 15; Nepina Duwita, 6; Nardo Duwita, 12; Nelson Sani, 17).

- **March 2024:** Nelson Sani, 17, is shot dead by TNI during a military raid in Sugapa, Intan Jaya. According to eyewitnesses, Sani fell to the ground as soldiers returned fire on a suspected TPNPB position. He died from a chest wound. Sani's body was then taken without the permission of his family to Timika, where soldiers removed and confiscated the bullet that hit him. Two other West Papuan minors are also shot during the incident; Selli Maiseni, 17, shot in the arm, and Makelon Hagisimijau, 15, shot in the thigh.
- **March 2024:** Video emerges of Indonesian soldiers torturing Defianus Kogoya who is filmed with his hands tied, standing in a barrel of bloody water, as soldiers take turns punching, kicking, and slashing him. The soldiers can also be heard making racist comments about his body. Indonesia's official response to the video revealed that another man, Warinus Kogoya, was killed while in the same battalion's custody on the same day. The statement suggested that Warinus died while attempting to jump out of a moving police car; however, no independent testimony verified this course of events. Houses in the region were also burned by security forces during the joint raids.
- **April 2024:** 77 people are arbitrarily arrested during a peaceful protest called in response to the torture of Defianus Kogoya. Student protesters were demonstrating against the persistent use of torture by the TNI and called for an independent investigation into the Kogoya case. The peaceful protest, consisting of speeches given by student activists, was forcibly dispersed with tear gas, water cannons, beatings, and mass arrests.
- **April 2024:** Two siblings are shot by Indonesian military members in Intan Jaya during a TNI-TPNPB firefight. Nepina Duwita, 6, fell into a coma, while her brother Nardo Duwita, 12, was shot in the head and killed. The siblings were sheltering in a house with other Papuans when they were shot. The gunshots that killed Nardo from a nearby Police Mobile Brigade (BRIMOB) post, suggesting that it was Indonesian security forces that fired the fatal shots. BRIMOB have been implicated in a number of atrocities over recent years, including the massacre of 11 Papuans in Wamena in February 2023, the July 2023 execution of civilian Yosia Keiya in Dogiyai, and the disappearance of a pastor in January 2022.
- **April 2024:** approximately 2,600 civilians from six villages are displaced in Paniai Regency following the assassination of an Indonesian soldier by the TPNPB. Oktovanius Sogalrey was found dead on a roadside in the Agadide District on 11th April. Locals reported a subsequent military mobilisation in Paniai, prompting thousands of terrified villagers to flee their homes ahead of security raids.