

Onderwerp: Indonesia should not be hosting the G20

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The Hypocritical Host of G20



*President Jokowi Opens G20 Summit
in Bali, Indonesia.*



*President Jokowi's 60th year of mass
deforestation and illegal occupation of
West Papua.*

Yesterday, the 17th annual G20 summit began in Bali, Indonesia.

The agenda: **Russia's war in Ukraine**, the continuing economic recovery from Covid-19, and the **existential threat of climate change**.

What's missing?

The host's brutal and illegal occupation of West Papua.

Indonesia is not a suitable host for a global forum like the G20.

- Hundreds of thousands of West Papuans have been killed, in what scholars have described as a 'slow genocide'.
- Natural wealth and cultural heritage has been stolen from the West Papuan people.
- Forests have been destroyed and rivers poisoned by mines and monoculture plantations.

Over the next 15 years, an estimated 13% of West Papua's rainforest – the third-largest on earth – will be destroyed by rapacious Indonesian development.



In the past few months, West Papua suffered a series of devastating tragedies at their coloniser's hands:

- the **suspicious death of legendary non-violent activist Filep Karma** (*pictured left*),
- **torture, murder, and mutilation of 4 Papuan civilians** by Indonesian soldiers,
- **arbitrary arrest of Buchtar Tabuni**, one of West Papua's most important liberation leaders, and
- the unspeakable **murder of Bruno Kimko** by the Indonesian military.

Every G20 member condemned Russia's illegal annexation of three Ukrainian regions in September.

But how can their words be meaningful when they sit happily alongside Indonesia, who annexed West Papua in 1969?

As West Papuan liberation leader Benny Wenda says:

“The big Western powers rightly condemn Russia’s invasion and occupation of Ukraine. But the soldiers who occupy my country and mutilate my people are trained and supplied by Western states”.

In solidarity,

The Free West Papua Campaign Board

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