

After the arrest of Buchtar Tabuni (Committee chairman of the International parliamentarians for West Papua in Papua) with subversive charges, now Sebby Sambom (one of the committee member of the launch of International Parliamentarians for West Papua in Papua) was arrested by Papua police criminal unit. Sebby was arrested in Sentani - Jayapura after giving a press conference demanding the release of Buchtar Tabuni from Papua police custody.

Both Buchtar Tabuni and Sebby Sambom were expressing their support for the launch of the International Parliamentarians for West Papua (IPWP) which was launched at the UK Houses of Parliament in London on the 15th of October 2008. The launch of the International parliamentarians for West Papua at the UK Houses of Parliament was co-hosted by Rt Hon Andrew Smith MP and Lord Harries of Pentregarth. Buctar and Sebby led a peaceful demonstration on the 16th of October 2008 and expressed their support for the International Parliamentarians for West Papua. For expressing their support for IPWP, both Buctar and Sebby are now in police custody and accused with subversive charges.

Free West Papua Campaign UK, International Lawyers for West Papua (ILWP) and Asian Human Rights Commission has called for urgent actions for the release of Buchtar Tabuni. Please see the following links:

http://www.freewestpapua.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=843&Itemid=2

http://www.infopapua.org/artman/publish/article_1889.shtml