New Video Footage, taken during the violent Crackdown of the Papua Congress III

New video footage of the brutal crackdown of the Papua Congress III has appeared on You tube.

Link:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQahXn33-uc&feature=youtube_gdata_player.

The recordings were taken during the violent eviction of the Papua Congress III on 19 October 2011. The video material shows security forces heavily mistreating congress participants during the eviction and arrest. Although the arrested people don’t show any signs of resistance, police, intelligence (BIN) and military forces repeatedly hit and kick the arrested persons, using sticks, rifle butts and gun handles (minute 1:09/ 1:25/ 3:15/ 4:51 /6:32/ 6:49). The crackdown operation was carried out under the direction of Imam Setiawan, the former Head of Jayapura Police Headquaters (Kapolres), who was also directly involved in the arrest of Procorus Yaboisembut, the Chairman of the “Dewan Adat Papua” (DAP), who had been elected as the President of a Papuan Transitional Government during the congress (minute 6:25).

While most armed security forces seem to release warning shots to the air (minute 1:33), the recordings also show several uniformed Brimob members on the top of a armoured police tank, taking aim on congress participants off sight – at least one of them releases a shot (minute 1:37).The situation during the eviction does not convey the impression, that the security forces in charge have controle of themselves. Some parts of the video footage remind more of a mob violence than of a well organized police operation and once more underline the inability or unwillingness of Indonesian security forces to handle their operations in a professional way.

The recording contains scenes, in which uniformed and civil security forces hit people, who are obviously only standing aside the operational site (minute 1:45).It also shows several situations, where police gather to small mobs around single persons and beat them using fists, but also sticks and other weapons. Some security forces start vandalizing arrested people 's cars for no reason (minute 2:18/ 2:37).

The arrest of Prokorus Yaboiesembut had been recorded as well. Although Mr. Yaboiesembut doesn 't show any signs of resistence during the arrest, some security forces keep on beating him. One member of the civil operational forces even attacks Mr. Yaboiesembut with a jumpkick (minute 6:03).

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