

# Papua's Armed Criminal Group Kidnap More than 1000 Villagers in Tembagapura



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The spokesperson of Provincial Police of Indonesia's Papua, Grand Commissioner Ahmad Musthofa Kamal, has said that KKB Papua (the Papua's armed criminal group) has kidnapped, or rather, isolated more than 1,000 native Papuans in Tembagapura, Mimika. He also said Thursday (9 November) that the group [with its commander Sabinus Waker] has banned other 300 Indonesians [non-native Papuans], who live at the same villages (such as Bami, Kimbely, and many more) in Tembagapura, to leave their homes. [Another small KKB Papua which often attacks the gold and copper miner PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) in Tembagapura, was led by Ayub Waker.]

[The so-called OPM or the Free Papua Movement (set up in 1963) has long been broken into two factions and several smaller groups and network. One of the factions, TPN-OPM Timika (within Fakfak regency), is now led Tenny Kwalik. The previous group commander, Kelly Kwalik, was killed during a shooting out with the National Police's Detachment 88 anti-terrorism squad (Densus 88) in 2009. Both KKB of Ayub Waker and that of Sabinus Waker are the two networks of TPN-OPM Timika.]

Quoted by *Kiblat.net* on Thursday (9 November), Ahmad Musthofa said that the present task force squad to handle KKB Sabinus Waker consisted of 200 officers of the Indonesian Police [Polri] and Indonesian military [TNI].

[It was reportedly said that Polri had put 21 KKB Papua's important figures on the black list: Ayuk Waker, Obeth Waker, Ferry Elas, Konius Waker, Yopi Elas, Jack Kemong, Nau Waker, Sabinus Waker, Joni Botak, Abu Bakar alias Kuburan Kogoya, Tandi Kogoya, Tabuni, Ewu Magai, Guspi Waker, Yumando Waker alias Ando Waker, Yohanis Magai alias Bekas, Yosep Kemong, Elan Waker, Lis Tabuni, Anggau Waker, and Gandi Waker. Polri also said that most of them with their armed groups live in Utikini Lama, Tembagapura. Not only do they live with members of KKB Papua (the Papua's armed criminal group), but they also stay with the villagers there.]

According to Grand Commissioner Ahmad Musthofa Kamal, Sabinus Waker has got 15 strong members who are very familiar with any corners of the dense jungles and deep valleys around the hard geographical situation of Tembagapura and Mimika. It is, indeed, very hard to hunt for them.

"The squad has been trying to take hard persuasive and preventive steps to prevent all communities in the area from being intimidated and threatened by the KKB," he said, adding that those being isolated and kidnapped in Bami and Kimbely villages were in quite good condition.

He also said all of these were meant to enforce the law, making sure that the security situation and the society's good order is well maintained.

[The latest development of OPM is rather uncertain. In 2014, for example, all independence movement groups in West Papua, including Irian Jaya, united under a single umbrella organization, the United Liberation Movement for West Papua (ULMWP). When it submitted a petition for a free and fair independence referendum to the United Nations in New York last August (2017), the Decolonization Committee of the UN, Rafael Ramirez, said that it was impossible to accept the petition.

Not only did he say that such a petition was beyond the mandate given to his office, but he also explained that West Papua was a territory which was an integral part of the Republic of Indonesia.]

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