

Partial collection of people's tributes to John

As of May 11. Not in any order.

War Resisters League <wrl@warresisters.org>

We are heartbroken to share the news that longtime WRLer John Miller has died unexpectedly. John's work with WRL spans nearly 50 years, and will be missed by many.

John M. Miller (1955-2026) was a foundational, "worker bee" activist in peace and solidarity movements, locally in New York City and globally. He could be found bartending at a WRL event as likely as working with the presidents of Timor-Leste, who recognized his contributions to the struggle for independence.

One of five kids, he grew up in a close-knit family on Long Island, sharing his love of music and the Yankees with his siblings. He happily played the role of Uncle Johnny to his many nieces and nephews.

John credits his introduction to the movement by reading his roommate's WIN in 1976. He wrote that he "was captivated by the then weekly magazine as it chronicled the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice and the beginnings of nonviolent direct action against nuclear power."

In 1979 John participated in the War Resister's League Organizer Training Program. In 1981, he moved to Brooklyn to join the WIN staff, helped plot the launch of WRL's Nonviolent Activist and later its transition to what would be called "the new" WIN, serving over the years in many roles in WRL's publications. He was also editor and helped publish the National Mobilization for Survival's The Mobilizer and helped edit and did the layout for the Metropolitan Council on Housing's Tenant/Inquilino Newspaper among others.

He served on the WRL National Committee for decades, and served on many committees including the International Task Force. He played a vital role as a steward and treasurer. He was WRL's representative to [War Resisters' International](#), who contributed much to international solidarity and networking.

He was a co-founder and Coordinator of the [East Timor and Indonesia Action Network \(ETAN\)](#) which works for democracy, justice and human rights in Timor-Leste, Indonesia and West Papua since 1991, receiving a number of awards and honors. He served as staff for a Parliamentarians for East Timor observer mission to the 1999 referendum in East Timor and made numerous visits to East Timor.

He participated in campaigns to close nuclear power plants in Virginia and the Philippines and against the militarization of the seas and military bases in New York harbor, the Pacific region and North Atlantic. He fostered and modeled a kind of mutual respect and shared friendships that could allow people to connect.

John M. Miller, Rest In Power

We've been in touch with comrades from East Timor *Action Network* – where he worked as National Coordinator, who have a connection with John's family.

As we've been talking with people about his untimely death, we heard people say, "He was a good soul", "He has contributed so much over the years", "in his curmudgeonly way".

We have begun to collect pictures of John, and invite you to share yours with us by uploading them here: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/r2xtl5k9hsusfo406ghs>

Sky and Joanne for WRL

[John M Miller](#) ¡Presente!



East Timor Action Network <etanlists@gmail.com>

to 13,000 people on the east-timor email list

As you may already know, John Miller passed from this planet a few days ago, from heart disease at his home in New York City. His many decades of quiet, tireless work immeasurably advanced peace, justice and self-determination in Timor-Leste and throughout the world. We already miss him greatly.

John was one of the founders of the East Timor Action Network (ETAN/US) in 1991 and served as its National Coordinator from 2001-2026. He was also active in the War Resisters League, War Resisters International and many other peace organizations, and created the Foreign Bases Project to oppose U.S. militarism in other countries.

One of his many behind-the-scenes tasks was moderating this email list, and we hope that you will be patient while we figure out how to continue it.

admin@tl-abc.org

Our sincere condolences.

ETAN is a really valuable resource, and the TL-Aus Business Council would be open to a discussion about how we can support with ongoing sustainability.

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Fiona Marlow <fiona2615@gmail.com>

So sad to hear of John passing, what an incredible man. His tireless support for freedom and democracy for all, but especially the people of Timor and Papua whose voice needed him to be heard. He'll be sorely missed.

Heather McGrath <hfmgrath10@gmail.com>

Very sad news indeed. May John rest in peace, thank you John for all your wonderful service & support to those in Timor Leste & for keeping us all informed.

Wishing those who will continue John's work all the very best.

Deborah Durnan <djdurnan@westnet.com.au>

My condolences to John's family and comrades.

His contribution to the international solidarity movement for Timo-Leste was immensely important.

Rest in Power

Aran Martin <aran.martin@globalsecurityfoundation.com>

Dear ETAN, deeply sorry to hear this news. My condolences to you and to John's family.

Warm regards and with appreciation for your ongoing work,

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Berta Antonieta

Dear kamarada John M Miller,

Thank you for your tremendous contribution to the self determination of the Timorese, since 1980s you work to globalize Timor-Leste's independence movement.

Thank-you also for welcoming me as an intern at ETAN New York in 2015. Your service and solidarity have been deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Pedro Pinto Leite

I was very saddened to hear of John Miller's death. He was a very, very good person. I was by his side so many times, in debates about the cause of East Timor and in ETAN activities in New York. Vale, John!

Aderito Soares

Loron hirak ne'e ita lakon maluk doben diak lubuk ida. Dadeer ne'e simu fali tan informasaun katak ita nia belun diak ida tan, John Miller (husi ETAN) fila ona ba Na'i Nia Kadunan Santu. John dedika nia a'an tomak ba luta libertasaun TL. Ha'u iha memoria di'ak barak tebes wainhira hau estuda iha ne'eba (2002-2003). Ami rua halo press conference konaba TIL(hamutuk ho Ian Martin) iha UN no atividade advokasi seluk tan ba TL, inklui mos demonstrasaun barak konaba funu iha Irak biban neba. John mos hodi hau ba partisipa iha War Resister League, movimentu grassroots ida iha NY, nia atividade balun. Ami rua nia fatin horut kafe hodi dadalia mak Union Square Station, 14 St. Ativista Timor oan barak, inklui ha'u mos, mak uluk toba de'it iha John nia sofa iha nia apartment bainhira vizita New York. Nia moris simples tebes, maibe laran luak tebes hodi tulun ema seluk. Adeus belun luta nain no laran osan mean. Deskansa ho Dame (RIP), John.

Goodbye John and you will be missed for ever, my dearest comrade!

Janet Donnelly

I was hoping that I had misunderstood the message I saw about John. It is a terribly sad loss, he was a lovely man.

Andrew de Sousa

So sorry to hear this. I'm at a loss of words but I think all of us know how incredible it has been to have had John in our lives.

Santina Soares

In Memory of Maun John Miller - I am deeply Saddened to hear about the passing of Maun John Miller. Maun John was not just an activist, he was deeply committed brother to the people of Timor-Leste. His dedication was instrumental to Timor-Leste's Journey to independence, and his Voice never wavered on the issue of human rights and justice. I feel incredibly fortunate to meet him in New York at UN HQ. I Will always Cherish the memory of 2010 when he took me to Liberty Statute and Federal Reserve Bank in New York. These Photos were from the meeting in UNHQ NY in July last year. John's legacy lives on Timor-Leste's independence and in the heart of us who he inspired. Rest in peace and fly high Maun John.

Amy Goodman on the Democracy Now! Radio/TV program

https://www.democracynow.org/2026/5/1/headlines/antiwar_activist_john_miller_who_co_founded_east_timor_action_network_dies_at_70

The antiwar and solidarity activist John Miller has died at the age of 70 from heart failure. In 1991, he co-founded the East Timor Action Network, which worked to support self-determination for East Timor and an end to U.S. support for Indonesia's occupation. On Thursday, the government of Timor-Leste released a statement calling John "a long-time friend of the Timorese people" and stating that "his voice in defense of the Timorese people, as well as his warm friendship and continued support in their struggle, will never be forgotten."

Margherita Tracanelli

Oh !! No John M Miller of all people

John was a pivotal person in Timor's victory to independence

Everyone who knows - knows !

John I'll bet it all makes perfect sense now where you are, there, on the other side of the veil, the chimera

And how you shone dearest John.

Rarahana Salina

Kuitado, triste duni. Nia mai Haburas dala ida, buka atu sosa, ami nia kaos T-Shirtvolution. Nia hatais T-shirtvolution "Terra livre povu livre" hosi flight Dili to USA. Rest in power belun diak, John M Miller

Tracey Alexandra Morgan

Thanks, John, for ETAN's excellent work in keeping us updated with your invaluable clippings service in the years since TL's independence. RIP.

Alex Tilman

Vale John Miller. He was a true friend of Timor-Leste and the Maubere People. He stood by us in our most difficult moment and continued to do so long after. He was also a relentless advocate for human rights and justice for all peoples, including of the Palestinians and the people of Myanmar. His passing is deeply felt by us in Timor-Leste. Rest in power, John. 🥹🙏

James Alan Miller

Johnny died.

Two simple words. But those who knew him — professionally, personally, or as family — know how deep a chasm his loss leaves. Life will never be the same. And, as awful as that is, maybe that is how it should be when someone who meant so much to so many people is gone.

I am not one to have heroes. But if anyone came close, it was John.

He was my big brother from the very beginning — the one who told his baby brothers bedtime stories about the “honey cow,” and who got genuinely annoyed when I kept calling him “John-Boy” during one of those bedtime-story moments. He was funny, brilliant, maddening, principled, stubborn, generous and larger than life in ways I am only beginning to fully understand.

Growing up, he was simply around in a way that mattered. At any given family event, you could often find him playing Risk or some other game with Eddie and me, exposing us in small ways to his activism, or just hanging out in one of our rooms -- always present.

I picked up my love of music from him. We never stopped talking about music, concerts and whatever obsessive music-related projects each of us had going at any given time — projects that, frankly, no one else but the two of us would really understand. Those conversations could go on forever, and often did.

John also loved to read and always seemed to have several newspapers, a magazine or two, and some other periodical close at hand. That was part of who he was: always reading, always following something, always connecting one piece of information to another.

He set a high bar for me as a journalist and writer, one I still do not think I have reached. John cared about facts. He cared about memory. He cared about people who were ignored, harmed or forgotten. He did not just believe in justice in some abstract way. He worked for it, year after year.

On the phone, he could be extremely hard to understand, which made video calling a godsend. But whether we caught every word or not, his check-ins and hours-long conversations — mostly about music, concerts, TV, politics, family and whatever else one of us was obsessing over — were always welcome. I will miss those calls more than I can say.

His love for my daughters, my stepson and all of his nieces and nephews was something to behold. Telling my girls yesterday what happened was one of the worst moments I have ever had. Watching them process it and grieve was heartbreaking. But as I told them, that pain also shows how much he meant to them — and how much they meant to him.

Whether they knew it or not, he consistently checked in with me to ask how they were doing. He was proud of them. I hope he was proud of me, too. But in the end, what matters most is that I was proud of him. Proud of who he was. Proud of what he stood for. Proud to be his little brother.

My mother once told me — actually, several times, as she was wont to do even before dementia — that when she would “bug” John about having a family of his own, he would tell her that his role in life was to be an uncle.

And he was. He was about as good an uncle as anyone could be — to his nieces and nephews, and, in a broader way, to many people who may never have known him personally but were touched by the work he did.

John spent much of his adult life working for peace, justice and human rights. His activism went back decades, including work around the nuclear freeze movement, the War Resisters League and opposition to U.S. militarism abroad. He later co-founded the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network, or ETAN, and helped keep attention on Timor-Leste’s struggle for independence, the abuses committed during Indonesia’s occupation and the need for accountability after much of the world had moved on.

He was a writer, editor, organizer, researcher, advocate and keeper of the record. He maintained news lists, wrote statements, worked with journalists and activists, preserved archives and kept showing up. John understood that facts matter, memory matters and that people are often forgotten because others stop paying attention. He did not stop paying attention.

That was John: stubborn, funny, principled, brilliant, loving and completely himself. I loved him. I looked up to him. I will miss him terribly.

Mabel Miller

Yesterday, we received the heartbreaking news that my uncle, John Miller, passed away.

Uncle Johnny was one of the most incredible people I have ever had the honor of knowing. He dedicated his life to serving others. He fought tirelessly, through hardship and adversity, for the rights of those who needed it most. He never sought recognition; he did this work because he believed deeply in every cause he took on. In 1991, he co-founded the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network, advocating fiercely for Timor-Leste's right to self-determination. In 2012, ETAN received the Order of Timor-Leste—the highest honor bestowed—for their contributions to the country's independence. He also served on the board of the War Resisters League and spent time all over the world advocating for peace and humanitarian causes.

Beyond his selfless work, the role he cherished most was being an uncle. He loved it, and he loved each of us deeply. He didn't just show up, he supported us and cared for us in a way that left a lasting impact. We lived across the country from each other—my family in Missouri, and him in New York—but I never felt that distance. When Ella and I were young, he and Uncle Eddie came every holiday season. I didn't know Christmas without them, without him. As I got older and busier, every time I was in New York, he made time to see me. We would meet in the city, and he would tag along as I went about whatever I needed to do that day. He was with me when I bought the phone I'm typing this on—I had gotten frustrated that my phone kept dying and impulsively decided to get a new one. Of course, he had plenty of questions for the salesperson and made sure I got the best option.

He was a quiet but steady presence. You could find him with his iced tea—he was never without one—and a newspaper, simply listening. He was always ready to lend an ear and genuinely loved hearing about our lives. He understood my need for quiet and was just as happy to sit beside me in silence.

One of my favorite memories is him lovingly teasing me. I must have been five or six years old, wearing red and white striped tights, when he called me a candy cane—and I did not take it well. I never let him forget the “candy cane incident,” but it's something I look back on now with so much fondness. He was loving, goofy, and kind. When I couldn't sleep as a kid, he would rub my back until I drifted off. He was patient—more patient than anyone I've ever known.

He made you feel safe just by being near him. He had a quiet, steady way of showing up for the people he loved, through small acts of care that made you feel truly seen. He loved deeply, gave more than he took, and left everyone he met better than he found them.

Uncle Johnny, you will be deeply and truly missed. I love you always.

Emily-Sue Sloane

RIP, John M Miller, one of my precious Glen Cove first cousins. We grew up together. Johnny and I were kindred spirits on many levels, as middle children, as avid readers and then writers, as anthropology majors in college, peace advocates in our high school days. Johnny then took that activism to great heights, devoting his life to working for peace and justice and, most notably, independence for the people of East Timor. With all that, he was always humble, never preachy, with a wry sense of humor. He always showed up for family, a quiet presence we will all now miss terribly.

Alana Miller-Engel

Yesterday I got the call that my Uncle Johnny passed away. He was an incredible human being who did so much quiet good for the world. You could always count on him to be there as long as he could bring his New York Times. He devoted his life to the belief that ordinary people, standing together, could bend the arc of history toward justice.

He did not seek recognition; he sought change.

Those who knew him understood that his strength was not loud, but steady. He stayed. He listened. He insisted that the world pay attention.

Now there is a quiet where his voice once was, but not an absence. What he set in motion continues to move, outward and onward. Not lost, only carried—through the people he stood beside, and those who will never know his name, but live in the wake of what he helped make possible. The country of Timor-Leste will mourn the death of their biggest advocate. Our family will mourn a beloved brother and uncle.

Carrie-Ann Miller

I am very sad to say that my brother John passed away. He left a legacy that will live on. Born less than a year apart, our bond was unbreakable. With my birthday on August 3rd and his on August 13th, I lovingly teased him about being twins for 10 days every year. He was more than my brother - he was my partner in adventure, and we were each other's guardian angel. I idolized him, and he inspired me to do good in the world. Amidst the joyous chaos of family life, he'd sit calmly with his New York Times, observing, listening, and offering sage advice when needed. He was kind, compassionate, thoughtful always there and always put others first. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will continue to inspire me and live on through all those he knew, loved and fought for. He left his quiet but mighty touch all over the world. He didn't seek recognition he sought justice and sustainable change....

My brothers legacy...

John Miller, a lifelong human rights advocate and co-founder of the East Timor Action Network, passed away on April 28th from heart issues.

Miller was a central figure in the international solidarity movement supporting the people of East Timor (Timor-Leste) during their struggle for independence from Indonesian occupation. He co-founded ETAN in 1991, inspired by global outrage following the Santa Cruz massacre, and went on to serve for decades as the organization's National Coordinator.

Under his leadership, ETAN grew from a small network of activists into a nationally recognized organization advocating for human rights, justice, and self-determination. Miller played a key role in mobilizing grassroots campaigns, influencing U.S. foreign policy, and providing information to journalists, policymakers, and the public about conditions in East Timor.

A tireless organizer and writer, Miller authored numerous articles and spoke widely on issues of international justice and accountability. He was frequently called upon as an expert voice in media outlets and public forums, and he participated in international observer missions, including during East Timor's historic 1999 independence referendum.

Colleagues remember Miller as deeply principled and persistent, committed to amplifying the voices of those affected by violence and injustice. His work extended beyond East Timor to broader efforts promoting human rights and democracy in Indonesia and the wider region.

Miller's contributions were recognized internationally; alongside his colleagues in ETAN, he received honors such as the John Rumbiak Human Rights Defenders Award for his advocacy.

In his honor donations may be made to the East Timor Action Network, continuing the work to which he dedicated his life.

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Susan Fink Childs

This is so sad. I was a friend of John's all through every single school year. He always had a purpose and always so kind.

He was such a wonderful contributor and truly a selfless person. He always put others first and he will be missed.

Eliot Hoffman

Oh, my. John was an important part of my life. I met dear John around 1996 through the East Timor Action Network. He and I traveled to East Timor in 1999. I learned so much from him. A wonderful person. We last met again in 2019 at an event he invited me to in New York City. Thank you for everything, John. I will miss you. I wish his family the greatest comfort and peace of mind.

Loro Mau

Rest in peace companheiro da luta John Miller. Iha tempu luta, ita mak hatudu dalam ba ami, hodi halo diplomasia international.

Judith Mahoney Pasternak

I'm mourning the unspeakable loss of my beloved friend and colleague, the upright and noble hearted John M. Miller. He worked tirelessly for peace and freedom everywhere and in particular to the ultimately successful struggle for independence for East Timor. The efforts for peace and justice will miss him, as will we who knew and loved him personally. He remains present in those efforts and in our hearts.

Rumiana Decheva

Dear John M Miller, Rest in Power!

You remain with us, all who valued your commitment to human values. You remain an outstanding champion in defending the rights and the freedoms of people who are far of public sight and far from political considerations.

Thank you for having shared knowledge, courage and decades of meticulous work!

Vicente Faria

Ativista bot amerika nian nebe apoio Libertação Timor-Leste nian ba Referendo liu husi East Timor Action Network [ETAN], saudoso John Miller. Iha fulan Maio de 1999, advocacia hau FunukolikFaria hó irmão Francisco de Jesus dos Santos vitima sobrevivente massacre de Liquiça iha fatin barak iha Nova lorque no mós iha Washington, Dc. Advocacia ami hasoru Congresmen americano sira, senador americano sira, bele temin Patrick Kennedy nsst, ba iha Quarter Jeral Nações Unidas nian, Fhó ativista bot ida responsável ba Washington maka Lynn Frederickson nó ativistas americano seluk tan, fó apoio incondicional ba luta atu hetan independência ba Timor-Leste. Ohin nia fila ona ba mundo seluk. Rest In Peace, inesquecível saudoso ativista bot John Miller. Paz a sua alma 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Joaquim “Russuo” Fonseca in Neon Metin.Info Media Online

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the recent passing of John M. Miller, a founder and the US National Coordinator of the East Timor Action Network (ETAN), at his home in the United States.

ETAN was forged in the tragic aftermath of the Santa Cruz massacre in 1991. Under the dedicated efforts of activists like John M. Miller, ETAN became a relentless voice in the United States and globally, advocating for the respect of Human Rights in East Timor and the undeniable right of the Timorese people to self-determination. We will never forget the solidarity of those who stood with us during the darkest hours of our liberation struggle.

Though this message comes slightly late, I wish to express my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences, both on my own behalf and on behalf of the National Resistance of East Timorese Students (RENETIL), to John’s family, his friends, and all his colleagues at ETAN.

We pray that his soul rests in eternal peace.

Joaquim “Russuo” Fonseca, Secretary General of RENETIL

Ho laran susar tebes mak ha’u rona kona-ba senhor John M. Miller, fundadór no Koordenadór Nasionál EUA ba East Timor Action Network (ETAN) nia mate foin lalais ne’e iha nia uma iha Estados Unidos.

ETAN ne’e hanesan movimentu ida ne’ebé hari’i hafoin eventu trájiku masakre Santa Cruz 1991. Husi esforsu ho dedikasaun husi aktivista sira hanesan John M. Miller, ETAN sai lian ne’ebé la kolen iha Estados Unidos no iha mundu tomak, atu defende respeitu ba Direitus Umanus iha Timor Lorosa’e no direitu inalienável hosi povu Timorensen ba autodeterminasaun. Ita sei la haluha solidariedade husi maluk sira ne’ebé hamriik hamutuk ho ita iha tempu nakukun liu iha ita nia luta libertasaun.

Maski mensajen ida-ne’e mai tarde uitoan, ha’u hakarak hato’o ha’u-nia simpatia kle’an no sentidu kondolénsia, tantu hodi ha’u-nia naran rasik no mós hodi RENETIL nia naran, ba John nia família, ba nia belun sira, no ba nia kolega sira hotu iha ETAN.

Ita harohan katak nia klamar deskansa iha dame rohan laek.

Joaquim “Russuo” Fonseca, Sekretáriu Jerál da RENETIL

PDHJ Timor-Leste

It is with profound sorrow that the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice, Virgílio da Silva Guterres “Lamukan”, on behalf of the Office of the Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice of Timor-Leste, **expresses its deepest condolences upon the passing of John M. Miller.**

John Miller was a steadfast and humble advocate whose lifelong commitment to **justice, human rights, and the self-determination of the Timorese people leaves an enduring legacy.** As a co-founder of the East Timor Action Network (ETAN), his tireless efforts helped bring international attention to the suffering of our people and contributed meaningfully to Timor-Leste's path to independence. His work often carried out quietly but with great determination, reminds us that **lasting change is built through persistence, solidarity, and moral courage.**

The people of Timor-Leste will always remember his friendship and unwavering support during some of the most difficult moments in our history.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who were inspired by his life of purpose.

May he rest in peace.

Virgílio da Silva Guterres “Lamukan”
Provedor de Direitos Humanos e Justiça

David Miller-Engel

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John M. Miller's legacy endures in the independence of Timor-Leste and in the ongoing global struggle for human rights and justice.

Edward Alan Miller

It is with great sorrow that my brother Johnny died unexpectedly. I'm borrowing heavily from my twin brother Jimmy's words because he says much of it so well. I've been reluctant to sit down and write something, because it makes it more real.

Those who knew Johnny— professionally, personally, or as family — know how deep a chasm his loss leaves. Life will never be the same. And, as awful as that is, maybe that is how it should be when someone who meant so much to so many people is gone.

John was my big brother from the very beginning — the one who told his baby brothers bedtime stories about the "honey cow", made us omelets, let us eat his pizza (with white clam sauce), refereed one-on-one football games, brought (and left home) Ben (the best dog ever). You can see from the pictures that he really liked spending time with us from the very beginning, as was the case with each subsequent niece and nephew. John was funny, brilliant, maddening, principled, stubborn, generous and larger than life in many ways.

Growing up, John was simply around in ways that mattered. At any given family event, you could often find him playing Risk or some other game with Jimmy and I, exposing us in small ways to his activism, or just hanging out in one of our rooms -- always present. When we were older, we would take him back to Brooklyn after family gatherings, letting him drive until, after too many close calls, we agreed (mutually) that it was best if he left the driving to us. But Johnny still got to where he needed to be, walking, taking the subway or train around New York or to Long Island, being a passenger on drives to St. Louis and Boston, and flying all over the country and world to visit family, friends, and colleagues

We picked up our love of music from him, introducing us to new artists, browsing Tower Records, making mixed tapes, bequeathing (perhaps unintentionally) his old issues of Rolling Stone and reel-to-reel tapes stored carelessly in our mother's basement (they didn't survive). Going to concerts such as Steve Earle, Midnight Oil, Ornette Coleman, Sun Ra, The Pogues with Joe Strummer, Amnesty International, and, most recently in August, The Who at Madison Square Garden (where he previously saw them back in the early to mid-1970s). A few months ago he shared a Google doc listing his favorite songs by artist, a work in progress.

John loved to read and always seemed to have several newspapers, a magazine or two, and some other periodical close at hand. That was part of who he was: always reading, always following something, always connecting one piece of information to another. Books were his gift of choice, when we were very young and once again in later years. This started when he lived in D.C. back in the mid-70s working in a bookstore. Not sure why, but they typically had the covers torn off.

We would check in with each other periodically if too much time had passed. Either we would call or he would call. His check-ins and long conversations — mostly about music, concerts, TV, politics, Yankees, Giants, and family—were always welcome. He would keep me company on long runs and drives and at home where Jess, the kids, and I would take turns catching up with him. He was endlessly amused by the kids. He never failed to call them on their birthdays.

John was born to be a big brother, exceedingly patient, never raising his voice, and only occasionally being mildly annoyed by those of us doing the annoying. But he shined as uncle to our kids, both two legged—Anabelle, Dina, and Noa, and four legged—Levy and Lexi, as well as all his nieces and nephews. For many years we drove 18 hours+ together every Christmas and New Years to see Jimmy, Mabel, and Ella in St. Louis and, until the kids grew up, brought Hanukkah presents together for our other nieces and nephews. Once I had kids, he would come up most Christmases with my sister's family to spend time and hang out. John would always bring something back from his travels, initially for us and then the kids. The kids would receive care packages with all sorts of nick knacks. One year he gave them 30 or more lightly to unused DVDs that he found on the streets of New York.

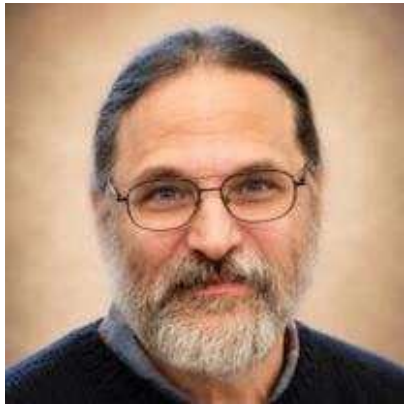
John consistently checked in with us to ask how the kids were doing. His nieces and nephews were among his prides and joy. My mother once told us — actually, several times, as she was wont to do even before dementia — that John would tell her that his role in life was to be an uncle. And he was about as good an uncle as anyone could be — to his nieces and nephews, and, in a broader way, to many people outside the family and to those who may never have known him personally but were touched by the work he did.

John spent much of his adult life working for peace, justice and human rights. His activism went back decades, including work around the nuclear freeze movement, the War Resisters League and opposition to U.S. militarism abroad. He later co-founded the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network, or ETAN, and helped keep attention on Timor-Leste's struggle for independence, the abuses committed during Indonesia's occupation and the need for accountability after much of the world had moved on.

John was a writer, editor, organizer, researcher, advocate and keeper of the record. He maintained news lists, wrote statements, worked with journalists and activists, preserved archives and kept showing up. John understood that facts matter, memory matters and that people are often forgotten because others stop paying attention. He did not stop paying attention.

That was John: persistent, dryly funny, principled, brilliant, loving and completely himself. John was deeply loved and a role model. He will be missed terribly.

<https://www.jacobsenfuneral.com/obituaries/john-miller-297/#!/Obituary>



John M. Miller died unexpectedly last week.

Those who knew him — professionally, personally, or as family — know how deep a chasm his loss leaves. Life will never be the same. And, as awful as that is, perhaps that is how it should be when someone who meant so much to so many people is gone.

John was funny, brilliant, maddening, principled, stubborn, generous, and larger than life in ways many of us are only beginning to fully understand. He began life as one of five children and, over time, became both a brother and an uncle in ways that helped define him. Family memories of John include bedtime stories about the “honey cow,” long conversations and his steady, unmistakable presence.

John’s sense of justice, his belief in human rights and his willingness to fight for the things he believed in went back to childhood. Even then, he was already organizing in his own way — including putting his sister, less than a year younger than he was, to work making signs against the Vietnam War and in support of other causes.

Growing up, John was simply around in a way that mattered. At any given family event, you could often find him playing Risk or some other game with his youngest siblings, exposing them in small ways to his activism, or just hanging out — always present. Check-ins and hours-long conversations — about music, concerts, TV, politics, the Yankees, family and whatever else was on his mind — were always welcome. Those calls will be missed more than words can say.

John loved music deeply, and conversations with him about bands, concerts, records and whatever obsessive music-related project he had going on could go on forever. He also loved to read and always seemed to have several newspapers, a magazine or two, and some other periodical close at hand. That was part of who he was: always reading, always following something, and always connecting one piece of information to another.

John set a high bar as an activist, journalist, writer and thinker. He cared about facts, memory, and people — especially those who were ignored, harmed, or forgotten. He did not just believe in justice in some abstract way. He worked for it year after year.

John’s love for his nieces and nephews was something to behold. He followed their lives, took pride in who they were becoming and filled the role of Uncle Johnny with a kind of devotion that was entirely his own. His mother would “bug” John about having a family, and he would tell her that his role in life was to be an uncle. And he was. He was about as good an uncle as anyone could be — to his nieces and nephews, and, in a broader way, to many people who may never have known him personally but were touched by the work he did.

John was born at Long Island Jewish Hospital in Queens, N.Y., and grew up in Glen Cove, N.Y. He attended Antioch College in Ohio and SUNY Purchase. After college, he lived in Washington, D.C., before moving to Brooklyn in 1981, where he lived for the next 35 years before later moving to East Harlem in Manhattan.

John spent much of his adult life working for peace, justice, human rights, and self-determination. His activism went back decades. He was drawn into movement work in the 1970s through the War Resisters League (WRL) and its publications, and his work with WRL would span nearly 50 years. He joined the WRL Organizer Training Program in 1979, later worked on WIN magazine, helped launch The Nonviolent Activist, and served over the years in many roles in WRL’s publications and organizing work.

John was a writer, editor, organizer, researcher, advocate and a keeper of the record. He helped publish movement newspapers and magazines. He edited, laid out and sustained publications that most people outside those movements may never have seen, but that helped people organize, learn, remember, and act. He served on WRL's National Committee for decades, worked through its International Task Force, served as a steward and treasurer, and represented WRL with War Resisters' International.

John's work reached across causes and countries: the nuclear freeze movement, opposition to nuclear power, campaigns against U.S. militarism abroad, opposition to military bases and militarization of the seas, solidarity with people in Vietnam, Cambodia and elsewhere in Southeast Asia, and support for democracy, justice and human rights in Timor-Leste, Indonesia and West Papua.

In 1991, after the Santa Cruz Massacre, John co-founded the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network, or ETAN. Through ETAN, he helped keep attention on Timor-Leste's struggle for independence, the abuses committed during Indonesia's occupation and the need for accountability after much of the world had moved on. He maintained news lists, wrote statements, worked with journalists and activists, preserved archives, organized campaigns, and kept showing up. His advocacy also carried into formal international spaces, including speaking at the United Nations on behalf of the East Timorese people.

The people of Timor-Leste have remembered John's work. President José Ramos-Horta called him a dear friend, a lifelong human rights and solidarity activist, and one of Timor-Leste's most tireless advocates during its struggle for independence. He wrote that John placed the cause of Timor-Leste above personal recognition and worked with dedication to amplify its voice to the world.

The Government of Timor-Leste honored John as a longtime friend of the Timorese people, and War Resisters League remembered him as a foundational "worker bee" activist in peace and solidarity movements — someone who could be found bartending at a WRL event as likely as working with presidents of Timor-Leste.

That description feels right. Much of John's work was not glamorous. It was the patient, principled work movements depend on: the listservs, letters, fact sheets, press calls, edits, coalitions, archives, meetings, layouts, late nights and stubborn follow-through that keep causes alive when the world would rather look away.

John understood that facts matter. Memory matters. Justice matters. And people matter — especially people whom powerful governments and institutions prefer to forget.

That was John: stubborn, dryly funny, principled, brilliant, loving and completely himself.

He did not do this work for recognition. But it means a great deal to see him recognized — by Timor-Leste, by Democracy Now!, by the War Resisters League, and by so many people whose lives and work intersected with his.

John was predeceased by his parents, Allen M. Miller and Diane Miller Asche, and by his stepfather, Edwin Asche. He is survived by his brother Douglas L. Miller and his wife Janet; his sister Carrie-Ann Miller-Engel and her husband David; his brother James Alan Miller and his wife Tegan; and his brother Edward Alan Miller and his wife Jessica Hoffman.

John is also survived by his beloved nieces and nephews — Alana, Colleen, Morgan, Danny, Allison, Michael, Mabel, Ella-Jane, Ari, Anabelle, Dina and Noa — as well as his grandniece Caylee and grandnephew Eddie, extended family, friends and colleagues around the world, and assorted dogs and cats over the years who were part of the wider family story.

We loved him. We looked up to him. We will miss him terribly.

John M. Miller, rest in power.

Contributions to ETAN in John's memory can be made here: <https://wespac.org/donate/>. Put ETAN/John Miller in the memo section.

Chris Lundry

Rest (and Resist) in Peace, my dear friend John Miller. John was a founding and foundational member of the East Timor Action Network, the US-based human rights NGO formed after the Santa Cruz Cemetery Massacre in Dili in November, 1991. John coordinated the organization, maintaining records and contacts, organizing protests and legislative actions, demonstrating in the streets, speaking at events, facilitating national meetings. John was soft-spoken but firm in his convictions, literally devoting his life to peace and justice. I have many fond memories of time spent with John in ETAN meetings, in person, over the phone, online. I dragged him to at least two academic conferences – I felt that the need for a voice of activism was necessary and contrasted with the sometimes abstract or even irrelevant voice of academia. I brought ETAN co-founder Charlie Scheiner to one or two as well, and will never forget his common-sense credulity – “Wait, I have to pay them \$150 and then they’ll only let me speak for 15 minutes?” “Yes Charlie, that’s how it works.” John was more circumspect – or he kept it to himself. These conferences didn’t benefit either of them as Charlie pointed out – they weren’t on a tenure track or interested in adding lines to a CV. Two ETAN activists and scholars will be working on a history of ETAN – a project in capable hands with them – and John will be there throughout. I’ll miss you John, and your memory will be a blessing and bring a smile.

In the photo, John (on the left) and Charlie are accepting the Order of Timor-Leste from President Taur Matan Ruak, the highest award the country bestows, on behalf of ETAN in 2012 – ten years after Timor-Leste achieved complete (re)independence and twenty years after the founding of ETAN.



Francisco da Silva Gari <franciscotlmdc@gmail.com>

We have lost a great friend who always stood against human rights violations, especially in support of Timor-Leste’s independence. He will always be remembered. Rest in peace.

Febe Gomes

Deepest condolences on the loss of a remarkable champion of Timor-Leste’s independence, maun John M Miller, whose work with ETAN and international solidarity leaves a lasting legacy 🙏

Rest in peace, Comrade!

Anna Antonieta

Rest in power John Miller, a true champion for human rights and justice, your tireless efforts will never be forgotten! ❤️🙏🌸

Peter Marra <petermarra58@gmail.com>

So sad to hear of John’s passing. He used to distribute my video Emails from East Timor and liked my Film UNICEF awarded Children of a Nation about the rights of a child in Timor Leste to an education in a post conflict ,conflict situation. Rest in peace tireless advocate for human rights John Miller. Condolences to his family.

From Peter Marra in New Zealand

TALITAKUM, Rigo Monteiro

Rest in Power John Miller, thanks for all your dedication and contributions to our struggle.

Charles Scheiner

John's many decades of quiet, tireless work immeasurably advanced peace, justice and self-determination in Timor-Leste and throughout the world. We miss him greatly.

John introduced me to global peace activism a half-century ago. We travelled together to Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, India, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, Timor-Leste and many other places. We worked together with the War Resisters League, Mobilization for Survival, North Atlantic Network of Peace Movements, Campaign Against U.S. Bases in the Philippines, Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific Network and other movements, campaigns, groups and networks around the world.

His Foreign Bases Project is still urgently necessary, and his rarely-noticed vital role promoting peace advocacy among UN-based NGOs must be taken up by others.

When we protested at the Indonesian Mission in NYC in December 1991, John's urging, commitment and dependability led to forming the East Timor Action Network/U.S. (ETAN) as a national, grassroots, decentralized network of activists and educators. ETAN has been effective for more than 30 years thanks to John's work behind the scenes, vision, and commitment. It is gratifying to see John appreciated by so many people after his passing, and I hope his life will motivate others to keep working in these challenging times.

As Lutas Continuum. John M. Miller, presente!

(I took this photo at the Klibur Solidarity conference in Dili in August 2009, the tenth anniversary of Timor-Leste's independence referendum.)



Iggy Iglesias

John M Miller of the East Timor Action Network has died. I met John and Jill Sternberg in Dili almost 20 years ago when I volunteered for the Solidarity Mission on East Timor as an observer of their first post-occupation parliamentary elections. The ETAN newsletter was a constant source of information and news on East Timor. Deepest sympathies to John's friends and family. 🙏🥲🙏❤️🙏

Lorico Lian

Estrutura Diretiva Nasional no Membrus Comite 12 de Novembro (C12N) hato'o ami nia tristeza klean tamba Mr. John Miller husik ona ninia perigrinasaun iha mundu no ba hamutuk ona ho anju no santu sira iha Aman Maromak nia kadunan santu.

Obrigadu barak ba saudozu Miller tamba iha itabot nia moris bele hamutuk ho maluk estranjeiru sira iha rai liur fo'o tempu hodi kria rede solidaridade internasional mai Timor-Leste nia luta naruk hasoru okupasaun militar Indonesia.

Sentidus kondolensias, korajen no forsa nafatin ba familia matebian nian tomak enlutada.

RTTL-TV coverage of John's funeral: Timor-Leste presta omenajen ba ativista John M. Miller iha Washington

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-GB4o_xY6A

Taur Matan Ruak (former President and Prime Minister) - Ofisial

"It is with a heavy heart that I received the news of the passing of our dear friend, John M. Miller, a tireless advocate from ETAN. John was a figure who dedicated his entire life to being a voice for the people of Timor-Leste on the global stage, especially during the most challenging years of our struggle for self-determination.

I vividly remember the moment in 2012, when I had the honor, as President of the Republic, to decorate him with the Order of Timor-Leste. This award was a formal expression of our State's profound gratitude for his unwavering contribution to our national liberation.

Timor-Leste has lost a great friend, but his legacy and spirit will remain forever etched in our history. In this time of sorrow, I offer my deepest condolences to his family and his colleagues at ETAN.

Rest in peace, John. Thank you for everything."

"Ho laran todan, ha'u simu notisia katak ita-nia belun di'ak John M. Miller, ativista boot husi ETAN, husik ona ita. John mak figura ida ne'ebé fó ninia moris tomak hodi sai lian ba povu Timor-Leste iha mundu li'ur, liuliu iha tempu susar sira durante ita-nia luta ba ukun rasik-an.

Ha'u sei hanoin nafatin momentu iha tinan 2012, bainhira nu'udar Prezidente Repúblika, hato'o agradesimentu Estadu nian hodi kondekora John Miller ho Ordem de Timor-Leste. Kondekorasaun ne'e mak sasin husi ninia dedikasaun no kontribuisaun ba ita-nia libertasaun nasional.

Timor-Leste lakon belun boot ida, maibé ninia naran no ninia kbiit sei hakerek metin iha ita-nia istória.

Iha momentu triste ne'e, ha'u hato'o kondolénsia ne'ebé kle'an ba família no belun sira hotu iha ETAN.

Deskansa ho dame, John. Obrigadu barak ba buat hotu."

Mica Barreto Soares

Aii kuitadu, too much sad news this month. 😞 John John M Miller! Ema nebe dedika aan tomak ho laran luak tebes ba ita nia luta ukun aan nian. Timor lakon tebes dunik belun diak ida. Obrigada Barak ba buat hotu ita boot halo ona ba ami nia ukun-aan. Forsa no korajen ba John nia familia sira. 🙏🌹

I have been reading beautiful tributes from your families and solidarity friends -- you were such a fine soul with a big heart. Thank you for all you have done for Timor-Leste during your life time!

João Da Silva Sarmiento

Rest in peace, John. Thanks for all the great things you did for Timor-Leste, through ETAN, and to humanity. You will be missed.

Susana Barnes

Such sad news. John M Miller was an amazing friend of Timor Leste. Rest in peace 🙏

Eliot Hoffman

MY TEACHER, my colleague, my friend. I learned so much from John. In his memory, I will ask you, dear reader, to learn, if you do not already know about East Timor, or officially, Timor Leste; and also the human rights violations in Indonesia. For starters, you might have a look at the website that John administered. I will be posting more material in the coming days. I think that John would have been happy I am doing so. Concern and action on such pressing matters are part of what he lived for. 🙏



**MISSÃO PERMANENTE DA REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE
JUNTO DAS NAÇÕES UNIDAS**

STATEMENT OF CONDOLENCE

A Tribute to the Life and Legacy of John M. Miller

New York, April 30, 2026 — It was with a heavy heart and profound sadness that I learned of the passing of John M. Miller, a dear friend whose life was inextricably linked to the history and the heart of the people of Timor-Leste. On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations, and as the Permanent Representative, I wish to extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

John was much more than an activist; he was a steadfast companion in our long journey toward freedom. Following the tragic events of the Santa Cruz Massacre in 1991, his leadership in co-founding the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN) became a beacon of hope. His decades of dedication to our self-determination, human rights, and justice were instrumental in mobilizing international support and ensuring that the struggle of the Timorese people resonated within the halls of power and the hearts of the public.

The recognition of this lifelong commitment was marked by the high honors bestowed upon the organization he helped co-found; in 2003, John M. Miller accepted the Order of Timor on behalf of ETAN, and in 2012, the network was again distinguished with the Order of Timor-Leste. We remember him not only for his principled opposition to militarism, but for his warm friendship and continuous support, which our Government has officially affirmed will never be forgotten.

In this time of grief, the people of Timor-Leste stand in solidarity with his loved ones, just as John stood with us during our most challenging years. We honour his memory and celebrate a life lived with extraordinary purpose and unwavering solidarity.

May he rest in peace, knowing that his legacy lives on in a free and independent Timor-Leste.

With deepest sympathy,



Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares
Ambassador and Permanent Representative



PRESS STATEMENT

BY PRESIDENT J. RAMOS-HORTA ON THE PASSING OF ACTIVIST JOHN M. MILLER

It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of my dear friend, John M. Miller.

John Miller was a lifelong human rights and solidarity activist from the United States. In 1991, he co-founded East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN) and later served as Coordinator for ETAN.

Through ETAN, John coordinated grassroots campaigns, disseminated critical information about human rights violations during the occupation. Prior to his work with ETAN, Miller was involved in solidarity movements for the people of Vietnam, Cambodia, and elsewhere in Southeast Asia. He was known for his quiet determination and deep moral conviction that the world had a duty to act against oppression. For decades, he placed the cause of Timor-Leste above personal recognition, working with dedication to amplify our voice to the world. John Miller became one of our most tireless advocates during our struggle for independence.

As we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his extraordinary life and legacy, one that will continue to inspire generations of Timorese and human rights defenders around the world.

On behalf of the people of Timor-Leste, I extend my deepest condolences to his family. May they find comfort in knowing that his life made a profound and lasting difference to the people of Timor-Leste.

Rest in Eternal Peace John.

J. Ramos-Horta

President and Nobel Peace Laureate

Dili, April 30, 2026

Ho profunda tristeza mak ha'u simu notisia kona-ba falesimentu belun di'ak, John M. Miller.

John Miller nu'udar ativista direitus umanus no solidariedade durante nia moris tomak husi Estados Unidos, Iha tinan 1991, nia ko-fundador Rede Asaun Timor Lorosa'e no Indonézia (ETAN) no tuirmai serbisu nu'udar Koordinador ba ETAN.

Liu husi ETAN, John koordena kampaña iha baze, habelar informasaun kriticu kona-ba violasaun direitus umanus durante okupasaun. Molok ninia servisu ho ETAN, Miller envolve iha movimentu solidariedade ba povu Vietnam, Kamboja, no seluk iha Sudeste Aziátiku. Nia koñesidu ba nia determinasaun ne'ebé kalma no konviksaun morál ne'ebé kle'an katak mundu iha devér atu atua hasoru opresaun. Durante dékada barak, nia tau kauza Timor-Leste nian aas liu rekoñesimentu pesoál, serbisu ho dedikasaun hodi amplifika ita-nia lian ba mundu, John Miller sai hanesan ita-nia defensor ida ne'ebé maka la hatene kole durante ita-nia luta ba ukun rasik-an.

Bainhira ita triste ba nia falesimentu, ita mós celebra ninia moris no legadu estraordináriu, ida-ne'ebé sei kontinua inspira jersaun Timor-oan no defensor direitus umanus sira iha mundu tomak.

Hodi Povu Timor-Leste nia naran, ha'u hato'o sentidu kondolénsia ne'ebé kle'an ba ninia família. Hein katak sira bele hetan konfortu hodi hatene katak John nia moris halo diferença profunda no dura ba povu Timor-Leste.

Deskansa iha pás rohan laek John.

<https://timor-leste.gov.tl/?p=48837> (also in Tetum and Portuguese)

Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Spokesperson of the Government of Timor-Leste
April 30th, 2026
Press Release

Timor -Leste mourns the death of John M. Miller

The Government of Timor-Leste expresses its deep sorrow at the recent passing of John M. Miller in New York, co-founder and former National Coordinator of the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), and a longtime friend of the Timorese.

John M. Miller has dedicated several decades to advocating for self-determination, human rights, and justice for the people of Timor-Leste. In 1991, following the Santa Cruz Massacre, the East Timor Action Network (ETAN) was established. He was a co-founder of the organisation, which played a key role in raising international awareness of the situation in Timor-Leste and mobilising support from civil society, the media, and policymakers in the United States.

Throughout his career, John M. Miller contributed to awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns defending the rights of the Timorese people and seeking recognition of their right to self-determination. In addition to ETAN, he was a member of the War Resisters League, War Resisters International, and other peace organisations, and he established the Foreign Bases Project, dedicated to opposing U.S. militarism in other countries.

Timor-Leste has recognised the work of John M. Miller and ETAN. In 2003, Miller was honoured with the Order of Timor on ETAN's behalf. In 2012, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence, ETAN was awarded the Order of Timor-Leste in recognition of its contribution to national liberation.

Agio Pereira, Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Government Spokesperson, on behalf of the Government and the people of Timor-Leste, extends his "deepest condolences to the family, friends, and all who shared his journey" and assures them that "his voice in defence of the Timorese people, as well as his warm friendship and unwavering support in the struggle, will never be forgotten."

The Government of Timor-Leste pays tribute to the memory of John M. Miller and to his longstanding solidarity with the Timorese people.

Andreas Harsono

Saya kehilangan seorang kawan, John M Miller, yang meninggal minggu ini di New York. Saya kenal John dengan rambut panjangnya sejak tahun 1997. Setiap kali berkunjung ke New York, kami biasa bertemu, mengobrol dan berjalan-jalan.

John salah satu pendiri East Timor Action Network pada tahun 1991 dan menjabat sebagai Koordinator Nasional (Amerika Serikat) dari tahun 2001-2026. Ia juga aktif di War Resisters League, War Resisters International dan banyak organisasi perdamaian lainnya, serta menciptakan Foreign Bases Project untuk menentang militerisme Amerika Serikat di berbagai negara.

Brad Simpson

I was deeply saddened yesterday to learn of the passing of John Miller. John was one of the founders of the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), along with Charlie Scheiner, and played a crucial role in the US and global East Timor solidarity movement in the 1990s, and after. John was also active in anti-nuclear organizations like Mobilization for Survival, the War Resisters League, and the Foreign Bases Project, which worked with anti-US base campaigners in the Pacific.

I was radicalized by reading about East Timor as a college student in 1992-1993. I was studying abroad at the time and when I returned to the US, flying through JFK airport on the way back to Washington, D.C., John met me at the airport for a few hours to talk to me about how to found a DC chapter of ETAN. I knew nothing about organizing. John was my first real connection to the world of activism. I have many fond memories of seeing him in NYC or in DC during the scorching summers when he would help organize activists coming from around the country to lobby Congress to cut US military aid to Indonesia. In 1999 he helped to organize the International Federation for East Timor's election observer project, when Timorese voted for their independence after a quarter century of US-backed Indonesian occupation. Shortly after Timor Leste's independence in 2002, (in the picture below) he was awarded the Order of Timor along with Charlie Scheiner on behalf of ETAN for the role he played in the international solidarity movement. He continued to keep ETAN alive for nearly a quarter century after independence.

John was skilled and knowledgeable, wry and sometimes grouchy, indefatigable and determined. He never put himself in the spotlight, and never stopped working on behalf of seemingly marginalized causes. He was one of those people who make social movements and campaigns run (but who are rarely written about) - managing lists and databases and newsletters and home offices stuffed with shirts and books and pamphlets, and answering the countless queries from journalists and people who had just learned about East Timor. There were many such people in the East Timor solidarity movement, which David Webster and I will be writing about in our next book project, and I hope to give him the credit he deserves. He will be missed by many, many people.

Rest in Power, John.

Rosa Garcia

Nutisia Triste mosu tan, Timor Lakon tan nia belun diak ida Kamarada John M Miller (ETAN), ne'ebé kontribui Luta ba ukun an.

Fotografia ikus, momentu sira mai Timor hetan rekonesementu, obrigada ba buat hotu, Lao hakmatek ba mundo foun,
R I.P belun



Erik Gustafson

Lynn and I are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and colleague, John M Miller. As mutual friends will know, John lived a life of purpose. Alice Walker has said, resistance is the secret of joy. John lived that truth, finding meaning and fulfillment in the steady work of standing with others in their struggle for justice.

As a co-founder of the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), John was a humble, steadfast anchor of East Timor's solidarity movement in the United States. At ETAN's New York office and at the United Nations, he was a quiet but relentless force—helping to shift U.S. policy in support of Timor-Leste's right to self-determination.

John never sought the spotlight. But he understood, better than most, how change actually happens: through sustained, collective effort. He was part of a remarkable ecosystem of advocacy—journalists like Amy Goodman and Allan Nairn bearing witness to the Santa Cruz massacre; public intellectual Noam Chomsky raising awareness of Indonesia's genocidal occupation of East Timor and U.S. military support and complicity; ETAN co-founder Charles Scheiner building a national movement; ETAN organizers like Nathan Osborn building pressure in the streets of DC; my amazing wife Lynn Fredriksson establishing ETAN's Washington office, building bipartisan support in Congress, and helping broker a sea change within the Clinton administration; champions in Congress like Senators Russ Feingold and Patrick Leahy demanding accountability; and, most importantly, Timorese leaders—from José Ramos-Horta to Xanana Gusmão to Constancio Pinto Terus—carrying forward a struggle rooted in extraordinary courage.

John was part of that extraordinary ecosystem—working the phones, organizing at the UN, and building coalitions, while also doing the unglamorous work that sustains movements: keeping the organization running through steady fundraising and clear, thoughtful communications. Above all, he helped ensure that the truth broke through.

The results were historic. Under sustained U.S. and international pressure, Indonesia relented, leading to the 1999 UN-supervised referendum in which the people of Timor-Leste chose independence. It was a reminder—one John believed in deeply—that even entrenched injustice can be challenged when ordinary people organize with persistence and clarity of purpose.

As John once reflected, ETAN's early work was grounded in a simple but powerful idea: those of us with the freedom to speak have a responsibility to act.

For me, that lesson was transformative.

As a young veteran finding my way back into civilian life, John's decency, discipline, and quiet determination left a lasting impression on me. His example, along with others in that movement, helped set me on the path that eventually led to the founding of EPIC. The solidarity-driven activism that defined ETAN is still very much alive today in the work we do at EPIC, and I remain deeply indebted to everyone at ETAN for what I learned during my time in the movement.

I'm not sure John ever fully signed off on my pivot to Iraq—but true to form, he didn't need to. He simply helped open doors, connecting me with communities of support, from A.J. Muste to Resist, and others committed to principled action. That was John: never prescriptive, always enabling.

He combined moral clarity with humility. Urgency with patience. Conviction with kindness.

And perhaps most importantly, he reminded all of us that movements are not built by individuals alone, but by communities of people willing to do the work—day after day, often without recognition.

John Miller was one of those people.

Presente.

pamela sexton <pamelabeth.sexton@gmail.com>

John was a movement mentor and friend, with whom my communication mostly happened via phone or email. We were almost always either on opposite sides of the US or opposite sides of the globe. I'm so grateful for knowing, learning from and organizing with John.

John was the steady heart of ETAN, keeping core pieces of the org: the listserv that kept so many people across the world and in Timor-Leste connected to news and info about Timor-Leste; a bookstore that was John responding to requests by snail posting Timor-Leste related books; advocacy that included tracking opportunities to advance justice and accountability for the atrocities in Timor-Leste within the US government, the UN and alongside other international solidarity groups.

I am so grateful for all of times - always memorable - that our paths crossed in real time. ETAN Steering Committee gatherings in New Hampshire, New York, Chicago. Multiple ETAN Lobby Days in Washington DC. An international solidarity conference in Dili, Timor-Leste to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the country's historic referendum on independence.

A few specific memories: on what might have been one of my first trips to New York for ETAN related work, John took me to the War Resisters League's office. John introduced me to WRL staff and volunteers, and I saw the long and deep relationships he had there. I felt awe and inspiration for the long-term, steady, inspiring vision of a world without war and the long-term, steady, quiet but earth shaking work being done by John and others.

The last event that I organized together with John was an online gathering around education, connection and solidarity geared to East Timorese studying in the US or alum of US-based schools together with ETAN activists. During the day-long meeting, John shared the history of ETAN with mostly young Timorese unfamiliar with the story of international solidarity with the struggle for Timor-Leste's self-determination. It was beautiful to see John - along with West Papuan Octo Mote and Democracy Now host Amy Goodman - share that story with a younger generation of Timorese visionaries and change makers. The story of ETAN, which John stewarded for so long, is a powerful story of solidarity. Thank you, John!

Matthew W. Daloisio

John was the best. A unique combination of skill & wisdom & humor & unending commitment. Soooo many lessons learned simply being around him. Hard to imagine him not being around. A truly irreplaceable human

Adilson Da Costa Junior

Timor-Leste lakon tan nia belun di'ak ida maun John M Miller, nebe tinan naruk fó apoiu solidariedade tomak ba ita nia luta auto determinasaun povu timor leste nian liu...

Falu Malai

Gordon Peake

He embodied everything I admire in people.

Fernando Encarnacao

A steadfast champion for Timor-Leste's freedom and human dignity, John Miller gave voice to the silenced and bore witness when the world turned away.

His courage and conviction live on in the nation he helped set free.

East Timor and West Papua in Melanesia mourn the passing of our brother, John Miller

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John Miller on April 28, 2026. His loss is profoundly felt across movements for justice and self-determination around the world.

I had the honor of meeting John several times at international conferences, and of visiting him in New York, where he carried out his tireless activism. He was not only a committed advocate, but also a generous and principled friend. His dedication to the struggle for East Timor's independence stands as a lasting testament to what solidarity can achieve when guided by courage and conviction.

John was also a strong and unwavering voice in support of West Papua. He helped amplify our struggle in America, ensuring that our people were not forgotten. His work strengthened our campaign and inspired many others to stand with us.

Today, we stand in solidarity as we mourn his passing. At the same time, we honor his legacy by continuing the work he believed in so deeply. His spirit lives on in every effort toward justice, dignity, and freedom.

Thank you, brother John Miller, for your lifelong commitment and meaningful work. Your contribution will never be forgotten.

We will continue to stand together and raise our voices for a free West Papua.

With deepest condolences and solidarity,

Herman Waingai
West Papua National Authority
Spokesperson of the Republic of West Melanesia

Octovianus Mote

Wens terimakasih banyak atas kiriman foto bersejarah dengan dua kk yang saya hormati.

Selama bulan Januari dan minggu pertama Februari saya menginap di apartemennya beberapa minggu. Selama itu dia sibuk bantu seluruh persiapan materi lobby dan terus nasehati banyak hal. Saya lihat ada cerca harapan sesudah membaca apa yang sedang kamu coba ini.

Seharusnya selama 2 minggu ini saya kembali menginap di rumahnya. Saya email, kirim melalui wa maupun tinggalkan pesan di hp selama seminggu namun tidak ada balasan. Saya tinggal dengan teman lain namun tetap kirim berita side event, pemutaran film dan sebagainya. Saya tanya charlie schainer apakah ada kabar dari John dia hadiri side event. Charlie cuma bilang belakangan dia jarang jawab balik. Empat hari kemudian Charlie telpon beri kabar duka. Bahwa John ditemukan meninggal di apartemennya. Bangsa papua kehilangan seorang pendukung perjuang papua merdeka yang sangat setia hingga menit terakhir.

Juvenal Dias Collysina-Malay Ratu

Maun John M Miller kleur lá rona ita, ohin rona tristeza ida, espera nee laloos. Descanse em Paz maun, Coordinator ETAN (East Timor Action Network)

Obrigado ba ita nia diak sira bainhira hau ba visita Nova Iorque no hela ho ita iha Brooklyn. Tinan barak ona, maibe ita nia fuan boot sei nafatin ho hau.

Laos hau deit mak ba hela iha ita nia fatin, colega lubuk mos hela iha neba.

Maun John, ema simples, dedica nia moris tomak ba ativismo direitos humanos, lá koalia barak, maibe serviço barak. Ba Auto determinação Timor-Leste nian, ita hamrik ho povo Maubere. Obrigado ba ita nia dedicação.

ETAN list nia nain mak ita, ema barak aprender Timor-Leste hosi ita, no ita Lori Timor oan sira aprende mundo nia matan mai Timor-Leste.

Maun John, Sisto ho Max hein ona ita.

Viva maun John!

Luta sempre Contínua



Luis De Oliveira Sampaio

Ativista humanidade sein fronteira boot ida lakon tan ona hosi ita-nia leet. Deskansa ho hakmatek, maun John M Miller

Obrigadu ba Ita-nia kontribuisaun ba luta autodeterminasaun Timor durante tempu susar no todan ba independénsia.

Ita-boot nia paixaan no dedikasaun ba humanidade no solidariedade internasionál sei kontinua inspira no hela metin ba ema hotu ne'ebé fiar katak humanidade universal no humanidade la hare ba fronteira.

Angelina Sarmento

Ai, kolega Ativista Solidariedade ba Luta Libertasaun Nasional husi ETAN (East Timor Action Network) EUA ida tan husik ona mundo ne. Hau hasoru maun John M Miller iha Maio/Junho 2001 iha Washington DC wainhira ETAN halo nia atividade Lobby Days hamutuk ho mana Pamela, maun Charles Scheiner ho mana Jill Sternberg...iha loron hanesan iha Timor-Leste dissolve CNRT Rezistencia. Hafoin ne, iha Setembro 2005 hau hasoru ba segunda vez iha sidade Manhattan, New York. Hau nia obrigado ba itabot, sai lian forte hodi solidariza ho povo Timor-Leste terus-nain nian iha mahon ETAN no Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor (APCET). DEP 🙏🙏.

John Miller, an activist from East Timor Action Network (ETAN) USA has passed away. I first met him on May or June 2001 in Washington DC for ETAN's Lobby Days with mana Pamela, maun Charlie and mana Jill Sternberg, paralleled to this event, in Timor-Leste CNRT Resistance was dissolved. After that, the second time I met him in Manhattan city New York in 2005. My sincere gratitude for your tireless work to speak up in solidarity with Timorese people, under the platform of ETAN and the Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor (APCET). RIP 🙏🙏

Aviano Faria

Foi um grande ativista nos EUA, sempre ativo em prol da nossa causa. Mesmo nos momentos mais difíceis, manteve acesa a chama da nossa luta na diáspora, inspirando todos ao seu redor a não desistirem.

Obrigado, meu John Miller, pelo seu compromisso. Que a sua alma descanse em paz

Eric S. Piotrowski

I'm really sad that John is no longer with us, but I am beyond honored to have known the man and had the opportunity to work with him. He — and all the remarkable people who built ETAN/US — changed my life when they showed me what it meant to conquer the ego and do the work.

I will be forever grateful to John for the ways he walked the walk and fought with every breath for the world he wanted to see. May we all put in a fraction of the work he devoted to peace, justice, and freedom.

John Waddingham

Very sad (nay, shocking!) news. Heartfelt condolences to family, close friends and colleagues. The ETAN listserv alone is a grand monument to his place in the Timor firmament.

Ann Wigglesworth

So sad to hear of John's passing. He did so much to build a supportive network for Timor Leste. Hopefully ETAN will live on.

On behalf of Australia Australia-East Timor Association I would like to express our deep sorrow at the passing of John, who has played such a huge role in supporting Timor-Leste through his activism and particularly the East Timor Action Network. Through the network his information services have been critical in sharing knowledge about Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.

Constancio Pinto Terus

Rest in Peace, John.

Thank you for all of your dedication and hard-work in support in of Timor-Leste in the darkest period of our struggle for independence. I have the privilege to working with you and the rest of ETAN members during my time in the US. Together we had successfully changed the public opinion including the US Government and the US Congress which led the US to fully support Timor-Leste self-determination and independence.

You will be remembered forever.

Maria Pakpahan

Rest in Peace John M Miller. Your commitment and persistence in promoting human rights, East Timor, Indonesia cause are tremendous and will never be forgotten. 🙏🙏

Fernanda Borges

So sad to hear we have lost John Miller, a true fighter for liberty and human rights. The world will miss your depth for humanity and real action. My condolences to John's family and friends at ETAN. We thank you John from the bottom of our hearts. Rest In Peace and Glory.

Aze Moniz

Obrigado ba Maun Nia dedikasaun no kontribuisaun tomak ba lubertasaun total Povu Timor Nia independência. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Jeanne Strole

As I mourn losing John as a fellow activist, I'm reminded how very, very lucky any of us are to know John at all. I think that John has the best, most kind heart of anyone I've ever met.

Zozo Corbafo

John Miller's passing feels like a deep loss not only for those who knew him personally, but also for many Timorese who quietly benefited from his lifelong commitment to Timor-Leste.

For many of us, ETAN became more than just a website or mailing list. It was a bridge to information, opportunities, solidarity, and connection. Through its electronic platforms, countless Timorese, including students, civil society actors, institutions, and job seekers were able to access vacancies, programs, advocacy updates, and opportunities that helped shape their journeys and careers.

What made this contribution meaningful was its consistency and sincerity. Behind the emails and updates was a person who believed that access to information matters, and that solidarity should continue long after independence.

Reading the memories shared about John also reminds us of the kind of person he was: simple, generous, deeply committed, and always willing to support others quietly behind the scenes. His legacy lives not only in advocacy history, but also in the many lives and pathways indirectly shaped through ETAN over the years.

Rest in peace, John M Miller. Your contribution to Timor-Leste and its people will not be forgotten. 🌿❤️

Edward Rees

He was a great guy. Totally. 1.4 million Timorese owe him an eternal debt of gratitude - as do all the friends of Timor-Leste around the world. 🌍

Guteriano Neves

Deskansa Em Paz Maun John, lutador no eroi boot ida ba umanidade. Timor Leste no mundu lakon ema ida ne'ebe la hatene kolen no la sura e nunka sura nia kontribuisaun ba umanidade e luta too minutu ikus. Ita too ona situasaun ida ne'ebe eroi boot sira ba luta independensia nian husik ita kada momentu.

Greg Knehans

RIP, John Miller. He was one of the co-founders of the East Timor Action Network and a leader in the international solidarity movement which ended the genocidal occupation of East Timor and restored its independence. He worked tirelessly and consistently on this and other important issues his entire life. He was a genuine friend of the peoples of the world and he will be missed.

Carmen Dos Santos Monteiro

He is indeed a hero of Timor-Leste and world 🌍 may your souls continue spread the power of love and humanity in you new home John M Miller

David Savage

We are all so very sad at hearing of John's passing. All of us connected with Timor of course know how much a giant John was and crucial to the story of Timor and achieving Independence. We will miss John and his huge body of work.

Milena Pires

Our sincere condolences to you and family. John touched us deeply and will always be remembered here in Timor-Leste, on the other side of the world, for all that he did for us. Dear John M Miller we remember you on the mountain of Matebian, together with your fellow Timorese.

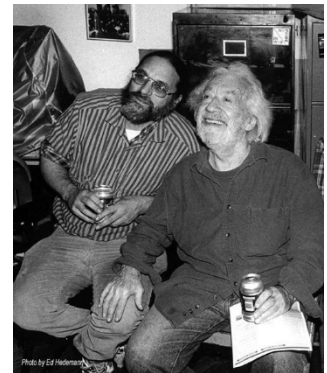
Loren Ryter

My heart dropped when I heard the news of the passing of John M Miller, with whom I worked closely as a co-founder of ETAN after the 1991 Santa Cruz massacre in East Timor.

I was just a kid, really, but John and Charles Scheiner had years of experience in international human rights and justice work. John worked quietly but incredibly effectively. He guided us students without leading us. And he continued the work with the same constant energy and commitment long after we'd mostly moved on.

Ruth Hedebenn

There are so many wonderful tributes as we mourn the sudden loss of longtime WRLer, dedicated activist for East Timor, and all around smart political person John M Miller. So I will add another side, as John was also a regular at our annual "Ralph DiGia Memorial Mets Game". His heart was really at Yankee stadium (and sometimes so were his ears, plugged into a Yankees game on the radio while sitting with us) but our little tribute to former WRL staff member Ralph DiGia, who died in 2008, was important to John too. Ralph was the complete opposite of a Yankees fan, but he and John overlooked that difference in a shared struggle for a world led by those who prioritize nonviolent solutions to conflict. It's hard to imagine WRL events of all sorts without John. He will be missed.



Maubere Gusmao

Ba Maun John M. Miller

Husi rai dook,
ó rona Timor nian lian,
iha tempu ne'ebé Nasaun barak
Nonook no taka matan.

Ó la buka fama,
maibé servisu ho kalma,
hanesan ahi-oan ne'ebé la mate,
naroman ki'ik ne'ebé hatudu dalan.

Ó sai ponte
entre ami nian terus
no mundu nian konsiénsia.

Ohin, iha memória,
ita hamriik hamutuk nafatin:
solidariedade la mate,
memória la lakon,
as lutas continuum. 🍌



Video of the May 6 reflection event (in Tetum) is at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1VGGqg4mAj/>

Ex-Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri

Kalan Reflesaun ba saudoso ativista Jhon M. Miller (ETAN) sidadaun Amerikanu ne'ebé mak desde tempu rezisténsia kontribui maka'as husi grupu solidariedade iha fatin-fatin, ida mak saudoso Jhon M. Miller, ETAN ne'ebé ativu tebes hamutuk ho grupu oin-oin solidariza Timor-Leste nia kauza iha mundu internasionál, solidariedade husi rai liur muda politika internasionál ba Timor-Leste.

Fundador, Ex-Primeiro Ministro no atual Secretario-Jeral FRETILIN Dr. Mari Alkatiri husu atu Timor-Leste kontinua nafatin loke matan hodi fo solidariedade ba povu iha mundu hanesan iha Sahara, Palestina no raiseluk ne'ebé mak preziza ita-nia solidariedade.

Kalan reflesaun ne'e hala'o iha kampaun Yayasan Hak Farol ho partisipasaun máximo husi Xefi Estadu Ramos Horta, Foinsa'e sivista akademiku.

Saudoso Jhon Miller hetan ona rekonhesementu husi estadu Timor-Leste liuhusi kondekorasaun ne'ebé mak oferese husi Presidente Repúblika.

Farol-Díli, 06.05.026

President José Ramos-Horta (also in other languages)

President of the Republic, J. Ramos-Horta participated in a special reflection event held at HAK Association (Association for Law, Human Rights, and Justice) at Faról in Dili to honor the life and legacy of the late international activist John Miller that passed away on April 23, 2026, in New York City at the age of 70 due to heart failure.

Speaking via video conference, the Head of State recalled a friendship spanning nearly five decades, noting that Miller was among the first dedicated supporters to stand with the Timorese people as early as 1974. The President emphasized that Miller's unwavering commitment helped lay the foundation for the global network that eventually championed Timor-Leste's right to self-determination.

During his intervention, the President expressed profound gratitude to the diverse coalition of international allies, ranging from Lusophone African nations to bipartisan leaders in the United States and Australia who supported the nation's struggle. Recognizing the depth of this support, President Ramos-Horta stated: "This movement of solidarity—comprising influential people from the left to the right, trade unions, and religious institutions—truly supported the Timorese people, leading us toward the referendum and independence." The President noted that this movement transcended political ideologies, bringing together various global actors to uphold the Timorese cause.

Reflecting on the turning point of the 1991 Santa Cruz Massacre, the President highlighted how international solidarity intensified to push for the referendum and eventual independence. In honoring John Miller's memory, President Ramos-Horta reaffirmed the Presidency's commitment to remembering the moral and political courage of all foreign friends.

President Ramos-Horta concluded by thanking those gathered for keeping the history of the solidarity movement alive, ensuring that the contributions of allies like Miller remain an integral part of the nation's story.

Deputada Angelina Sarmento

Kalan Reflesaun hodi presta homenagem ba Ativista Solidariedade East Timor Action Network (ETAN) Saudozo John M Miller husi Estados Unidos da América nebe servisu la kole hodi halo advokasia ba Senado Americano sira no ONU sobre Timor-Leste nia kauza.

Hau nia sentido gratidaun ba solidariedade nebe maun John Miller ho comunidade solidariedade internasional sira halo ona hodi Timor-Leste nia kauza sai forte iha mundo internasional. Viva Solidariedade! 🙏🇹🇱❤️



Aceh.Net

John Miller dari ETAN aktifis pendukung HAM dan Hak Self Determination di Timor Leste dan Aceh meninggal dunia hari ini Jumat, 1 Mei 2026 di Amerika Serikat us. Apapun agama dan background nya, kita apresiasi segala bantuan oleh siapapun di waktu Bangsa Aceh dalam kesusahan. Aceh remember you. Rest in Peace John! 🙏🙏🙏

Samuel Martins

Ele soube transformar solidariedade em ação concreta, dando visibilidade internacional às violações sofridas em Timor-Leste.

Sua trajetória nos lembra que estar ao lado dos povos em luta exige coragem, escuta e compromisso.

Seguimos na luta, honrando sua memória e mantendo viva a solidariedade internacional que ele tanto ajudou a construir.

Abraço a todes!

Pedro da Silva <ahoruin@yahoo.com>

Eh, Kuitadu... Adeus Maun John...

No words can fully express the profound grief felt by us, the Timorese people, at the passing of Maun John Miller, nor the deep gratitude we hold for his lifelong struggle in defense of human rights in Timor-Leste and Indonesia.

Rest in peace, Hero. We extend our deepest condolences to Maun John's family and loved ones.

Your legacy will endure, and you will forever be remembered in the history of our nation.

Pedro Laurentino da Silva

Clandestine Member of the Timor-Leste Independence Struggle (1989–1999)

Freddy Gamage

East Timor finally achieved its long-awaited independence with the contribution of hundreds of tireless activities around the globe. John Miller, we miss you, dear brother. The people of Timor-Leste will never forget you. You will be in their hearts forever

Ze Luis Oliveira

Memoria inesquecível ho John Miller, momentu hamutuk lobby no kampaña kona ba Timor-Leste nian direitu ba Tasi Timor iha ONU, New York tinan 2003.

RiP John M Miller



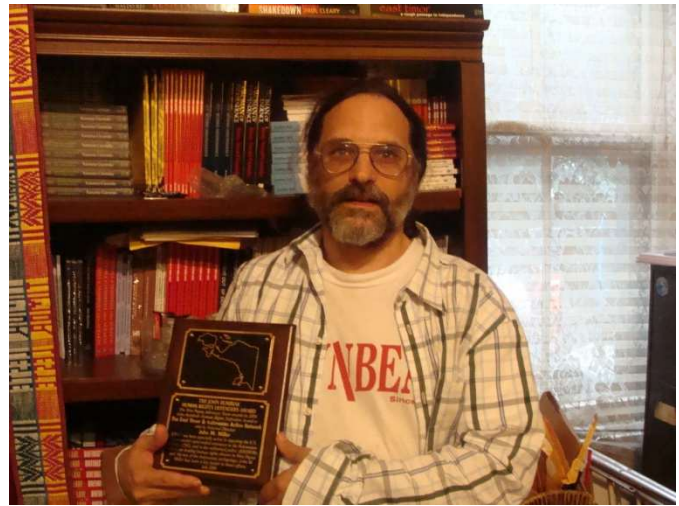
La’o Hamutuk blog (also Tetum)

<https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2026/05/remembering-john-m-miller-international.html>

Remembering John M. Miller, International Solidarity, and the Struggles Continue!

With deep respect and sorrow, the people of Timor-Leste received the news of the passing of John M. Miller—co-founder and National Coordinator of the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network/U.S. — an activist who, for decades, dedicated his life to human rights, justice, and the self-determination of the Timorese people.

ETAN was founded in 1991, following the Santa Cruz Massacre, amid grave human rights violations that required an urgent response from the international community. Through campaigns, civil society mobilization, and political advocacy in the United States and at the United Nations, ETAN helped to amplify Timor-Leste’s voice to the world and build international solidarity.



John M. Miller was not an activist who wanted fame. His quiet yet impactful work—organizing solidarity networks, sharing reliable information, and connecting people at various levels—contributed to a shift in international awareness and strengthened networks supporting Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste’s independence was the result of a long and complex struggle: FRETILIN leadership, FALINTIL armed resistance, clandestine networks, international diplomacy, global solidarity—including the East Timor Action Network—and geopolitical changes in the region, Indonesia, and the world. International solidarity strengthened the struggle, making Timor-Leste a success story of collective struggle in the world.

At the strategic level, John Miller’s contributions to ETAN involved political advocacy, community-level campaigns, and engagement with political institutions to help influence discussions and decisions within the U.S. government and the international arena. His work demonstrates that international solidarity can be a transformative force when organized with evidence, strategy, discipline, and persistence.

The people of Timor-Leste’s right to self-determination stems from the universal principles of the United Nations, and John Miller, along with other international solidarity activists, helped to turn this principle into political reality on the global stage.

After independence, ETAN continues to support Timor-Leste on issues such as justice, accountability, human rights, and democratic development, including the struggle over the maritime border between Australia and Timor-Leste, which the people of Timor-Leste have been fighting for years — showing that solidarity is not just a temporary gesture, but a long process. John and ETAN continue to advocate for the self-determination of West Papua.

John’s contributions have been recognized by the State of Timor-Leste through a national honor. But his legacy extends beyond the medal to the network of solidarity he helped create, to the people he inspired, and to the global struggle for human rights.

In a world that still faces injustice, the memory of John M. Miller offers a moral compass:

Those who have the freedom to speak out have a responsibility to act, especially when their own government acts against people’s rights.

For the people of Timor-Leste, John is not only a friend but a part of the history of the victorious struggle.

Solidarity does not die. Memory does not fade. We must all continue on the path of justice.

The Struggles Continue.



In Memoriam: John Miller, co-founder of the ETAN

07 May 2026



John Miller, co-founder of the East Timor Action Network (ETAN) which campaigned tirelessly for the self-determination of Timor-Leste, has passed away on 30th April 2026.

A dedicated peace activist from his high school years, John was active in the War Resisters League and War Resisters International during the 1970s and 1980s. After the revelation of the 1991 Santa Cruz Massacre in East Timor, John established ETAN with other activists. He worked tirelessly, often behind scenes, to bring the cause of Timor-Leste to a US and international audience. ETAN expanded rapidly between its founding, to the mid-1990s, with more than 10,000 active supporters, including many local chapters on college campuses.

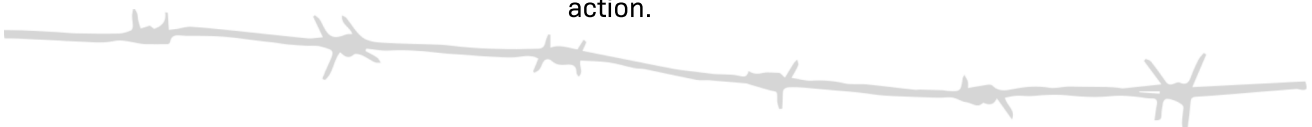
John's work with his ETAN friends and colleagues contributed to bringing the Santa Cruz Massacre and Indonesia's authoritarian rule under Soeharto to a much wider US audience. The response from the public was shock and revulsion at the abuses committed by the Indonesian military and abetted by the United States Government. This sentiment was key in eventually turning the tide on Timor-Leste – and making the US Government's position as a supporter of Indonesia's dictatorship increasingly untenable.

ETAN was headquartered in John's house in Brooklyn, New York City, and hosted many activist visitors over the years. ETAN and TAPOL often worked together to publicise abuses committed by Soeharto's dictatorship. Even after Timor-Leste's independence, John continued to push for justice, accompanying visitors from Timor-Leste such as survivors of the 1999 Liquiça massacre, to UN Headquarters in New York or to meet representatives in Congress. In recent years, he established the Foreign Bases Project, which sought to challenge the impact of the mushrooming US and other military bases around the world.

In 2005, ETAN changed its name to the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network to reflect the broader focus of its work following Independence. In 2009, John was recognised for his contributions with the award of the John Rumbiak Prize for human rights defence. On behalf of ETAN, John received the Order of Timor, the highest order it bestows, on the 10th anniversary of Timor-Leste's independence in 2012.

We at TAPOL send our deepest condolences to his family and friends and mourn the passing of a committed peace activist dedicated to challenging the abuses of Soeharto's government and the hypocrisy of the regime's Western allies.

TAPOL campaigns for human rights, peace and democracy in Indonesia. We raise awareness of human rights issues, including in the contested territory of West Papua. Tapol works closely with local organisations to advocate for truth and justice and encourage the international community to take action.



Morreu John Miller, co-fundador da ETAN e defensor da autodeterminação de Timor-Leste

RafaFM



John M. Miller, cofundador e durante décadas coordenador nacional da East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN)

coordenador nacional da East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), morreu em Nova Iorque, vítima de doença cardíaca, informaram amigos.

Ativista, editor e organizador pela paz e justiça, Miller dedicou décadas da sua vida à causa da autodeterminação e dos direitos humanos em Timor-Leste, numa luta que começou quando o país vivia sob ocupação indonésia e que continuou muito além da independência.

A ETAN (East Timor Action Network) foi fundada em novembro de 1991 para apoiar a autodeterminação e os direitos humanos do povo de Timor-Leste.

Após a restauração da independência de Timor-Leste em 2002, a ETAN alterou em 2005 o seu nome para East Timor and Indonesia Action Network, para melhor refletir os seus objetivos de apoio aos direitos humanos, à justiça e à democracia tanto em Timor-Leste como na Indonésia.

Miller co-fundou a ETAN em 1991 e integrou os seus quadros desde finais de 1996.

Juntamente com a ETAN, recebeu o Prémio John Rumbiak para Defensores dos Direitos Humanos em 2009.

Em 2003, aceitou em nome da ETAN a Ordem de Timor, a mais alta condecoração do governo timorense.

Em maio de 2012, no 10.º aniversário da independência de Timor-Leste, a ETAN foi distinguida com a Ordem de Timor-Leste pelo seu trabalho em prol da libertação do país.

Ao longo dos anos, Miller foi uma das vozes mais constantes a exigir justiça pelos crimes em Timor-Leste, nomeadamente o Massacre de Santa Cruz.

“O massacre de Santa Cruz está entre os crimes mais notórios cometidos pela Indonésia durante a sua ocupação ilegal de Timor-Leste e esperou demasiado tempo por justiça. Os responsáveis pelo massacre e pelos muitos outros crimes contra a humanidade durante a ocupação ilegal indonésia precisam de ser responsabilizados pelos seus crimes”, disse no 30.º aniversário do massacre.

Para além da ETAN, Miller era membro do Comité Nacional da War Resisters League, uma das mais antigas organizações pacifistas dos EUA, e integrou igualmente a War Resisters International.

Criou ainda o Foreign Bases Project para se opor ao militarismo norte-americano noutros países – uma extensão natural do seu compromisso de longa data com a não-violência e o antibelicismo, que remontava à sua participação em movimentos contra o armamento nuclear nos anos 1970.

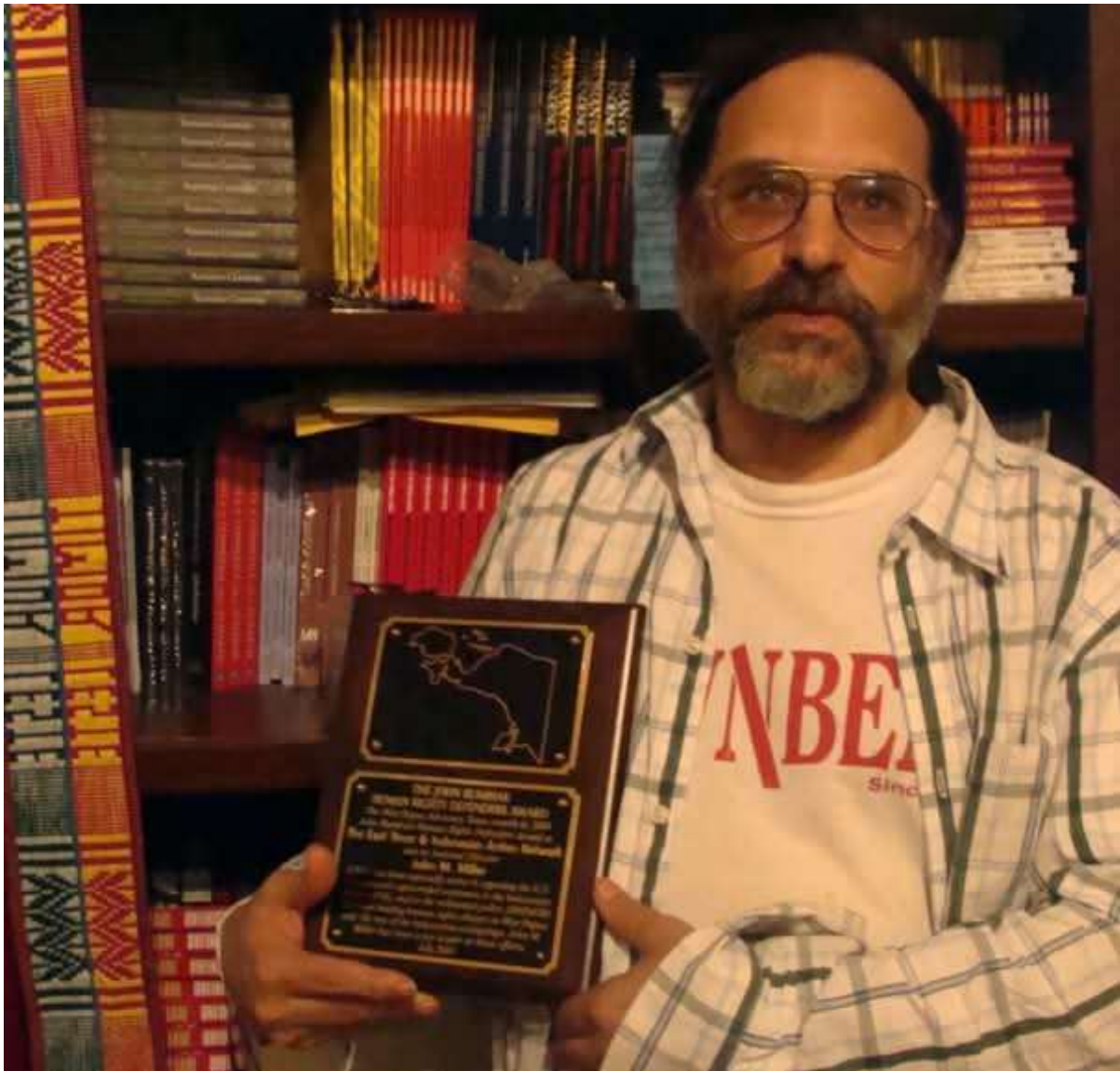
Na ETAN, Miller dedicou-se à educação e organização em torno de violações históricas e contínuas de direitos humanos, crimes de guerra e crimes contra a humanidade, apoiando o desenvolvimento democrático e a genuína autodeterminação, enquanto exigia restrições à assistência de segurança à Indonésia.

Entre 1991 e 1995, a ETAN expandiu-se de um pequeno grupo de pessoas dispersas pelo país para uma dúzia de secções locais, duplicando de tamanho nos quatro anos seguintes para incluir mais de 10.000 apoiantes e um núcleo de várias dezenas de ativistas comprometidos. A ETAN estabeleceu reputação como fonte fiável de informação para jornalistas, académicos, decisores políticos e ativistas de ONG.

A missão original da organização foi em grande medida alcançada em 2002, com a restauração da independência de Timor-Leste – resultado de décadas de pressão internacional às quais Miller e a ETAN contribuíram de forma determinante.

John Miller é descrito pelos seus companheiros como alguém cujo “trabalho silencioso e incansável durante várias décadas avançou imensamente a paz, a justiça e a autodeterminação em Timor-Leste e em todo o mundo.”

Governu Timor-Leste hato'ó sentidu kondolénsia ba falesimentu John Miller



Ko-fundador no antigu-Koordenador Nasionál East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), John Miller. Imajen/Espesial.

DILI, 30 Abril 2026 (TATOLI)-Governu Timor-Leste liuhusi Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministru no Portavós Governu, Agio Pereira, hateten lori Governu no Povu Timor-Leste nia naran, hato'ó sentidu kondolénsia ba falesimentu ko-fundador no antigu-Koordenador Nasionál East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), John Miller ne'ebé hakotu ona peregrinasau iha mundu ne'e.

“Sentidu kondolénsia kle'an ba família, belun no ba sira hotu ne'ebé mak iha nia sorin durante nia moris tomak no garante katak ninia lian hodi defende povu Timór no amizade ne'ebé boot no mós ninia apoiu kontinua iha luta, ami sei la haluha”, Portavóz Governu ne'e deklarara iha komunikadu imprensa ne'ebé públika iha portál Governu.

Novidades triste ne'e hato'o husi nia kolega, Aderito Soares, liuhusi pájina Facebook iha Quinta-feira kalan ne'e, iha nia postajen, nia hanoin loos John Miller tanba nia nu'udar ema -e'ebé simples maibé dedika-an ba luta libertasaun Timor-Leste nian.

“Ohin kalan, ami simu onformasaun katak ami-nia kolega di'ak, John Miller (husi ETAN) fila ona ba aman Maromak, durante ne'e John dedika nia-an ba luta libertasaun Timor Leste,” Aderito hakerek iha nia pájina Facebook.

Nia mós hanoin kona-ba sira-nia hamutuk iha inísiu tinan 2000, inklui iha momentu ne'ebé sira halo konferénsia imprensa iha Nasaun Unidas (NU) hamutuk ho figura internasionál sira hanesan Ian Martin, no atividade advókasia no demonstrasaun oioin, inklui aksaun kontra funu iha Iraque.

Tuir Aderito Soares, John iha personalidade ne'ebé ativa hodi konvida ativista Timor-Leste sira atu partisipa iha movimentu raiz iha Nova Iorké liuhusi War Resisters League, no apartamentu John nian iha Nova Iorké dala barak sai fatin ba ativista Timor-Leste sira hodi deskansa ba. John moris simples tebes, maibé iha jenerozu tebes atu ajuda ema seluk, kolega lutadór no laran-di'ak ne'ebé sira sei la haluha.

“Durante nia moris, John hatene nu'udar movimentadór prinsipál ida ba solidaridade internasionál ba Timor-Leste liuhusi ETAN, organizasaun ne'ebé nia hari'i iha 1991 hafoin trajédia Santa Cruz massacre iha Dili”, nia relata.

Istória badak kona-ba saudozu John Miller

John Miller iha dékada balun dedika-an hodi defende autodeterminasaun, direitu umanu, no justisa ba povu Timor-Leste. Iha tinan 1991, hafoin Masakre Santa Krús, harii East Timor Action Network (ETAN), organizasaun ida-ne'ebé nia nu'udar ko-fundadór, no ne'ebé hala'o papél importante ida hodi divulga informasaun kona-ba situasaun Timor-Leste nian ba mundu internasionál no mós mobiliza apoiu sosiedade sivil, mídia no desizór polítiku sira iha Estadu Unidu América nian.

Nune'e, durante nia karreira, John Miller kontribui ba kampaña sensibilizasaun no presaan política hodi defende povu timoroan nia direitu nomós rekoñesimentu ba povu timoroan nia direitu ba autodeterminasaun.

Aleinde ETAN, nia nu'udar membru ida hosi War Resisters League, War Resisters International no organizasaun pasifista sira seluk, nomós kria Foreign Bases Project, ne'ebé ho objetivu atu reziste kontra militarizmu norte-amerikanu iha nasaun sira seluk.

Enkuantu servisu ne'ebé hala'o husi John Miller no ETAN hetan rekoñesimentu husi Timor-Leste. Iha tinan 2003, Miller simu Orden de Timor hodi ETAN nia naran. Iha tinan 2012, iha okaziaun aniversáriu Restaurasaun Independénsia ba dala-10, ETAN hetan kondekorasaun Ordem de Timor-Leste nu'udar rekoñesimentu ba ninia kontribuisaun ba libertasaun nasional.

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John M. Miller remembered as tireless activist for Timor-Leste's independence

DILI, 30 April 2026 (TATOLI) — President José Ramos-Horta on Friday expressed condolences over the death of American human rights activist John M. Miller, describing him as one of Timor-Leste's most dedicated international supporters during its struggle for independence.

In a statement, Ramos-Horta said he learned of Miller's death with "profound sadness," calling him a close friend and a lifelong advocate for human rights and global solidarity.

"It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of my dear friend, John M. Miller," Ramos-Horta said.

Miller, from the United States, co-founded the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network in 1991 and later served as its coordinator.

The organization played a key role in mobilizing international support for Timor-Leste during the Indonesian occupation by coordinating grassroots advocacy campaigns and sharing information on alleged human rights abuses.

According to Ramos-Horta, Miller dedicated decades of his life to promoting Timor-Leste's cause internationally, often working behind the scenes without seeking recognition.

"For decades, he placed the cause of Timor-Leste above personal recognition, working with dedication to amplify our voice to the world," he said.

The president described Miller as one of Timor-Leste's "most tireless advocates" during the country's independence struggle.

Before his work with ETAN, Miller was also involved in solidarity movements supporting people in Vietnam, Cambodia and other parts of Southeast Asia.

Ramos-Horta praised Miller's long-standing commitment to opposing injustice and defending oppressed communities.

"He was known for his quiet determination and deep moral conviction that the world had a duty to act against oppression," the statement said.

The president said Miller's legacy would continue to inspire future generations in Timor-Leste and beyond.

"As we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his extraordinary life and legacy, one that will continue to inspire generations of Timorese and human rights defenders around the world," Ramos-Horta said.

On behalf of the Timorese people, Ramos-Horta extended condolences to Miller's family.

"May they find comfort in knowing that his life made a profound and lasting difference to the people of Timor-Leste," he said. "Rest in Eternal Peace John."

President Ramos-Horta pays tribute to late activist John Miller, highlighting decades of global solidarity



Activist John M. Miller - Photo: PR

DILI, 07 May 2026 (TATOLI) – The President of the Republic, Jose Ramos-Horta participated in a special reflection event held at HAK Association (Association for Law, Human Rights, and Justice) at Faról in Dili to honor the life and legacy of the late international activist John Miller that passed away on April 23, 2026, in New York City at the age of 70 due to heart failure.

Speaking via video conference, the Head of State recalled a friendship spanning nearly five decades, noting that Miller was among the first dedicated supporters to stand with the Timorese people as early as 1974. The President emphasized that Miller’s unwavering commitment helped lay the foundation for the global network that eventually championed Timor-Leste’s right to self-determination.

During his intervention, the President expressed profound gratitude to the diverse coalition of international allies, ranging from Lusophone African nations to bipartisan leaders in the United States and Australia who supported the nation’s struggle. Recognizing the depth of this support, President Ramos-Horta stated: “This movement of solidarity—comprising influential people from the left to the right, trade unions, and religious institutions—truly supported the Timorese people, leading us toward the referendum and independence.” The President noted that this movement transcended political ideologies, bringing together various global actors to uphold the Timorese cause.

Reflecting on the turning point of the 1991 Santa Cruz Massacre, the President highlighted how international solidarity intensified to push for the referendum and eventual independence. In honoring John Miller’s memory, President Ramos-Horta reaffirmed the Presidency’s commitment to remembering the moral and political courage of all foreign friends.

President Ramos-Horta concluded by thanking those gathered for keeping the history of the solidarity movement alive, ensuring that the contributions of allies like Miller remain an integral part of the nation’s story.

Journalist: Camilio de Sousa Editor: Filomeno Martins

Xefe Estadu hato'o omenajen ba saudozu John Miller

DILI, 07 Maiu 2026 (TATOLI)—Prezidente Repúblika, José Ramos-Horta, partisipa iha eventua reflexaun espesial ne'ebé hala'o iha Asosiasaun HAK (Asosiasaun ba Direitu, Direitus Umanus no Justisa) iha Faról, Dili, hodi fó onra ba moris no legadu husi ativista internasionál saudozu John

Miller ne'ebé hakotu iis iha 23 Abril 2026, iha sidade Neva Iorke, ho idade tinan 70, tanba atakasaun-fuan (heart failure).

Ko'alia liuhusi vídeo-konferénsia, Xefe Estadu hanoin fali amizade ne'ebé naruk besik dékada lima, hodi nota katak Miller mak husi apoiante dedikadu sira-ne'ebé hamriik hamutuk ho povu Timor dezde tinan 1974.

Prezidente enfatiza katak Miller nia kompromisu ne'ebé metin tebes ne'e ajuda harii fundasaun ba rede globál ne'ebé ikusmai luta ba Timor-Leste nia direitu ba auto-determinasaun.

Durante diskursu Prezidente hato'o agradesimentu kle'an ba koalizasaun oioin husi aliadu internasionál sira, husi nasaun Afrikanu lian Portugés (PALOP) to'o lider bipartidáriu sira iha Estadus Unidus no Austrália ne'ebé apoia nasaun nia luta.

“Movimentu solidariedade ne'e, ne'ebé kompostu husi ema influente sira husi sorin karuk to'o loos, sindikatu sira no instituisaun relijiozu sira, apoia tebes duni povu Timoroan, hodi lori ita ba referendu no independénsia. Movimentu ne'e ultrapasa ideolojia polítika sira, hodi halibur hamutuk atór globál oioin hodi defende kazu Timor-Leste nian,” Ramos-Horta tenik iha nia diskursu.

Hodi hanoin fali pontu mudansa husi Masakre Santa Cruz 1991, Prezidente foti katak oinsá solidariedade internasionál sai forte liután hodi dudu ba referendu no independénsia.

Hodi fó onra ba saudozu John Miller nia memória, Prezidente Ramos-Horta reafirma hikas Prezidencia nia kompromisu hodi hanoin nafatin korajen morál no polítika husi belun estranjeiru hotu.

Prezidente Ramos-Horta konklui hodi agradese ba sira-ne'ebé halibur hamutuk hodi mantein istória movimentu solidariedade ne'e moris nafatin, hodi garante katak kontribuisaun husi aliadu sira hanesan Miller sei kontinua sai parte integrál husi istória nasaun nian.

Momentu importante ne'e partisipa mós husi Sekreteriu Jerál Partidu FRETILIN Mari Alkatiri. “Kalan Reflexaun ba saudozu ativista Jhon M. Miller (ETAN) sidadaun Amerikanu ne'ebé mak dezde tempu rezisténsia kontribui maka'as husi grupu solidariedade iha fatin-fatin, ida mak saudoso Jhon M. Miller. ETAN ne'ebé ativu tebes hamutuk ho grupu oioin solidariza Timor-Leste nia kauza iha mundu internasionál, solidariedade husi rai-li'ur muda politika internasionál ba Timor-Leste,” Alkatiri hateten.

Fundadór, Antigu-Primeiru-Ministru no atuál Sekretáriu-Jerál FRETILIN Mari Alkatiri husu atu Timor-Leste kontinua nafatin loke matan hodi fó solidariedade ba povu iha mundu hanesan iha Sahara, Palestina no rai seluk ne'ebé mak prezisa solidariedade.

Saudozu Jhon Miller hetan ona rekoñesimentu husi Estadu Timor-Leste liuhusi kondekorasaun ne'ebé mak ofere se husi Prezidente Repúblika.

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PR Horta fo Ondra, Omenajen ba Ativista Saudozu John Miller



DILI, STLTIMORLESTE.com – Prezidente Republika (PR), Jose Ramos Horta hatoo ondra no omenajen ba moris no legadu husi ativista internasional saudozu John Miller iha Farol.

Prezidente Republika, José Ramos Horta iha kuarta kalan (06/05/2025) partisipa iha eventua reflesaun espesial neebe halao iha Asosiasaun HAK (Asosiasaun ba Direitu, Direitus Umanus no Justisa) iha Farol, Dili, hodi fo onra ba moris no legadu husi ativista internasional saudozu John Miller neebe hakotu iis iha loron 23 fulan-abril 2026, iha sidade New York, ho idade tinan 70 tanba atakasaun-fuan (heart failure).

Prezidente Republika Horta liu husi Vidio Komferensia hanoin fali amizade neebe naruk besik dekada lima, hodi nota katak Miller mak husi apoiante dedikadu sira neebe hamriik hamutuk ho povu Timor dezde tinan 1974.

Prezidente enfatiza katak Miller nia kompromisu neebe metin tebes nee ajuda harii fundasaun ba rede global neebe ikusmai luta ba Timor-Leste nia direitu ba auto-determinasaun.

Iha intervensaun Prezidente hatoo agradesimentu klean ba koalizasaun oioin husi aliadu internasional sira, husi nasaun Afrikanu lian Portuges (PALOP) too lider bipartidariu sira iha Estados Unidos no Australia neebe apoia nasaun nia luta.

“Movimentu solidaridade nee neebe kompostu husi ema influente sira husi sorin karuk too loos, sindikatu sira, no instituisaun relijiozu sira, apoia tebes duni povu Timoroan, hodi lori ita ba referendu no independensia,” dehan Prezidente Republika Ramos Husi Intervensaun.

Prezidente nota katak movimentu nee ultrapasa ideolojia politika sira, hodi halibur hamutuk ator global oioin hodi defende kazu Timor-Leste nian.

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eventua reflesaun espesial neebe halao iha Asosiasaun HAK (Asosiasaun ba Direitu, Direitus Umanus no Justisa) iha Farol, Dili, hodi fo onra ba moris no legadu husi ativista internasional saudozu John Miller partisipa husi Prezidente Republika Jose Ramos Horta, nomos Eis Primeiru Ministru atual sekretariu Jeral Partidu FRETILIN Mari Alkatiri, nomos sociedade sivil nomos partisipante seluk tan.

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Parlamentu hato'o votu pezár ba falesimentu John Miller



Video at
<https://youtu.be/d1362JqzbpU?t=1153s>

Parlamentu Nasionál liuhusi reuniaun plenária, segunda ne'e, aprova votu pezár ba falesimentu ba ativista internasionál matebian John Miller.
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DILI, 11 Maiu 2026 (TATOLD)-Parlamentu Nasionál aprova votu pezár ba falesimentu ativista internasionál matebian John Miller. Deputadu sira aprova votu pezár ne'e a favór 55, kontra no abstenasun laiha.

Segundu Sekretária Meza Parlamentu, Bendita Moniz, hateten liuhusi inabalavel dedikasaun saudozu nian ba luta libertasaun nasional no kontribuisaun ne'ebé presta ona ba desenvolvimentu Timor-Leste, nune'e Parlamentu reúne iha sesaun plenária hodi espresa ninia profundu pezár ba falesimentu ne'e.

Parlamentu apresenta sentida kondolénsia ba família enlutada, ba organizaun ETAN no povu Timor-Leste ne'ebé lakon nia amigu ida solidáriu ne'ebé serbisu defende kauza nasional país ne'e nian.

“Ninia prinsípiu no valór sira ba luta defeza direitu povu no kontinua moris iha ita-nia fuan no memória ba timoroan sira. Na'in simu iha ninia eternidade, amen”, nia hato'o.

Lembra katak matebian hakotu iis iha loron 23 Abril 2026, iha sidade Nova Iorque, ho idade 70 tanba ataka kardiáku. Matebian nu'udar koordenador nasional no fundadór ida husi *East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN)*. Durante nia moris dedika an tomak ba pás, justisa, direitu umanu no autodeterminasaun ba povu Timor-Leste.

Iha Dezembru 1991, hafoin masakre Santa Krús, saudozu ho nia parseiru ETAN sira organiza demonstrasaun hasoru Governu Indonézia iha misaun Indonézia nian oin iha Nova Iorque.

Iha tempu hanesan, matebian ho ETAN no ativista sira seluk, ho objetivu atu fó vizibilidade internasionál ba luta no lian povu Timor-Leste nian.

Iha Nova Iorque, matebian atua iha kampaña mobilizasaun sosiedade sivil no artikulasaun ho média no poder polítiku, liuliu ba Governu Estadu Unidu. ETAN mós hala'o papél krusiál ida ba fó presaan ba comunidade internasionál hatene situasaun hanesan okupasaun ilegal ba Timor-Leste husi Indonézia.

Iha tinan 1998, ETAN representa husi Charles Scheiner nu'udar observadór iha konferénsia Koligasaun Azía-Pasífiku *Coalition for East Timor (APCET)* iha Bangkok, Tailândia, ho objetivu atu unifika lian ba advokasia forte iha nivel internasionál. Konferénsia ne'e atu reforma mós apoiu kontinua ba autodeterminasaun no planu ba pás husi CNRM nian.

Iha okaziaun ida-ne'e, APCET apresenta medida espesífika sira ba Nasaun Unida no organizaun internasionál sira atu aumenta partisipasaun timoroan sira nian iha solusaun política iha Timor-Leste.

Aleinde ne'e, John Miller mós envolve hanesan membru ida husi *War Resisters League, War Resisters International*, no organizaun pasífika sira seluk no kria mós *Foreign Bases Project* ho objetivu rejiste militarizmu norte amerikanu iha país seluk.

Hafoin referendu, ETAN kontribui konstantemente ba desenvolvimentu país liuhusi ninia atividade regulár koñesidu ho *ETAN Lobby Days*. Organizaun konsentra mós nia programa iha justisa no responsabilizasaun iha reintegrasaun refujiadu no apoiu ba desenvolvimentu Timor-Leste, kontinua nia advokasia relasiona ho konfliktu iha Indonézia no nasaun sira seluk.

Iha 2009, John Miller mós partisipa iha konferénsia Solidariedade Internasionál iha Dili, ne'ebé organiza husi sosiedade sivil, ho objetivu atu define âmbito solidariedade globál.

“Luta husi irmaun ne'e no solidariedade serbisu sira ne'e nia luta sai hanesan naroman ida-ne'ebé kontinua asesu ba solidariedade globál liuhusi direitu ba autodeterminasaun”, deputada Bendita hateten.

John Miller hetan ona rekoñesimentu husi Estadu Timor-Leste ho kondekorasaun medalla Ordem Timor-Leste, nu'udar rekoñesimentu estraordináriu tanba nia kontribuisaun ba liberbasaun nasional, ninia legadu representa integridade, kompromisu, étika no solidariedade internasionál duradora.

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