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# ERJ UPDATE

EDMUND RICE JUSTICE AOTEAROA NEWSLETTER

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*A successful a disarmament program in southern Sudan*

## VOLUME 1, EDITION 1, WELCOME!

Thanks for taking some time out of the day to have a look at the first ERJ Aotearoa newsletter. As a monthly publication we hope to keep you informed with current local and international issues, the activities of ERJ and ways to get involved. Edmund Rice Justice is building a dynamic group of young adults who participate in **social justice advocacy, action & education**. Feel free to browse our [website](http://www.erjustice.org.nz) for more information.



## BOOT CAMP FOR WHO

With the huge publicity and overwhelming public support of the Government's boot camp policy, one has to ask, is it really going to make a difference for the 40 or so "high-risk" youth who the program will target? The answer research has provided is that **boot camps have a minor if not negative impact on youth at risk** which only makes one ask is this program simply for punishment without treating the core societal issues? [Take a look at our issue wrap up online](#)



## NZAID TO BECOME A POLITICAL TOOL

The Government is investigating the integration on [NZ Aid](#) back into the Ministry of Foreign affairs. This step could move NZ Aid from one of the most effective aid agencies in the world into a tool used exclusively for 'economic development' leaving the poorest of the poor without the basics for survival. **This is simply unacceptable and we need your voice to help stop this action!** [More information & online petition here](#)



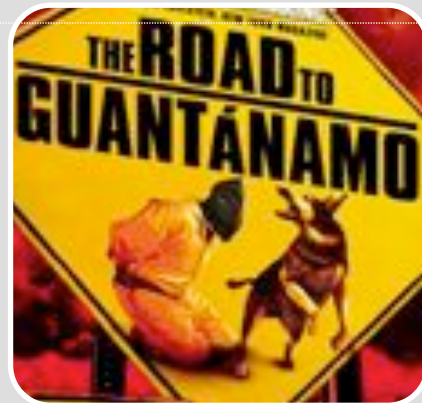
## EAST TIMOR IMMERSION 2009

In a joint effort between the Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice in Perth and ERJ New Zealand we will be offering an international immersion to East Timor in the university holidays, 27th June through 18th July. The immersion program is designed to **expose participants to multilayered justice issues in a safe, supportive and personal environment.** For full details click onto our website [here](#) or email us [admin@erjustice.org.nz](mailto:admin@erjustice.org.nz) for expressions of



## COMMUNITY GATHERING

On 28th of March we are holding a community gathering looking at **human rights in the perceived age of terrorism.** We will be hearing from a human rights lawyer and looking at the film "Road to Guantanamo" which tells the story of the wrongful detention of three British passport holders in the Gauntanamo Bay detention facility for 5 years. It would be great to have you along from 3pm through 5pm at St Peters. For more details check out the website [www.erjustice.org.nz](http://www.erjustice.org.nz)



## THANKS!

For having a look at our first newsletter, if you would like to get more involved in the activities of ERJ there are heaps of options. Have a look at our website [here](#) or emails us at [admin@erjustice.org.nz](mailto:admin@erjustice.org.nz), we are always looking for people who can contribute news and views to our website or newsletter.

