

INDONESIANS DRIVE ON REBELS IN IRIAN

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Indonesian Army announced that 6,000 troops began a drive against rebel nationalists in the mountainous northwest region of West Irian today.

Maj. Gen. Makaun Murod, deputy chief of the army at the Defense Ministry here, said soldiers, marines and air force troops were moving against a rebel stronghold. It is believed to be the biggest single military operation against guerrillas since Indonesia took over the rugged New Guinea territory from the Dutch more than six years ago.

General Murod said it had been launched after the rebel been launched after the Free Papua Organization ignored a ultimatum to surrender.

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