

FIELDNOTES ON LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS IN THE KEBAR DISTRICT, BIRD'S HEAD, IRIAN JAYA

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1. INTRODUCTION

The present paper¹ will give information on languages, dialects and their distribution over villages in the Kebar district and its immediate surroundings. Within the scope of an anthropological research the main purpose of collecting data on languages was to get additional information on the ethnic composition of the Kebar plains population. Preliminary information on the languages and dialects have been obtained by means of a short wordlist. For comparative purposes we used the wordlist as presented by C.L. Voorhoeve (1975).

As our research was mainly focused on the Kebar-speaking group, another list of Kebar-words as well as a list of Kebar kinship terms has been added.

The Kebar district is situated in the regency of Manokwari just south of the eastern range of the Tamrau mountains on the north coast of the Bird's Head of Irian Jaya. Part of an east-west depression, the Kebar valley separates the Tamrau mountains from the limestone mountains further to the south. The area under investigation is enclosed by four large rivers: in the north by the river Apii, in the west by the river Ayfat (Kamundan), in the east by the river Kasi and in the south by the river Amnan (its upper reaches are called Arwawa by the Meax people, and its lower reaches are called Aimau by the Ayfat people (see Map 1)). The name Kebar in the local language means 'bamboo marshland' (*keb bamboo, (w)ar water*).² However, the Doreri³ people claim that the word kebar is of Biak-Numfor origin and is said to mean 'on the other side' (of the coastal mountains).

Administratively the district of Kebar is divided into three regions: West, Central and East Kebar. In West Kebar we find the villages of Asiti 'lama' (old), Asiti 'baru' (new), Senopi and Aрапи. In Central Kebar there are three villages: Akmuri, Atay and Anjai, the latter being the residence of the district-officer. The villages Ibuani, Aniti, Jenderau, Akrin, Pubuan and Inam are situated in East Kebar. In 1979 double-villages were formed by Asiti old and new (hereafter Asiti I and II), Senopi and Aрапи, and Aniti and Jenderau. In 1980 Inam was added to Aniti/Jenderau, and Pubuan and Akrin inhabitants were resettled under supervision of the local government in a new village near Aniti/Jenderau/Inam. All the villages are now located in the Kebar valley, some of them having recently moved from the surrounding mountains.

The Kebar district is about 501,500 hectares in area and the number of inhabitants of the plains area is about 2,100 (not included are small groups still living in the southern mountain area). Administratively three language groups are recognised: from west to east the Karon, Kebar and Meax, respectively about 30%, 60% and 10% of the plains population. Intermarriage relations complicate this picture. The process of concentrating people in villages has been developed and intensified especially since the latter part of the 1940s, when the first Protestant evangelists – of Biak-Numfor origin – entered the area.

Because people from different origin relatively recently settled on the Kebar plain forming villages, the village boundaries still coincide more or less with ethnic and language boundaries.

The following distinctions can be made concerning languages, dialects and their distribution over villages in the Kebar district.

2. KEBAR AND SURROUNDING LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS

Kebar – Amberbaken and Arfu

Kebar is one of the three main dialects of the Amberbaken language, the other two are Amberbaken and Arfu. More or less by exclusion of other dialects and languages Kebar is spoken in the central region in the villages of Atay, Anjai and Ibuani. Most of their inhabitants came from the Anari area: the chain of mountains in the south along the river Anari (see map). As far as Anjai and Ibuani are concerned part of their inhabitants moved in from the northern mountain slopes, where they used to live in close contact with more northward living mountain people who in the course of time settled in the Amberbaken area along the north coast. Some of the inhabitants of Anjai are of mixed Kebar-Amberbaken origin. Between them and the other inhabitants of Anjai we noted differences in pronunciation as well as differences in the application of kinship terms.⁴ In Anjai older people use the word Ekwari to indicate the locally spoken dialect but this word is unfamiliar to the younger people. Besides Kebar as the principal dialect, Arfu is spoken in the north-eastern village of Inam. The Kebar people describe their own dialect as 'higher' than Arfu, meaning that their pronunciation is marked by greater intonational differences but this distinction is denied in East Kebar where people have close marriage connections with the inhabitants of the Arfu area, east of Amberbaken at the north coast. The Kebar and Arfu dialect together are called Pur, whereas the Kebar people call the Amberbaken dialect by the name Kwambra.

Regarding dialect borders, the so-called Jambuani part of the village of Anjai can be regarded as the most southern peak of the Amberbaken dialect, whereas the most southern peak of the Arfu dialect is found in Inam.

Kebar – Karon Pantai (Jembun) – Karon Dori

In the village of Arapi in West Kebar, some people speak a language locally called Jembun. The Jembun-speaking inhabitants of Arapi moved in from the north and the north-west. A comparison of Jembun words with the wordlists of Voorhoeve (1975) makes it clear that Jembun is closely related to the Karon Pantai (coast) language (which connection is confirmed by genealogical data). This means that the village of Arapi has to be regarded as the most eastern inland border of Karon Pantai. In the West Kebar villages of Senopi and Asiti II another Karon language is spoken, called Karon Dori. Locally, the Karon 'Atas' (high) are

distinguished from the Karon 'Bawah' (low). The former originate from the - northern and southern - slopes of the high Tokhiri mountains west of Senopi, whereas the latter come from the area between northern Ayawasi and West Ayfat (see also Schoorl 1979) to the south of the Tokhiri mountains.

Karon and Ayfat clans gradually moved from both areas to the Kebar plain, especially since the period of the 1950s when the Roman Catholic Mission started to work amongst the Karon Dori in the East Karon/West Kebar. The process of concentrating mountain people in villages is still going on with the building of Asiti II, since 1978, where new Karon Dori families and people from the area east of the Ayfat/Kamundan river recently settled. The villages of Senopi and Asiti II form the border of Karon mountain (and Ayfat) settlement to the west. (The neighbouring villages of Asiti I and Arapi I are mainly Kebar-speaking and Kebar-orientated; for instance, the so-called Siwa and Mafif stories of the Ayamaru area (see Elmberg 1968) are known by the Karon/Ayfat inhabitants of Senopi and Arapi II but not by the Kebar inhabitants of Arapi I and Asiti I. As indicated above, Senopi and Asiti II on the one hand and Arapi I and Asiti I on the other hand also mark the border between the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Church. As far as language is concerned, this difference in church background is expressed in different baptismal names and loan words. In Protestant Kebar rather many words of Biak-Numfor origin are used, amongst others because the first evangelists were of Biak-Numfor origin, as stated above.)

Kebar - Meax, Etskebi, Miun and Anason

The Meax language is spoken in the eastern Kebar villages of Akrin and Pubuan. In earlier times the Meax people split off from the northern Moskona groups in the Central East Bird's Head, as we were informed by Meax informants, and part of them moved to the north until they reached East Kebar and the north coast (see also Pans 1960). Due to lack of information about the area south of the river Amnan (see map), East Kebar has been regarded as the western border of the Meax language area.

In 1980 we visited a group of 68 people who had recently settled on the banks of the Anari river, just opposite one of its southern tributaries, called Apii. They call themselves Akari, after a tributary of the river Amnan from where they had fled at the end of 1979. They themselves called their language Etskebi. From what we managed to note about their dialect - via two translators - it seems that we deal with a Meax dialect, to be located more inland and westward than the already known Meax border. The reason why these Akari people had fled northward is that they were persuaded by the so-called Anason people, who are to be located south of the river Amnan. In Akmuri we once happened to meet members of this Anason group.⁵ A wordlist of the Anason language is also included.

In Akmuri and Asiti II in West Kebar another Meax dialect is spoken, called Miun. These Miun-speaking people originate from the southern mountains where the river Aimau splits upstream as the Amnan and northward as the Anari. The border between Miun and Anason is said to be a place called Mèssisi, somewhere between the Ayfat/Kamundan and the Aimau rivers to the south.

For comparative purposes a list of Moskona words, which were noted in Merdey (see below), has been added to the comparative wordlists.

A comparison of Meax, Etskebi, Miun and Anason with Moskona seems to give evidence that we are dealing with five dialects of the same language.⁶ At this point it has to be mentioned that the 'kepala' (head) of the big Kebar-speaking Anari clan in the village of Anjai, traces its origin seven generations back,

the first known ancestor being a woman from 'Bintuni Atas' (upper-Bintuni, by which is meant the Moskona-speaking Merdey district), and the next three ancestors being Anason(!) men. Also the so-called Jubewi and Junon stories⁷ of the Anari people in Kebar show some striking similarities with the Siwa and Mafif stories mentioned above. These two facts might indicate that the Anason, just like the Meax, split off directly from the Moskona, but, unlike the Meax, the Anason moved in a north-western direction (suggested by similarities in the above called stories), whereafter part of them via the Anari river and its northern tributaries reached the Kebar plain.⁸ (A more detailed picture of the relations between Kebar-speaking and non-Kebar-speaking groups can only be given in a separate study on kinship and marriage.)

In addition to names mentioned above, the following are names by which Karon, Kebar and Meax people refer to their own (language) group and surrounding groups:

General name	Names used by local people to refer to themselves and surrounding (language) groups		
	Karon	Kebar	Meax
Kebar	Mira	Mayé }	
Arfu	Jimbab	Pur }	Murumir
Amberbaken	Nasu	Déwot (Kwambra)	Mosmukwar
Meax	Aysaju	Andér (east) Anason (south)	Meyaxir
Moskona	---	Ajiwu	Moskonér
Meybrat } Mare }	Laymare'	Méré	Meymoisin
Karon	Darfat (mountain) Jembun (coast)	Dumon (mountain) Abun (coast)	-

N.B. The Karon group refers to Kebar as 'Mira', etc.

3. COMPARATIVE WORDLISTS

	Kebar (Anjai)	Amberbaken (Saukorem)	Arfu (Mumbrani)	Meax (Mumbrani)
1. arm	an	igom	èwom	mitma
2. ashes	sènar	enau	nikú	maywohka
3. bird	if	iuw	iw (ip)	mèm
4. black	nyèm	nèm	nyim	axta
5. blood	far	far	éfar	m(u)fora
6. bone	ip	ip	éip	(m)ogu(e)
7. come	anama	-ana	anama	bin
8. dog	pir	pèr	p(y)èr	mès
9. eat	barièt	-èrèt	'eryèt	mi:t
10. egg	bua	bua	bua	afo(i) ofo(i)
11. eye	yam	yam	éyam	mitèt
12. fingernail	buak	binèt	buak	aw(e)xobru
13. fire	yèt	yit	yit	ma:x
14. give	ambuot	-bet	amb(u)ot	bita
15. good	mafunk	mafunk(a)	mafunk	oufa
16. ground	nièk	nik	nyik	mèwi
17. hair	buambor	-bur	byambur	mi:fésyi
18. head	èbuam	byam	èbuam	mi:fa
19. I	in	in	i:n	didif
20. leg	èipèt	witwur	pirik	ma:ki
21. louse	èyim	im	i:m	mè(i)t(s)
22. man	mamir	minip	dèmonip	mona
23. name	emuk	muk	muk	mufaka
24. night	dim	dim	dimba	mòtu
25. one	tu	tu	tu	èrgèns
26. pig	duaw	bua -mir (w.) bua -non (d.)	duao	mèk -ui(w.) mèk -us(d.)
27. see	wuot	iyot	nuot	mi:k
28. sit	cab	dyab	acap	mikèr
29. skin	fièk	fak	(è)fièk	muos
30. sleep	kuon	kon	èkuon	ma:x(e)a
31. stone	bit	bit	bi:t	mami
32. sun	put	pun	put	mauwa
33. tail	muk	muk	mu:k	aura
34. tooth	bir	bir	èbir	mufon
35. tree	perau	ni	perahu	òkàwu(n)
36. two	dukir	dukir	dokir	èrgèk
37. water	war	war	war	mey
38. we	yik	yìk	yèk	mimif
39. you (sg.)	nan	nan	ninmata	ètuts
40. you (pl.)	nièn	nin	nin	ètuxotsi

	Meax (Akrin)	Etskebi (Akari)	Miun ('Akmuri')	Anason ('Akmuri')
1. arm	mitma	titim	mès	mè:s
2. ashes	maywohka	m(e)raxfaf	hasmin	(e)xèmis
3. bird	mèm	mèm	mèm	mè:m
4. black	axta	-axt	axit	axtuk
5. blood	okguwu	-axof	aguf	agof
6. bone	acfora	afer	or	c(a)fon
7. come	èn	bi:n	binin	bin
8. dog	mès	mèt(y)	mèyt	mèt
9. eat	mit	mièt	mit	menèt
10. egg	òfeu	mémafu(i)	afe:	efi:
11. eye	eytèts	eytet(s)	mèntèt	mèteys
12. fingernail	otuwoxoru	metoaxor	foi	afot
13. fire	ma:x	merax	ma:x	merax
14. give	bitèn	bitam	bitkau	terax-ko
15. good	eufa	mèmoiskan	acemab	eufmaf
16. ground	mèwi	mow(f)	mo:b	moub (-p)
17. hair	méwifesi	meyfreits	iwirèfes	iwirèreys
18. head	méwifa	méwèr	èwit	iwir
19. I	titif	te:f	adif	tif
20. leg	maki	meykak	ipèk	ikak
21. louse	mè:t	meys	mais	meys
22. man	dusnok	i:s	isosk	isnok
23. name	dufòkah	bou(y)ok	ifap	iwuok
24. night	motu	mo:nta	mot	mò:t
25. one	èrgèns	èrgèns	afims	arfins
26. pig	mèk	mèk	mèk	mè:k
27. see	mik	m(i)ènk(a)	mik	mena(e)k
28. sit	mikèr	---	mèkèr	mikar
29. skin	a(o)wos	menkar	afuots	awuot(y)
30. sleep	maxja	memax	myix	memèx
31. stone	mamu	mox(w)om	mekom	maukom
32. sun	mowa	mauw	mouw	mauwa
33. tail	aura	oudège	arek	awirek
34. tooth	mufon	bufon(afon)	fon	mefon
35. tree	mèga	merga	apow	akow
36. two	ègeka	argak	afik	èrfik
37. water	mey	mi:	mey	miy
38. we	me:mif	mefrombrège	mèmef	mif
39. you (sg.)	me:mifuomra	atkas	afot	puwi
40. you (pl.)	iwa	atkas(o) rombrège	yoi	yui(y)

	Moskona (Merdey)	Jembun (Arapí)	Karon (Senopi)	East-Ayfat (Senopi)
1. arm	mungomu	mesim	tatem	
2. ashes	mojaxo	bot(e)gom	asìès	
3. bird	mèm	da:m	eru:	
4. black	axta	té:	gowon	genu
5. blood	oxwofi	dè		mès
6. bone	ofora	dinié:	tey	patay
7. come	bim	ma		nama
8. dog	mès	dar	(n)dax	mètax
9. eat	bitmar	mengi	téyt	tayt
10. egg	ofow	be:m		yayuf
11. eye	bitèts	da	tasu	takan
12. fingernail	(i)tuxòrè	mongro		ka:n
13. fire	mèrax	bo:t	tafox	
14. give	bitoguo	nambi		tè
15. good	o:fa	do		mof
16. ground	mauw(o)	bur		tapam
17. hair	biwèrfesyé	usugo		mauwyan
18. head	biwèr	mesu		tana
19. I	didif	ta:t		tuo
20. leg	daki	mengwès		taow
21. louse	mèts	---		xatè
22. man	runa	ye:tu		raysmi:
23. name	buoka	tagum		tasom
24. night	motu	lu		ati:
25. one	èrgens	dik	sow	saw
26. pig	mèk	nox (w.)		fani
		yot (d.)		
27. see	wiyetsga	mòku	tatoi	nèxe
28. sit	-ukèn	mèkèm	xurèn	xoren
29. skin	muos	menda		tarak
30. sleep	mah(a)nya	mèse:m		tìdi:in
31. stone	muosgoni	yok		fra
32. sun	mou	ka:m		ayom
33. tail	auwra	sauwyax		sawyax
34. tooth	mu(o) fuon	mesos	jasièm	jépat
35. tree	okow	key		ara
36. two	ergak	wè	ai	ayok
37. water	mey	sur		aya
38. we	mémif	mi:n		amu
39. you (sg.)	batmargubua	nan		nu(w)o
40. you (pl.)	toistèn	ni:n		anu

4. LIST OF KEBAR WORDS⁹

a. 'New Basic List' (Holle List)

1. body nɔ'bɪm
 2. head buʌm
 5. skull ʌbuʌ'nɪt
 6. hair əbuʌm'bur
 7. bald pʌfe'nɪt
 9. ear əkuʌ'ji:p
 11. eye ɛ'jʌm
 12. eyelid ɛjʌn'fɪk
 15. eyebrow ɛjʌ feɪ'bur
 17. tear(s) nʌn'djʌr
 18. nose əmi'san
 22. mouth ɛ'buʌt
 25. lips ɛ'met
 29. chin ʌjʌ'rɪk
 31. tongue əbi'təraʊ
 32. palate ɛjʌ'rɪk
 33. tooth ɛ,birbe'nɪk, ɛ,birbe'djum
 37. throat ɛjʌmbən'fɪt
 38. neck ɛjʌm'bɔn
 43. breast ərmum'kɪt
 50. rib ʌ'rɪr
 51. lung ʌ'nʌ
 52. heart ər'muθʌm
 53. stomach əsə'nʌp
 54. belly ɛ'fu
 55. intestines əneɪ'i'mæt
 56. liver ɛ'ru:m
 61. navel ɛ'rur, pʌbri'sʌ
 63. back gəji
 64. backbone, spine ʌtʌnife'jip
 65. shoulder ɛ'wʌt
 70. tailbone ʌkuɔmip
 71. anus əkʌm'bun
 77. penis ɛ'kuɔm

78. vagina ən'tɔnboru
 79. testicle ʌ'djʌbeə
 84. leg ə'pɛ:t
 86. foot ʌpɛ'tʌ:k
 88. ankle ʌpere'tir
 90. thigh ʌ_u'mip
 91. knee ʌpe'djʌu
 94. shin ʌpe'†p
 98. upperarm ɛ'wum,be
 99. armpit ɛ'kɪ:t
 100. elbow əwum'gɔr
 101. wrist ɛ,wum'fɪt
 102. palm of the hand ɛ,wum'tʌk
 104. finger ɛ,wum'bi:k
 106. toe ʌpe'bɪk
 107. fingernail ə wumbi'buk
 115. bone i:p
 121. skin ɛ'feɪk
 124. sweat wun'diau
 128. to eat¹⁰
 a. dʒtbʌr'ji:t c. ərɪtbʌ'rji:t
 b. ʌndɪtbʌ'rji:t d. dɪrɪtbʌ'rɪt
 eat! ʌn'det
 to eat together ərə'fum
 130. to drink
 a. kɔ'bɪt c. əkɔ'bɪt
 b. ʌnkɔ'bɪt d. əkɔ'bɪt
 drink! ʌŋu'ret
 135. to bite (animals) ə'wɔk
 to bite a. niɛm c. əjɛm
 b. ʌniɛm d. deiɛm
 138. to sleep
 a. kuɔn c. ə'kuɔn
 b. ʌn'kuɔn d. ə'kuɔn
 142. to wake up
 a. fo c. ə'fɔ
 b. ʌn'gɔn d. ə'fɔ
 149. to sit əi'tjʌp

154. to take a bath ti'kuar
160. to shout
a. dɪn c. ɛri'ɛn
b. dɪn d. de'riɛn
170. to cough
a. e'bɪt c. ɛ'bɪt
b. bɪt d. ɛ'bɪt
183. to die
a. wut c. ɛ'wut
b. ʌ'nut d. ɛ'wut
185. dead u:t
192. to kill ʌndjik'ta
196. wound pɛtjat
199. ill wantik
201. to be in pain pʌ:m
202. healthy əpʌkʌ'im
204. to be feverish un'ti:k
213. goitre ɛjʌmbu'keə
236. man, mankind mʌmir
239. name em'u
242. woman nʌ:pʌ:
243. male (human) ʌŋ'ʌmpʌ
244. male (animal) nʌ:p
246. female (animal) pɔ:r
247. youth (male) mɔnip mʌm'pu
248. virgin mən'sim mʌm'pu
250. boy, lad tɔn mɔ'nip
252. girl tɔn mən'sim
- 253/
254. old man, old woman wan'ka:n
255. father 'nʌjʌ
256. mother ni:e:n
257. oldest child nɔn'ʌru:a
258. youngest child nɔn'duɔ:t
- 257/
258. child nɔ:n, ɛntawor
259. little child (male)
nɔn mɔnip'duɔ:t
260. little child (female)
nɔn sin'duɔ:t
- 259/ little child (unsp.) nɔn'duɔ:t
260. nɔnaru'ɔ:t, tɔn, tɔn'tu:t
261. son nɔn mɔ'nip
262. daughter nɔn'sin
263. grandfather 'dʒʌka:na
264. grandmother 'beakan
265. great-great grandparents
də'puk
266. great-grandparents də'puk
267. ancestors də'puk
268. brother kuc (ms), bi'nɔn (ws)¹¹
269. sister bi'nɔn (ms), kuc (ws)
270. older brother kuc'wʌ (ms)
bi'nɔn (ws)
271. older sister bi'nɔn (ms)
kuc'wʌ (ws)
272. younger brother kuo'nɔn (ms)
bi'nɔn (ws)
273. younger sister bi'nɔn (ms)
kuo'nɔn (ws)
274. grandchild də'tak (mʌ'tɔn)
275. uncle FB 'nʌjʌ
276. uncle MB 'mumʌ
277. uncle FBo nʌjʌ'wʌ ('nʌjʌ ʌ'rʌu)
278. uncle FBy 'nʌjʌduɔ:t
279. uncle MBo 'mumʌ
280. uncle MBy 'mumʌ
281. aunt FZ ni:e:n
282. aunt MZ ni:e:n
283. aunt FZo ni:e:n
284. aunt FZy ni:e:n
285. aunt MZo ni:e:n
286. aunt MzY ni:e:n
287. nephew BoS nɔn (ms), dʌnɔn'wʌ (ws)
288. nephew Bys nɔn (ms), dʌnɔn'wʌ (ws)
289. nephew ZoS dʌ'nɔn (ms), nɔn (ws)
290. nephew ZyS dʌ'nɔn (ms), nɔn (ws)
291. niece BoD nɔn (ms), dʌnɔn'wʌ (ws)
292. niece ByD nɔn (ms), dʌnɔn'wʌ (ws)

293. niece ZoD dʌn'vʌn (ms), nɔn (ws)
294. niece ZyD dʌn'vʌn (ms), nɔn (ws)
295. cousin FB/FZS kun (ms)
MB/MZS bɪ nɔn' (ws)
296. cousin FB/FZD bɪ nɔn' (ms)
MB/MZD kun (ws)
297. mother-in-law mʌŋ'gʌn
father-in-law mʌŋ'gʌn
299. son-in-law 'dʌnʌl (ms)
dʌn'vʌn (ws)
300. daughter-in-law 'dʌnənsɪn (ms)
dʌn'vʌn (ws)
302. stepson nɔn'vʌn
303. stepdaughter nɔn'vʌn
305. adopted child nɔn
306. brother-in-law WB dʒʌmʌl
307. brother-in-law HB dumul
308. brother-in-law WZH e. kun'wʌ
y. kun'vʌn
309. brother-in-law HZH bi'vʌn
310. brother-in-law dʒʌmʌl (ms)
dumul (ws)
311. sister-in-law HZ djamən
312. sister-in-law WZ dymy'vʌn
313. sister-in-law HBW e. kun'wʌ
y. kun'vʌn
314. sister-in-law WBW bi'nɔn
317. husband 'nʌpʌ
318. wife njʌn
- 320/
321. comrade, friend, mate uɔr
324. guest, stranger mʌ'teɪn
325. village wikari
342. vampire (witch, were wolf)
mʌ'buk
344. soul, ghost kar'war
345. the supreme being wʌ'mit
349. god mʌnsə'ren
- 369/
370. forbidden, taboo bʌ'tɪt
391. happiness ɛfu'djʌ:r
beba'rʌm
392. unhappiness fudjʌ'djʌn
bebʌrʌ'djʌn
407. to marry c. ɛŋʌ'nɪm
408. d. ɛŋʌ'nɪm
407. to take a wife
a. ʌ'ŋʌm c. ɛ'ŋʌm
b. ʌ'ŋʌm d. ɛ'ŋʌm
408. to take a husband
a. nʌ:p c. ɛ'nʌ:p
b. ʌ'nʌ:p d. ɛ'nʌ:p
413. to give birth to
a. serein'tɔn c. ɛserein'tɔn
b. ʌnserein'tɔn d. ɛserein'tɔn
428. to dance
a. sʌt c. ɛ'sʌt
b. ʌn'sʌt d. ɛ'n'sʌt
432. to play de'rɪn
437. house dʒʌ:n
444. roofing: bark of tree
(used in mountains) a:t ni'fiɔk
445. roofing: pandanus a:t pʌm'bʌn
leaves of aren palm a:t nʌ'bʌn
leaves of sago palm a:t bi'bʌn
449. door 'kərua
454. ladder 'ʌruar
457. floor ʌsen'iɔk
459. wall: bamboo bit
460. midrib or palm frond am'per
461. main post kit
463. bed 'tewɪt
468. sleeping mat pʌ:n
474. fireplace wʌ'bɪg
475. fire jɪt
477. to make fire
a. sʌ'tɪt c. ɛsa'tɪt
b. ʌnsʌ'tɪt d. desʌ'tɪt
480. to blow on a fire ə'bua^u
483. ashes su'bup
484. fire wood dɪcp
494. pot (earthenware) u:k

505. knife dʒɪtə'non
506. chopper dʒɔt
509. axe bʌ:g
513. to fetch water newawar
530. to grill, to roast
a. tɔm c. ɛtɔm
b. tɔm d. ɛtɔm
537. vegetables bʌ'bʌv
541. fish ba'wʌr mwʌn
- 542/
543. rice plant pʌsu'prʌ
552. to pound simu'ɔ
573. comb ur
577. waist belt/band ba'jut
579. arm ring, bracelet fɔt
581. arm ring (upperarm) a:n
- 582/
583. earring, earclip sʌm
585. bead 'irir
588. loin cloth mʌ'tek
589. cotton fabric (red) kʌsu'ba
598. bark cloth mʌm'bruk
bark for clothes ni:r, ma'men
bark of *Antiaris Toxicaria*
Lesch for clothes ma'tat
602. rope: fine dʒɔr
for garden fence iранɔt
for stringbag na
to catch fish ier
from Genemon tree pu'zra
- 605/
606. bag (made of bark) kuŋp
606. bag (of Genemon rope) tjan'dɔr,
djen'dɔr
small stringbag used by men
tjan'dɔr ibi'am
large stringbag used for garden
produce djen'dɔr'si
611. pike, lance, javelin mar
613. bow wʌ'tjʌp
615. arrow tu:m
616. quiver arrowhead kʌpʌ'rɛt
627. enemy dəromɔ'rɪm
653. garden bʌ'jin
- 662/
663. to sow
a. kau c. ɛkau
b. ʌnkau d. ɛkau
665. to plant
a. bau c. ɛbau
b. ʌmbau d. ɛbau
668. ripe (fruit) bi:n
ripe (unsp.) uɔb
671. to reap dɔ'bun
673. to pick (vegetables) ɛmʌ
to pick (fruit) bɔ:t bi:n
674. maize, corn kʌ'sʌm
677. beans: winged bean wʌ'mit
long beans kʌ'prursʌ:k
679. cucumber ti:m
680. pumpkin kʌ'mʌn
681. tobacco su'kum
683. peanut kʌ'prur
687. sweet potato ,wʌti'bɔr
688. cassava ,wʌti'n'i
689. taro gu'tʌbeə
- 691/
692. coconut tu
696. lontar tree pʌ:n
704. sago bɔ:
707. pandanus pʌm'bʌv
708. mango bi
712. *Eugenia* kuru'ɔk, 'arit
713. *Lansium domesticum* 'dikjɛm
716. banana (pisang ambon) vʌm'pɔ
(pisang raja) vʌra'djʌ
717. banana (wild) vʌ'djʌu
(pisang merah, hijau, suangi)
kʌbi'tjʌm
(pisang kapok) vʌbʌn'gɔm
718. banana (unsp.) vʌ
719. species of citrus fruit 'dʒɔdi
(jambu hutan) babuʌ, re'babi

731. rattan, cane i'buam
732. bamboo bik
734. tree ni'prau
735. wood: ironwood bi'tjam
to make a floor nifik
to make a house tɔrup
737. to climb
a. fɔ'suɔr c. εfɔ
b. ʌfɔ d. εfɔ
738. to cut down
a. mʌ'ni c. εmʌ'nι
b. ʌmʌmʌ'ni d. εmʌ'nι
746. leaf buv
768. mushroom kuɔp
778. tail mu
788. to fly au
797. to grunt duʌrie
790. egg buw'ʌ
794. domesticated pig kʌ'mer
796. wild pig duʌ'mir
pig (unsp.) duʌu
811. dog pir
812. to bark kə'rιe
813. cat nau
814. to miaow kuap
823. cassowary kʌm'pʌk, mʌ'prɔkir
824. pigeon mʌm'bruk
- 826- chicken (unsp.) ko'kor
831. wild chicken jawɔŋ
844. bird tu
- 851/
852. mouse, rat ko'mier
855. to hunt
a. bisʌ'bʌ c. εmbiʌ'bʌ
b. ʌmbisʌ'bʌ d. debisʌ'bʌ
866. louse i:m
877. mosquito ku'bieu
886. snake kur
892. shrimp: small mo
big kuəm'pʌk
906. sun put
908. moon ma:n
909. one month ma:ntu
911. moon eclipse nifrʌbre'kro
(lit: dunia balik-dirir)
912. star tɔen
919. rain pʌ
heavy rainfall pʌ'wʌcb
a little rain pʌpe'tiro
921. cloud peke'rʌm
922. fog, mist bum
924. thunder kuku'ru
926. (flash of) lightning fe'rɪp
928. wind iəp
929. storm i'tau
930. water war
938. beach uct
947. mountain suɔr
mountain-top suɔr'ntu
950. to go down, to descend
a. bu'u c. εbu'u
b. ʌmbu'u d. debu'u
963. river war
- 965/
966. stream wao'nar
968. flood wʌ'rʌto
969. stone bi:t
1004. merchandise ʌntʌwʌr
1008. profit soma fʌ'ri
1017. borrow
a. buvn c. εbuvn
b. ʌmbuvn d. debuvn
1019. to exchange
a. kulkir c. ε'kulkirim
b. ʌkulkir'an d. ε'kulkirim
1061. great, big bʌ'pʌk, duɔn
1062. small nɔm'bʌk, ducɔt
- 1068/
1069. thick duan'tip
1070. thin di'neu
1087. high sərir
1088. low du:t

1155. warm (things) untik
- 1130-
1135. beautiful, clean (white) mʌ'fun
1131. bad wʌn'dæk, uʌŋ'dɪk
1144. angry dɔ'mɔr, mɔ'fer
1150. old sə'nū, kʌndɔ
1151. old, worn sə'nū
1153. new bʌ:k
1157. fast wʌsə'rjen
1159. dumb ɛnʌsʌn'bʌr
1160. clever ɛnɔ:t'bʌr
1167. white tu'bɪə
1168. black niem
1169. red su:m
1170. brown buɔ
1171. yellow um'frum
1172. blue bua'ob
1173. green niem
1176. to give ʌm'bot
1179. to take
a. da:k c. e'rak
b. ʌn'da:k d. de'rak
1185. to grip, to hold, to seize
erka'jim
1187. to make, to do na
a. ɛfu'rur c. ɛfu'rur
b. ʌfu'rur d. defu'rur
1194. to think
a. ferɔm'bʌr c. ɛmferɔm'bʌr
b. ʌmferɔm'bʌr d. deferɔm'bʌr
1197. to have forgotten something
nɔmun'tua
1202. to speak, to tell
a. deto'bʌr c. ɛrto'bʌr
b. deto'bʌr d. to'bʌr
to speak
a. bua'war c. ɛbu'a'war
b. ʌmbua'war d. debua'war
1212. to carry on the head
a. dɔ'kua c. ɛr'kua
b. ʌndɔ'kua d. dero'kua
1218. to carry in a sarong
a. mʌ:k c. ɛmʌ:k
b. ʌmʌ:k d. ɛmʌ:k, de'kʌn
1220. to carry on the back
a. tim c. ɛtim
b. tim d. etim
1227. to hear
a. mə'ni c. ɛmə'ni
b. ʌmə'ni d. ɛmə'ni
1228. to see
a. ɔt c. ɛ'wɔt
b. ʌ'not d. ɛ'wɔt
1247. to cut off
a. tɔn c. ɛtɔn
b. tɔn d. detɔn
1249. to string, to jump
a. tiko'pɔ c. ɛtiko'pɔ
b. tiko'pɔ d. tiko'pɔ
1253. to break
a. bʌ'kɔ c. ɛbʌ'kɔ
b. ʌmbʌ'kɔ d. debʌ'kɔ
1254. to break (a rope) ti
- 1256-
1258. broken/shattered ɛbʌko
- 1260/
1261. to begin
a. to'rein c. tɔ'rein
b. to'rein d. tɔ'rein
1263. to finish mʌ'pei
1266. to hide
a. te'fɔm c. ɛte'fɔm
b. te'fɔm d. dete'fɔm
1267. to ask
a. nu'nʌn c. ɛnu'nʌn
b. ʌnu'nʌn d. deu'nʌn
1269. to ask for
a. 'ginin c. ɛkə'nin
b. ʌngə'nin d. deka'nin
1270. to refuse ʌmbife'na, aŋrosit
1273. to steal
a. um'buʌt c. ɛwum'buʌt
b. ʌnum'buʌt d. dewum'buʌt
1275. to throw
a. fʌ c. ɛfʌ
b. fʌ d. defʌ

1276. to burn iərɪt
 a. tɔm c. εtɔm
 b. tɔm d. εtɔm
1279. to go
 a. nun c. ε'wun
 b. Λ'nun d. dee'wun
- 1283-
1285. to come
 a. Λ:pΛ c. εnΛ:pΛ
 b. ΛnΛ:pΛ d. denΛ:pΛ
1285. to be coming
 a. nΛ:'ma c. εnΛ'ma
 b. ΛnΛ'ma d. denΛ'ma
1291. to hit (to beat, to slap, etc.)
 a. bΛt c. εbut
 b. bΛt d. bΛt
1293. one tu
1294. two dɔ'kir
1295. three de'nur
1296. four buat
1297. five mie
1298. six mΛmbε'tu
1299. seven mΛmbiɔ'kir
1300. eight mΛmbire'nur
1301. nine mΛmbi'kuat
1302. ten a_uŋ'gir
1303. eleven a_uŋgir'tu
1304. twelve a_uŋgirdɔ'kir
1305. thirteen a_uŋgirdɔ'nur
1306. fourteen a_uŋgir'buat
1307. fifteen a_uŋgir'mie
1308. sixteen a_uŋgirmambε'tu
1309. seventeen a_uŋgirmambiɔ'kir
1310. eighteen a_uŋgirmambire'nur
1311. nineteen a_uŋgirmambi'kuat
1312. twenty a_uŋgirdɔ'kir
1313. twenty-one a_uŋgirdɔkirtuΛsɪn
1314. twenty-two a_uŋgirdɔkirkΛ'sɪn
1315. twenty-five a_uŋgirdɔkirmieΛsɪn
1316. thirty a_uŋgirde'nur
1317. forty a_uŋgir'buat
1318. fifty a_uŋgir'mi
1319. sixty a_uŋgirm mbε'tu
1320. seventy a_uŋgirmambiro'kir
1321. eighty a_uŋgirmambire'nur
1322. ninety a_uŋgirmambibi'kuat
1323. hundred un'tintu
1324. thousand ribu'tu
1325. ten thousand ribua_uŋ'gir
1326. a half kuɔm'muto
1327. a quarter kuɔmbərΛm'bυnt
1330. first sΛ'pji
1332. second dɔ'kir
1339. many, much fɔnfΛm'bιr, fɔn
1340. few, a little nΛv'bak
1342. there are deku'bΛk
1347. more fΛ'rιə
1348. most 'kΛku
1357. I in
1358. I myself in du'fu
- 1359/
1360. you (unsp.) nΛ:n, nΛ:n nΛ:n
1363. he nΛ:n
1364. she nΛ:n
1365. we (incl.) in
- 1365/
1366. we (unsp.) iɪk
- 1367/
1368. they (unsp.) diŋ
1370. my (prefix) in
1371. our (incl. prefix) in
1372. our (excl. prefix) ε
- 1373/
1374. your (prefix) Λn
- 1375-
1378. your (prefix) de
1379. who? amumΛ'kΛ
1380. what? bΛwΛn'kΛ
1383. this (suffix) ε'gi
1384. that (suffix) guΛ

1388. here ku'ki, 'kumʌŋgi
 1389. there (near hearer) kumʌn'ka
 1390. there kumʌnʌ'miək
 1391. which, who, that mən'gi, mənʌ'gʌ
 1394. day put
 1397. daylight put
 1402. night dim
 1403. dark di:m
 1412. before (unsp.) dɔ'mi
 1414. formerly bʌrisʌ'bun
 1415. later put mənʌ
 1418. yesterday ʌ'tɔn
 1420. today punuŋ'gi
 1421. morning krim'bor
 1422. tomorrow min'ai
 1423. the day after tomorrow tɔ'kir
 1425. evening tuɔt
1428. already verb + pʌ
 1429. not yet djan̄tir, djan̄tɔ
irunʌr'djʌn, mau
 1437. up, upper, above bɛ'djul
 1440. under bɛ'nik
 1446. from bʌ'ri
 1448. at, in beu
 1450. in beu ?, ə'wɔr, ku
 1452. nearby do'mʌt
 1453. far bʌl'mir
 1463. like this ʌromʌn'di
 1464. like that ʌromʌnʌ
 1470. with bɛ'rau
 1471. no tjʌne:
 1472. yes jɛ::
 1474. not, no dja:n

b. Other Kebar words

1. afterwards məni'pʌ
2. again ba'ke
3. arrow (four pointed) sobuat
4. arrow (for killing pigs) tunduʌu
5. arrowhead: (unsp.) buc'nuɔn
metal məkʌr'mɔm
6. back (on/to the back) gʌjt
7. bamboo (for bows) wau
8. bamboo (to make a fire) nʌ:n,
bis'kuʌt
9. banana (roasted) tum'pfʌ
10. bark (brought home with a new
born child, to get many 'kain
timur' fetjɔt)
11. bark (of *innamomon xanthoneuram*)
tɔ:m
12. become
 - a. bi'kan
 - b. ambib'kan
 - c. ebi'kan
 - d. debi'kan

13. bind
 - a. bir
 - b. ʌmbir
 - c. ɛbir
 - d. ɛbir
14. bird ('burung tahun') uʌn'dɔr
15. bird ('burung suangi') bʌlkə'nik,
buaſikuɔ
16. bird of paradise arjət
17. bird ('burung abu-abu') i'brut
18. bladder ɛ'ruk
19. bleed
 - a. fʌr
 - b. fɔr
 - c. ɛ'fɔk
 - d. ɛ'fʌk
20. blow
 - a. fɔk
 - b. fɔk
 - c. ɛ'fɔk
 - d. ɛ'fɔk
21. breed, raise, rear
 - a. mi:n
 - b. mi:n
 - c. ɛ'mi:n
 - d. de'min
22. bring (with you)
 - a. dɔ'kuʌ
 - b. dɔ'kuʌ
 - c. ər'kuʌ
 - d. ər'kuʌ

23. buzz kuʌp
24. by, through ta'ba:r
25. cackle kuʌp
26. cholera 'a tjʌrʌ
27. choose
a. dʌ'ji c. εrʌ'ji
b. dʌ'ji d. ʌji
28. clothes sʌ'suʌ
29. coconut (ball of coconut leaves) tu'bua
30. cost
a. bɪ:k c. εbɪ:k
b. bɪ:k d. debɪ:k
31. creep
a. di'tji c. eri'tji
b. di'tji d. deri'tji
32. to cross (a river)
a. sʌnti'war c. esʌnti'war
b. ʌsʌnti'war d. desʌnti'war
33. dance pre'bɪ
34. dangerous baɔ
35. daring bima'u
36. dark di:m
37. difficult bikʌ'ku
38. divide, share
a. tɛɪɛ'dir
b. ʌntei 'dir
39. down ʌ'nɪk
40. dye (to get violet) ni:m
41. dye (-fruit to get red)
kaʌsu'bu
42. dye (-fruit to get black)
ka'vrim
43. dye (-fruit to get blue)
su'kɔr
44. each (each day) putu putu
45. ear (cavit of the ear)
e_kuʌi'buaŋ
46. ear lobe fen'iɔrʌ
47. easy wʌnsə'rit
48. eventually, possibly
nunɔmum nuntjʌnɔmum
49. everybody mʌmir fiti fi'ti
50. except mʌŋka'rɒ
51. fall
a. gum c. ε'gɪ:m
b. ʌn'gɪ:m d. ε'gɪ:m
52. family 'nɔnɪk
53. family (own) e'pɔk
53. family (other) dɔr
54. feather (cassowary) bur
55. feather (pen of cassowary
feather put in nose hole) sʌɪʌp
56. feather (bird of paradise)
arɪ'ɛ
57. fight
a. bʌtʌn c. εbʌtʌn
b. ʌmbʌtin d. εbʌtʌn
58. fish (small, species of)
mɪən, ar'uat, mə'nʌp,
watsən, mʌm'bau, mʌm'sɔp
59. fish (big, species of)
mʌm'buar, mʌm'iai,
60. fluff (of banana tree and aren
palm to make fire with) naŋ'im
61. follow
a. bʌ'ke c. εbʌ'ke
b. ʌmbʌ'ke d. debʌ'ke
62. forbid
a. djʌn c. εdjʌn
b. djʌn d. de'djʌn
63. fold
a. ukudjʌn, grup c. ε'grup
b. grup d. ε'grup
64. fruit (red, oval) a:k
65. fruit kastenopsis bua:n
66. goods ʌntʌ'war
67. gum sukuʌ
68. harmless, not dangerous
mʌfum'a'sɪk
69. hip bone ʌdju'metip
70. hither, this way fena
71. hole (in nose bone) imsam'buan
72. home (go home) ejauwerein

73. ill wantikma'suk
74. iris ejnnium
75. language - own pur
- other wa,sima'teim
76. lead
a. ke'not c. eke'not
b. ke'not d. eke'not
77. leaf -
used as cigarette paper pam'bun
of 'white' wood to rub tfe
to rub woman during delivery 'umiam
to rub away headache sit
to make sleeping mat pa:
endo sperromon molucanam O.u.m.
wpa:k
78. liquid (from a liana) amberbuk
79. long - as long as to
80. magic - black magic Karon te'ram
81. make, improve
a. f'sot c. ef'sot
b. af'u'sot d. ef'sot
82. mat (used as umbrella) pa:n'pa
83. men skilled in black magic
bfnjet'kok
84. nail (of toe) apebi'buk
85. orange (colour) sa'rik
86. orchid (-dye for yellow) se'rum
87. origin (place of origin, 'dusun'
atju, ja
88. other fiti
89. ovary en'tontarba'sup
90. own
a. tu c. etu
b. tu d. tr
91. pawpaw ben'kaen
92. pineapple a'kot
93. pipe (made of alocaria) ku'rum
94. plant (used to get infertile)
uauf
(used to get fertile 'rumput
Kebar' banon'dit
eggplant fofo'gi
95. poison (of 'akar tuba') su'mut
96. prophet (false) kentip
97. pull
a. de'utuk c. er'utuk
b. ande'utuk d. ere'utuk
98. pupil (eye) ejam'kut
99. push
a. koro'sit c. ekoro'sit
b. ankoro'sit d. ekoro'sit
100. run
a. defrir c. er'ufrir
b. defrir d. dero'ufrir
101. shadow bum
102. side (other side) soba'ram
103. sin wandie'skran, wandiek
104. sing (of bird) kup
105. sleep e'kwon
106. slope suor'muk
107. snake
(species of python?) ku'buk
red snake 'sebuk
green snake ku'cb
yellow snake kubim
white snake ku'bik
108. soap (made of 78.) ir
109. stone (river stone) bi:t
'egg' used with black magic
bf'njet
110. string 'ikrin
111. sweeping brush 'namut
112. tobacco mixed with to:m leaves
ni'fjok
113. tattoo bu'fa
114. temple bone e'jam te,nip
115. themselves dirutu
116. there kuma'nam
117. think nufurom
118. to (addressed to) ambuarbaba,
hadir direction si
119. tonsils ejarik fit
120. tribe iuktapuk
121. tulip (*Genemone*) pu'uerapo
122. unconscious bauntin

123. understand
 a. in'ot c. eo'not
 b. nna'not d. do'not
124. until tɔ:p
125. up ʌ'djun
126. uterus εn,tɔn'bun
127. uvula εjʌm,bən'bun
128. vegetable
 'sayur liling' buʌ'ŋi
 'bayam' mʌn'grek
129. violet səkɔr'bim

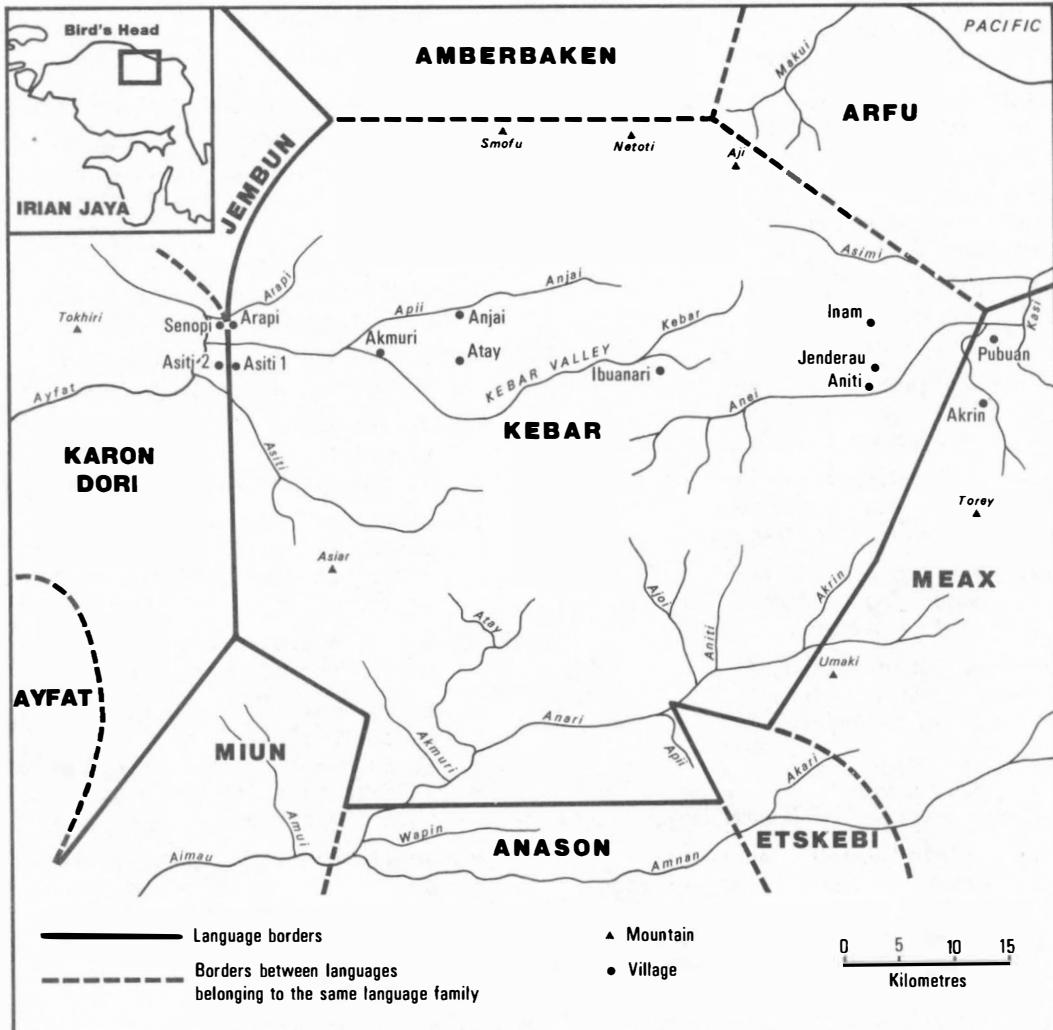
130. to weed
 a. si'mir c. es'i'mir
 b. nnsi'mir d. desi'mir
131. where: from where? Ambari'tia
 where to? Anusi'tia
132. without ir, irun
133. woman with child nɔnpa
134. womb, uterus εn,tɔn'bun
135. wood: for making arrows tu:m
 soft wood dɔm
136. write ebier

c. Some sentences

1. nna'ma wəsərjɛn
 come quickly
 Come quickly!
2. in nun si bʌ'jin
 I go to garden
 I go to the garden.
3. nʌ:n nənun si bʌjin'e
 you go to garden?
 Do you go to the garden?
4. in nun si djʌn
 I go to house
 I go home.
5. in tjʌnɔmūn si bʌ'jin
 I not go to garden
 I don't go to the garden.
6. in tjʌnɔmūn nuntjʌnɔmūn
 I not go go not go
 si bʌ'jin
 to garden
 Maybe I'll go to the garden.
7. krimbor mʌfun nʌnje
 morning good you yes
 Good morning to you.
8. put mʌ'fun
 day good
 Good day.
9. toot mʌfun nʌn nʌn
 afternoon/evening good you you
 Good afternoon (evening) to you.
10. ewoten'fir
 Till we meet again.

11. mipai
 tomorrow
 See you! (when people part)
12. nntia'pe
 you stay!
 Welcome! (when people enter the house)
13. tobuat
 four
 See you after four days. (when a person leaves for four days)
14. in tim bij:
 I carry sago leaves
 I carry sago leaves (on my head).
15. in dɔ'kuʌ bi'tjʌm
 I carry ironwood
 I carry ironwood (on my shoulder).
16. in fu'rur djʌn
 I make house
 I build a house.
17. in fu'rur bʌ'jin
 I make garden
 I make a garden.
18. in fu'rur kuɔp
 I make bag
 I make a bag.
19. in fu'rur tu:m
 I make arrow
 I make an arrow.
20. in dit vʌm'po
 I eat banana
 I eat (a) banana (pisang ambon).

21. in **d̥t b̥rjɪt**
I eat already fire
I eat food which is ready to eat (has been in the fire to roast).
22. in **tɔm vʌ**
I roast banana
I roast (a) banana(s).
23. iłk **ɛbuɑ** firkorur
we talk will
We will talk.
24. iłk **ɛbuɑpʌ**
we talk already
We have talked.
25. in **bi'kan wʌntiku'c̥t**
I become ill very
I become seriously ill.
26. in **wʌntikuɔt**
I ill very
I am seriously ill.
27. in **nʌpʌ dɔfrir ʌk'mur**
I come run Akmuri
I came running to Akmuri.
28. in **nʌpʌ bʌ'ri ʌk'mur**
I come from Akmuri
I come from Akmuri.
29. **ʌnʌ'ma dɔfrir ʌndʒai**
come run Anjai
Come, run to Anjai.
30. in **tʌ djʌn**
I own house
I own a house, my house.
31. in **'ginin vʌmpɔ bʌri nʌ:n**
I ask banana from bi'nɔn
ambi'nɔn
you
I ask (a) banana(s) from you (saudara).
32. **iłt iərlɪt**
fire burn
The fire is burning.
33. K. **bərau** M. **derin**
K. and M. play
K. and M. are playing.
34. **nufurɔm fiti na ebier**
think make write
They want something else, they want to write.
35. **ɛntawor ungæte nʌnʌ din**
children where come play
bʌr bərau A. bərau K.
with A. with K.
Children come wherever to play with A. and K.
36. K. **bərau A. dewʌntik are**
K. with A. ill not
derindjʌn
play not
K. and A. are ill, they don't play.
37. **demusimni newawar mʌpei**
women fetch water finished
The women have finished to fetch water.
38. **war mau djʌn'ton a'ka in**
water not yet not to I
ba'ke mwar bəraunin
again fetch water with you
We have not fetched enough water, I'll go to fetch water together with the others.
39. **ʌmbife'na ka angɔrosit fena**
don't to this way don't
Don't come this way.



Map 1: Kebar and neighbouring languages and dialects,
Bird's Head Peninsula, Irian Jaya (New Guinea)

5. KEBAR KINSHIP TERMS

term		structural position
ms	ws	
kuo'wa		= older siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the same sex = W.o'Z'.H. ('Z' including parallel and cross cousins of the same sex of W.Z.) = H.o'B'.W. ('B' including parallel and cross cousins of the same sex of H.B.)
kuo'non		= younger siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the same sex = W.y'Z'.H. = H.y'B'.W.
binon		= siblings, parallel and cross cousins of opposite sex = W.'B'.W. = H.'Z'.B.
jama	jamon	= H/W of siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the opposite sex (H/W: H if ws; W if ms) = H/W's siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the opposite sex
dumunon	dumua	= H/W of siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the same sex = H/W's siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the same sex
naya		= F., F.B.
muma		= M.B.
nyin		= M., F.Z., M.Z.
cakan		= F.F., M.F., W/H.F.F., W/H.M.F.
bekan		= F.M., M.M., W/H.F.M., W/H.M.M.
mangkan		= F.B.W., M.B.W. = H/W's: M., F.B.W., M.B.W., F.Z., M.Z.
mungkan		= F.Z.H., M.Z.H. = H/W's: F., F.B., F.Z.H., M.Z.H., M.B.
nyan	napa	= H/W
non		= own children = children of siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the same sex

Cont...

term		structural position
ms	ws	
danon		= children of siblings, parallel and cross cousins of the opposite sex
dansim dana		= daughter-in-law = son-in-law
detak (maton)		= grandchild
depuk(èrpuk)		= great-grandchild

Besides the above mentioned — common — use and meaning of kinship terms in Kebar, some terms can be used in another way:

mangkan	=	(also) F.Z. (ms)
mungkan	=	M.B. (ws)
jama	=	F.Z.S. or M.B.S. (ms)
jamon	=	F.Z.D. or M.B.D. (ws)

This extended meaning of the above mentioned terms is only used by those Kebar people, who have close marriage relations with Amberbaken (see also note 4.).

NOTES

1. Part of the paper has been published — in Dutch — in Miedema 1984 (see bibliography). As the text of the present paper was submitted to *Pacific Linguistics* as early as 1981, it does not contain any reference to the 1984 publication.
2. As far as the text of this paper is concerned, words in the local language are in heavy typeface and Indonesian words are in single quotes. Language and dialect names are indicated by capitals on the map. Language and dialect names as well as the words mentioned in the comparative wordlists (3) and the list of Kebar kinship terms (5) have been spelled according to Indonesian orthography; x stands for voiceless and voiced velar fricatives, e: indicates a long vowel. (See also note 9.)
3. People of Biak-Numfor originate from the Doré Bay at Manokwari. (Part of these people migrated westward and settled along the north coast of the Bird's Head, from where they had early contacts with tribes in the interior.)
4. The latter due to differences in marriage rules between Amberbaken and Kebar people. For instance, a Kebar man calls his full parallel and cross cousin — of the opposite sex — just like his sister binon, whereas an Amberbaken man calls his full cross cousin — of the opposite sex — binak (an abbreviation of binon akèm; akèm is translated in Indonesian by 'cabang' = branch): unlike a Kebar man, an Amberbaken man can marry his full cross cousin.
5. Apparently these Anason are the same as the 'Masoon' mentioned by Eibrink-Jansen 1953.

6. Unlike Barr and Barr (1978, p.23), who regard Miun (Meon) as a Karon Dori dialect, we regard Miun as a Meax/Moskona dialect.
7. See Miedema 1984, Chapter IV, 1.5.
8. Besides language similarities, a supposed common origin of Meax. Etskebi, Anason and Moskona-speaking groups is suggested by the similarity in the name of a god called respectively: Mèrèn (Meax and Etskebi), Merin and Merindu (mèrèn means 'telaga' = lake, pool).
9. In the field words have been gathered rather arbitrary, except those words gathered on specific topics of interest within the frame of our (non-linguistic) research.

The words we gathered were partly regrouped (4a) according to the 'New Basic List' (NBL, see Stokhof 1980), whereas remaining words have been added in a separate list (4b). During our research in 1979 and 1980, the old Holle List as well as the NBL were not at our disposal.

All words are presented in phonetic spelling, following the *Introduction to practical phonetics* (Chapman 1971). Subscript lines show pitch contours.

10. a. = 1st person singular
b. = 2nd person singular/plural, 3rd person singular
c. = 1st person plural
d. = 3rd person plural
11. ms = man speaking
ws = woman speaking

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