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### \*President Horta: general situation in the country goes well

*\*Radio Televizaun de Timor-Leste, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta said the general situation in the country was currently well, because the reality showed that people were living in a calm situation. "I briefly explain them that we have peace in our country, people are enjoying their lives and as we can observe people psychologically that their emotion is positive," "But there are many things that the United Nations wants to leave them here such as mechanic workshop in Caicoli which completed with modern equipments," "They have technology system for mapping, and they have technology in Airport," President Horta said. President Horta added even though UNMIT would leave the country in December, but there would be another mission of UN remains in the country in order to continue to support the Timorese Government in the future to better develop this country. "They will have another mission here but without ISF and Police and the referred mission is a policy which is important to continue to support upcoming new government and new political leaders to advise and give their recommendations so that we can better strengthen our democracy in the country," President Horta said.

### \*F-FDTL ready to guarantee security in the country

*\*Radio Televizaun de Timor-Leste, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

Chief of Staff for the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur affirmed they were ready to ensure security in the country after the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) leave the country in December. General Lere said that F-FDTL and the Timorese National Police (PNTL) would become symbol of national unity in the country. "50% of the country's stability is in the hand of F-FDTL and PNTL and this is big responsibility for all of us," "First, generation of FALINTIL is the national unity symbol and this means that F-FDTL continue to become national unity symbol," "Secondly, FALINTIL knows how to unite people as they can make our enemy to become our friends and therefore I think our defense force should be an example," General Lere said. General Lere made the statements yesterday in the ceremony of 10th year F-FDTL transferred from FALINTIL. President Jose Ramos Horta hoped that the Government would continue to support defense institution in the future. Deputy Prime Minister for Social Issues Jose Luis Guterres, said that defense force played an important role in struggling for the national liberation.

### \*Presidential candidates should be careful in making statement: Commander Lere

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, February 2, 2012 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Defense Force (f-FDTL) Commander, Major General Lere Anan Timur said all presidential candidates should be careful in making statements as the public would judge what them based on their political language. Lere said there would be only one president to be elected in the elections; therefore being the presidential candidates they should consider their words. "Only one man will be elected to become president of the republic; therefore they should speak carefully as people can judge them through their statement," he said. He called on the presidential candidates not to provoke one another when doing their political campaigns.

### \*Horta prefers presidential candidates to respect one another

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, February 2, 2012 language source: Tetun*

President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta said he preferred all presidential candidates to respect one another and abide by the electoral law, so that it could contribute to the success of the upcoming presidential election. Horta said Timor-Leste should show to the world that democracy in the country had reached some progresses. "All candidates should show respect to one another in the campaigning, so that the presidential election could be successful." "So that we can show to the world that the root of democracy in Timor-Leste is strong," Horta said.

### \*Leaders should not repeat crises in the past: Gusmao

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao said the current leaders and the future leaders of the country should not repeat a numbers of crises and problems which had happened in the past as it were not educating people. The prime minister made the comments during a discussion which was held at the office of Social Solidarity Ministry on Thursday (2/2). The crisis in 2006 was not the fault of the police and the defense force, but was the fault of the leaders as they had no ethics and discipline in their work. He called on the public civil servants and the Government officials to have spirit of working and discipline to serve well the country's people.

### \*Timorese authorities discuss elections and UN assets with UN representatives

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese authorities have held a discussion with the UN about the elections and the UN's assets which will be handed over to the Timorese Government after it ends mission in the country. The president of the republic has held a meeting on Thursday (2/2) which was attended by the Timorese authorities and the UN representatives. During the meeting both sides were discussing about the general elections in the country and the end of the UN Mission in Timor-Leste. Speaking to journalists, President Horta said he preferred the UN to continue its political mission in the country without the presence of the peace keepers like the UN Police and ISF [International Stabilization Force].

## **\*F-FDTL continue to become national unity symbol**

*\*Diario Nacional, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

Chief of Staffs of the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur affirmed that FALINTIL [ Timorese Liberation Army] used to be symbol of national unity and therefore F-FDTL was now continue to become symbol of unity. "If FALINTIL used to unite people until we gained independence, they could transform our friends. I think that our defense force should also follow this example," General Lere said. General Lere made the statements yesterday in the ceremony of the 11th anniversary of transforming FALINTIL into F-FDTL. He added that transforming FALINTIL to F-FDTL was positive to serve the people and the country. He also banned his members from involving politics, because the law banned them to do so.

## **\*High level meeting, talking about political mission of UN and security maintenance for elections**

*\*Diario Nacional, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta affirmed that the meeting they held with the United Nations Delegations was to talk about the political mission of UN and the security maintenance during the process of general elections. "Mission of UNMIT will end in December this year. How UN can continue their political mission to be here in the country." "We also talked about the security maintenance during the election process, PNTL and UN Police said that they are ready, they hold many training, their people are sufficient, their equipment also sufficient and therefore there is no problem," President Horta said. He added that the UN would set up another political mission in here in order to continue to support the government to better develop this country for prospering its people in the future.

## **\*The country is stable, Horta thanks Fretilin**

*\*Diario Nacional, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

President of Republic Jose Ramos Horta thanked Fretilin for their contribution to the peace, and stability in the country. "I thank brother Lu-Olo, brother Mari Alkatiri. I have said many times within ten years and sometimes the Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) criticized me saying that me [Horta] is approaching Fretilin." "I am not approaching Fretilin, but to establish peace in the country, we all have to contribute to the biggest party [Fretilin] and they take difficult life as what the Government does, difficult to govern, but not. They [Fretilin] showed spirit of state," President Horta said. President Horta made the statements yesterday during the 11th anniversary ceremony of F-FDTL. President Horta also thanked small parties in the country for their contribution to the peace building in the country.

## **\*PM Gusmao calls on public civil servants to show their spirit of work**

*\*Diario Nacional, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao has called on the public civil servants to show their spirit of work, because developing the country onward would depend on them. "Our mandate is about to end, therefore you should show spirit of work to serve the state. It depends on you whether or not the state to move forward. We the politicians only temporarily but you are the permanent one," PM Gusmao said. PM Gusmao said there were many countries gained their independence for more than 50 years but their states were still fragile and therefore it was important to learn from them how to make differences with them.

## **\*Dollars causes high inflation: Horta**

*\*Timor Post, February 3, 2012, Language source: Tetun*

President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta said Timor-Leste received impact of high inflation as the country was still using the US currency in the country. Horta was referring to the report of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which, stating Timor-Leste impacted by economic income. "State's budget is increasing every year and the Government already spent almost 10 billion for ten years and it has supported the national development but inflation is double increasing," he said. Horta stressed that even though the Government already used petroleum fund to develop the infrastructure sector but when getting alert from the IMF the Government should maintain its balance and transparency.

## **\*Do not use force for personal interest**

*\*Timor Post, February 3, 2012, Language source: Tetun*

Major General of the Timorese defense force (F-FDTL), Lere Anan Timur called on the country's leaders not to use the security forces for their personal interest. "I am calling on all leaders not to use force for unimportant case and they should clarify for what objective when they use the security forces," he said. Lere added 2012 would be a higher test for the F-FDTL's capacity in terms of security because UN would end its mission in Timor-Leste. Vice Prime Minister, Jose Luis Guterres said the efforts by the Government would provide best things and improve the conditions within the F-FDTL institution.

## **\*F-FDTL is ready to back up police in elections**

*\*Timor Post, February 3, 2012, Language source: Tetun*

State Secretary for Defense, Julio Tomas Pinto said the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) was ready to back up police officers in the upcoming elections. F-FDTL has prepared itself and if there is any suspicious and dangerous situation F-FDTL ready to help PNTL to maintain peace and security in the election process. "We have planned to back up PNTL's activities and we have identified the potential places which easily to appear conflicts like the situation in 2007 and we will support PNTL in these places," he said. Lere said F-FDTL was the guard of the country that was why if there would be any threats F-FDTL ready to neutralize the situation.

## **\*UN mission ends, heavy burden to Timor-Leste: Horta**

*\*Timor Post, February 3, 2012, Language source: Tetun*

President of the republic Jose Ramos Horta said there would be a big burden responsibility in terms of the peace and security for all entities when UN mission ended in December this year. Horta added this big responsibility needed all citizens' collaboration for working together and developing the country for the better future of the country and its people. "All leaders of the country, ordinary people, and church leaders should collaborate with one another to bring the country for a better future," he said. Horta stressed even though the UN mission would finish in this December but the commission for political affairs will stay in Timor-Leste to always support the Government, political parties and civil society.

## **\*Mandate of UNMIT end, Stability should not depend on others**

*\*Suara Timor Lorosa'e, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

Chief of Staff of the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur, said mandate of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) was about to end and therefore the Timorese should be responsible for the security maintenance. "I think Timor-Leste should not depend on other people, but Timorese themselves should create stability in their own country," General Lere said. General Lere made the statements after he attended a high level meeting between the Timorese state leaders and the United Nations delegations. He added that F-FDTL were ready to guarantee security and defend sovereignty of the country after UNMIT left the country in December this year.

## **\*F-FDTL and PNTL should carry out their work professionally**

*\*Suara Timor Lorosa'e, February 3, 2012 language source: Tetun*

MP Francisco Miranda Branco from Fretilin has called on the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) and the National Police (PNTL) to carry out their work professionally in the field. "We should remind them that F-FDTL and PNTL members should carry out their work professionally and we should not forget that the United Nations also still carrying out their mission up to the end of the general election in 2012," "Therefore we should have positive thinking that all the people need to contribute to the stability and trust in our defense force and police so that they could carry out their work effectively," MP Branco said. He added all people have absolute rights to vote in the presidential and parliamentary elections and therefore it was important for the state to create good condition as part of guaranteeing security for all people to vote.

## **\*F-FDTL will support PNTL in general elections**

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Timorese National Police (PNTL) and UNpol have declared to guarantee the security of the country in Presidential and parliamentary elections. In the high level meeting they talked about the security of the general elections and also discussed about the UNMIT mission that will end in December this year. The meeting was attended by president of the republic, PNTL, UNpol, State Secretary for Defense and Security. After the meeting President Jose Ramos Horta said PNTL and UNpol were prepared to secure the presidential and parliamentary elections. Horta said that PNTL had talked with him that their institution was prepared with sufficient equipments to guarantee the general elections. State Secretary for Defense, Julio Tomas Pinto said, F-FDTL was ready to support the PNTL when they needed to support. "We have a plan the F-FDTL would back up PNTL's activity," Pinto said. Pinto affirmed, currently F-FDTL had identify the potential area of conflict when the general elections to be held in the country.

## **\*National security secret threatened**

*\*Independente February 3, 2012, Language Source: Tetun*

Timorese National Police (PNTL) Deputy Commander, Afonso de Jesus said the civil servants who were working at the PNTL institution should keep well sensitive secret of the institution. "We have prepared what we have to do but to do something I believe that the institution will do it, even though it is slowly but will always therefore, the institution would be a good at any moment according people's desire," de Jesus said. He called on the civil servants who were on working in the PNTL administration to keep the secret of the institution. "I believe that the civil servant who works in the PNTL administration should keep the secret of the institution," De Jesus said.

## **\*Smear politics will not influence F-FDTL's tasks**

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The Timorese Defense Force Commander, Major General Lere Anan Timur said smeared politics from political parties or any group in the country would not influence F-FDTL's duty. Lere affirmed the process of strengthening F-FDTL is not easy due to the F-FDTL was transformed from FALINTIL [liberation army] therefore it needed a longer time and faced many challenges. "When we transformed the guerilla force into F-FDTL is very poor therefore any groups or political parties will not influence the F-FDTL's work as the fence of the state," Lere said. He called on the F-FDTL members to be strong and be neutral and should not be influenced by politics.

## **\*ADB, Timor-Leste sign \$12m grant for skills training program**

*\*Independente February 3, 2012*

Government officials and the director general of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) pacific department recently signed a \$12 million grant agreement to assist Timor-Leste in introducing and implementing mid-level skills training in the contraction and automotive trades. ADB's Robert Wihtol participated in the signing ceremony with finance minister, Emilia Pires. The Timor-Leste mid-levels skills training project will contribute to the development of a skilled work force and the growing ceremony. "as well as improving the quality of vocational training in Timor-Leste, the project aims to present the country's young people fast growing population with new opportunities for employment," Mr Withol said. The Government of Timor-Leste is plant to accelerate infrastructure development in the areas of roads and building construction, water supply and energy infrastructure is driving demand for skilled workers.

## **\*High inflation threaten East Timor: IMF**

*\*Independente February 3, 2012*

East-Timor's strong economic growth as at risk from high inflation fueled by Government spending. The International Monetary Fund warned Wednesday. The oil rich but impoverished island state, which a decade ago achieved independence after a long struggle, has made "substantial progress towards restoring stability and rebuilding the country," the IMF said in the statement. "Rising government spending has supported strong economic growth, but inflation has jumped to double digit," it said in a review of economy. The government has used its petroleum wealth to step up development by scaling up investment in infrastructure. "Given development needs, investment in infrastructure is welcome, but the planned increase of spending over the next view years need to be slowed to better align with the absorptive constraints," the IMF said. Rising spending and a rebound in agriculture has supported strong non oil economic activity, the Washington-based institution said.