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Local Daily News

February 22, 2018

General Lere calls on political parties not to politicise sea border issue

GMN TV, February 21, 2017 language source: Tetun

Chief of Defense (F-FDTL), Major-General Lere Anan Timur has called on all political parties not to politicise the country's maritime border issue for their political interests. Lere said the politicians that tried to politicise the maritime border issue were opportunists as the maritime border issue belonged to the State and the Timorese people. "The politicians who are politicising the sea border issue have no shame and are opportunists. The maritime border belongs to the Timorese people," he said. The agreement on the sea border is scheduled to be signed on the upcoming March 6 by the representatives of Timor-Leste and Australia in New York.

Greater Sunrise to bring positive impact: Horta

Televizaun Timor-Leste, February 21, 2018 language source: Tetun

Current State Minister for National Security, Jose Ramos Horta who is also the Noble Peace Prize Laureate is confident and is optimistic that the Greater Sunrise gas and oil field will bring positive impact on the country's people. Horta affirmed that negotiation between Timor-Leste and the companies, which would explore the Greater Sunrise field, was going on in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia and said the Government of Timor-Leste totally trusted in Xanana Gusmao to do the negotiation. "I can say that the 7th Constitutional Government is supporting 100% Timor-Leste's head of negotiation, Xanana Gusmao and his team members and of course the Government will continue to financially support Xanana to do his work," he said. He added that the process of negotiation was not finished yet, but Xanana would be able to do his work successfully.

Corruption prejudices the state

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Anti Corruption Commission (KAK) continues investigating government officials who committed corruption which caused the state to lose \$1.5 million. According to KAK Commissary, Aderito Tilman, on January 31, KAK has finalized the investigation of 24 cases which are mostly embezzlement, economic participation and business, abuse of power, and fraud crimes. "Today (yesterday, red), KAK met with Prime Minister to inform him about acts of crimes, particularly corruption which KAK investigated in 2017 with a total of 28 cases," Commissary Tilman told journalists after meeting with Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri on Wednesday (21/02) at Government Palace.

The test result of PCC, PGR says it is positive and potential for other drugs production

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Recently the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Marine Unit (UPM) seized nine containers at Dili Sea Port which is suspected of full of Paracetamol, Caffeine, and Carisoprodol (PCC) and laboratory test shows it is positive. General Prosecutor (PGR), Jose Ximenes said after the first hearing of the case, General Prosecutor Office and PNTL cooperated with Indonesian National Anti-Narcotic Agency to do the test to the sample of the material in the nine containers. "We could not inform the detail of whom involve in this case, but I just want to say that the result of the test that we received and when PNTL General Commander and I opened it, from 18 items that we tested, the result is positive and it support the initial investigation," Mr. Ximenes said. Meanwhile, in the first hearing, Dili District Court convicted three suspects who were caught red-handed shipping the nine containers under house arrest and compulsory reporting to wait for further process.

AMP legalizes its coalition

Timor Post, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Alliance of Change for Progress (AMP) which composed of CNRT, PLP and KHUNTO parties is going to officially legalize its coalition today (22/02) and then register it at the Court of Appeals to run for election on May 12, 2018. Through a press conference yesterday (21/02), the three parties which represented by CNRT's Deputy President, Virgilio Smith, PLP's Deputy President, Fidelis Magalhaes, and KHUNTO's Secretary-General, Jose Augusto declared the three parties were ready to vie for the election with one list. On Thursday (22/02), the three parties are going to organize a national conference at Dili Convention Center to strengthen their commitment to run for the election. AMP is going to do its political campaign together with the support of National Democracy Forum (FDN) to seek dominance to govern in 2018 – 2023.

KAK starts to collect data of Tourism Minister's case

Independente, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK) Commissary Aderito Tilman said they had started to collect or to gather information regarding act of crime, which was believed to be engaged by Minister of Tourism and Industry Manuel Lito Vong and his Deputy Rui Menezes. Commissary Tilman said they would start to do investigation if the information collected by their investigator has strong evidence that they [the minister and his deputy] commit crime. "When there is an indication/clue then we will do investigation," Tilman said. KAK collected information regarding the Minister Vong and his Deputy Menezes signed agreement with Japanese and Indonesian Companies to open gaming company in Timor-Leste, yet it was unknown to the Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri.

Result of test on PCC indicates that they will be used for drug production

Independente, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Prosecutor General José da Costa Ximenes said that the Timorese National Police (PNTL) cooperated with the Public Minister to test sample of Paracetamol, Caffeine and Carisoprado (PCC). Content of the nine confiscated containers with PCC– 18 types - tested in Indonesia had positive result, as those materials would be used for drug production; therefore they will start investigation into the case. “Result of the test we made is positive [and it is potential to be used to produce] drugs,” Ximenes said. Meanwhile, PNTL Commander Commissary Police Julio da Costa Hornai said all the process regarding the suspected nine drugs containers is under investigation process.

Somotxo bans media to publish defence and security's secrete

Independente, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Defence and Security Minister Agostinho Sequeira “Somotxo” has called on the media not to cover and publish information regarding defence and securities secrete. “Things which is secrete should remain secrete,” Somotxo stressed. He said things needed to kept were like training process participated by the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) and the Timorese National Police (PNTL) He said he would definitely prohibit media for publishing defence and security secrete if he will continue to assume post as Defence and Security Minister in the future.

SEJT signs MoU with GIZ to capacitate Timorese

Independente, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

State Secretary for Youth and Employment (SEJT) Nivio Magalhães signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GIZ in Timor-Leste in order to implement ENDIGO project in TL. The implementation of the referred project was aimed at capacitating Timorese aged from 16-35, especially those, who are living in the rural areas in order for them to identify job market and to manage their own incomes. Another objective of this project is to reduce number of conflicts due to unemployment, exodus or moving to the city for finding jobs and most importantly to reduce number of poverty in Timor-Leste.

Lere: Xanana is ours Young generation shouldn't split historical leaders

Diário, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Chief of State Major of the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said the chief of maritime border negotiation team Kayrala Xanana Gusmão is a national leader and he belongs to all the Timorese. For this reason he called on the politicians no to use his name [Xanana] for their own political sake. “Any party who use maritime border for their own political purposes has no shame and is opportunists. When we fought, it was not for ourselves. If we want this then there in no one can govern and let the guerrilla fighters govern [this country]. But because we know nothing even to write a letter, not be able to use computer, we let those people to govern. Maritime border belong to the Timroese. Xanana was Commander in Chief of F-FDTL and now he becomes our national leader.” “He is the only remaining because Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro already passed away. Therefore we have to respect and people should not privatise him. He belongs to us,” Major General Lere said. He also called on the young people not to split national leaders because the independence of this country was the result of their cooperation.

State lose US\$1.5 million in 2017

Diário, February 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK) Commissary Aderito Tilman said they had investigated 24 corruption cases and concluded that these 24 cases had made the state lose US\$1.5 million in 2017. “I am coming to meet Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri to inform him about the situation regarding crimes, particularly corruption cases we investigated in 2017 in which we involved 28 competency delegations from the Public Minister. Until 31 December last year, we were able to conclude investigation into 24 corruption cases,” Commissary Tilman said. He said that types of investigated crimes were peculated crime, economic and business participation, abuse or power and financial fraud, adding that they were also investigating some government's officials, who were suspected of engaging in acts of crimes or corruption.

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PM Alkatiri thanks Japan for funding UNTL's new buildings

Televizaun Timor-Leste, February 20, 2018 language source: Tetun

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri has extended best gratitude to the Government of Japan for its funding supports in constructing new campus building of Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL)'s engineering faculty in Hera. Alkatiri made the comments during his speech marking ceremony for the first-laying foundation of the new campus building on Monday (20/2) in Hera, the eastern part of the Timorese Capital of Dili. “Thank you so much to the Government of Japan through Mr. Ambassador as we have built very good cooperation in the field of engineering.” “I thanked not only because it brings us science and technology, but it is also about respecting the language, as medium of instruction here in this campus is Portuguese,” he said. Meanwhile, the ambassador of Japan said this project would help support human resources of the country.

US appreciates TL's early election: US Ambassador

GMN TV, February 20, 2018 language source: Tetun

The US Government will continue supporting the development of Timor-Leste and appreciates the Timorese people's political and democratic maturity. After meeting the President of the Republic, the US Ambassador, Kathleen Fitzpatrick said she believed that the early election of the country would successfully be conducted. “Our perspective is that we do appreciate the process of democracy in Timor-Leste and that depends on Timorese people to decide. Basically, we appreciate the process of democracy in the country,” she said. The US has been supporting Timor-Leste's development since the country restored its independence in 2002.

UNDP and govt to develop bamboo in Timor-Leste

Televizaun Timor-Leste, February 20, 2018 language source: Tetun

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Government of Timor-Leste are planning to better develop bamboo in the country. UNDP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP) on Monday (20/2) signed agreement on developing bamboo plantation in the country. Sabino Rua, Diretor for Bamboo Institute said through this agreement the Government and UNDP would better develop bamboo plantation throughout the territory of Timor-Leste and said it was about more than 100 bamboo plantation in the

country. UNDP Country Director, Claudio Providas said the development of bamboo was very important as it could strengthen the country's economic growth.

Lu-Olo: campaign is not for insulting each other

GMN Diario Nacional, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo calls on leaders of political parties not to insult each other, but to present programs to voters during early election campaign. "Political campaign is not aimed to separate people, but to strengthen unity based on good programs to improve people's lives. Do not give chance for people to use election campaign to do any form of discrimination because we all live under one roof, Timor-Leste," Lu-Olo said in his message for the upcoming early election at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili (20/02). He added only those who did not love Timorese people took advantage of campaign to separate people and put bitterness in people's hearts. President of the Republic made the call yesterday (20/02) as he announced official date for early election preparation which started from 20th of February. Earlier President of the Republic had decided to conduct early election on May 12, 2018 after he dissolved National Parliament on January 26 and called for early election to resolve political impasse in Timor-Leste.

The U.S. supports Timor-Leste's decision to have early election

GMN Diario Nacional, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The United States of America has pledged to support Timor-Leste's early election and democratic process in the country. "We support the democratic process in the country and it depends on Timorese people now to decide what it is for them. Basically, we support democratic process in Timor-Leste, support the state institutions and Timorese people's decision," the U.S. Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Kathleen Fitzpatrick told journalists on Tuesday (20/02) after meeting with President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo. She added the U.S. also firmed to continue strengthening its cooperation with Timor-Leste in many sectors in the future

KAK investigate former Govt officials

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK) Commissary Aderito Tilman said that they were investigating some of the former government's officials, who were alleged of committing crime, yet their names should not be disclosed, as the law does not permit to do so. "I can not disclose name of the people, from whom we have heard [who we have investigated] but the investigation process is going on," Commissary Tilman said. He said there were number of former government's officials including former state secretary, director and public servant being investigated, yet KAK would not publish what time of crime they committed. Meanwhile, Chief of the National Congress for the Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) Bench at the National Parliament, AraoNoe said Timor-Leste is a democratic country with justice principle; therefore anyone, who was alleged of committing crime can be investigated by KAK yet the final verdict would be made by the court.

USA beliefs that early election will be successful

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Ambassador of the United States of America (USA) to Timor-Leste Kathleen Fitzpatrick said that the early election that will take place on the 12th of May this year will be successfully implemented as the Timorese are mature in politics. "Our perspective for the early election and we believe that early election run will be successful and we also support the democratic process in Timor-Leste. This is because all things back to the Timorese people to decide. For this reason our position is to continue to support democratic process in TL, supporting other institutions and the decisions that will be made by the Timorese," Ambassador Fitzpatrick said. Ambassador made the statement after meeting with President of Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" at the Presidential Palace in Aitarak-Laran, Dili, Timor-Leste that to discuss many aspects including USA-TL relations.

Somotxo: Early election has no threat

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Defence and Security Minister Agostinho Sequeira "Somotxo" guaranteed that there would be no threat during the early election because the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) and the Timorese National Police (PNTL) were well prepared to secure the run of the early election in upcoming 12th of May. "I think there will be no conflict, like fight or confiscating something during the early election because our police is well prepared to respond to an unexpected conflict," Minister Somotxo said. He made the statement after meeting with the state leaders, Defence and Police Commanders at the Government Palace yesterday.

Lu-Olo: Early election campaign should not split people

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

President of Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" said the political campaign for early election should not aim at splitting people rather the political leaders to present their party's planned programs to the people during the campaign. "Young people including men and women should bow the elders like their bow their friends. Campaign should not split people," President Lu-Olo said. President Lu-Olo said the political campaign is a chance for the political leaders to strengthen unity among the people.

MAP signs MoU with UNDP to increase quantity of bamboo

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Executive Director of Institute Bamboo Centre, Sabino Rua said the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Timor-Leste. The objective of signing the MoU was to increase bamboo production in the country as TL has good quality of bamboo to be exported. "Based on the data we have that until today we have cultivated 160 thousand of bamboo ... in Ermera, Liquica and Aileu Districts," Rua said. Meanwhile, Country Director of UNDP-TL Claudio Providas said the objective of signed MoU was to establish framework cooperation, facilitate and strengthening cooperation between MAP and UNDP.

Horta prefers Gusmão to lead negotiation of maritime border with Indonesia

Timor Post, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Minister of State Councillor for National Security (MEK-SN), Jose Ramos Horta said that he would continue to support leader of Maritime Border negotiation, Kayrala Xanana Gusmão to continue to lead maritime border negotiation with Indonesia in the future. "After brother Xanana finishes his work of maritime border [negotiation] with Australia, [and if] brother Xanana wants to lead maritime negotiation with Indonesia, I think Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri will [also] agree," Horta said. Horta made the statement regarding the efforts made by former prime minister Xanana Gusmão to lead maritime border negotiation team to negotiate delimitation of Timor Sea with Australia,

which treaties to be signed on the 6th of March this year in New York. Adding that negotiation team is also negotiating installation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) pipeline with oil exploratory Company ConocoPhillips in Malaysia in order to bring pipeline to Timor-Leste.

Decree of early Election Day should be published in the state journal

Timor Post, February 21, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese Jurist Luis Oliveira Sampaio said President of Republic Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo” had determined day for early election on the 7th of February yet early election that would be held on the 12th of May this year had not been published in the State journal; therefore he said it should be published in the state journal. “Date for election should be published in the state journal in order for it to become an official document of the state. It will make people to understand the content of this official decision in the future, in particular the day for early election,” Sampaio said. He said there had been a failure to transmit [publish] an official decision including law in the state journal and this problem had not been resolved.

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Govt prioritizes health, education and agriculture, says PM Alkatiri

Televizaun Timor-Leste, February 19, 2018 language source: Tetun

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri said the 7th Constitutional Government puts education, health, agriculture and the clean water as its top priorities in the country’s national development. Alkatiri made the comments during a dialog with the local residents of Manatuto Municipality last Friday at Manatuto Parish Conference room. During the dialog, the local resident in Manatuto called on the Government to help improve education, health and agriculture sectors in the area. “The 7th Constitutional Government’s main target is to improve system of education, health and agriculture of the country,” he said.

Civil society calls on political parties not to use maritime boundary issue in campaign

Radio Timor-Leste, February 19, 2018 language source: Tetun

Director for Lao Hamutuk NGO, Juvinal Diaz has called on all the political parties in the country not to use maritime border issue as their materials in political campaign in April this year. As it is national issue. Mr. Diaz affirmed that the political parties should not use the maritime boundary issue as their materials in the political campaign of the early election. “It is necessary for the political parties to campaign about how to improve the people’s lives by providing them with the clean water and how to improve educational system in the country and also how to create job fields, so these all are very fundamental,” he said. Xanana Gusmao is representing the country not representing any political party in doing the negotiation, he adds.

Govt pledges to continue building cooperation with UNICEF

GMN TV, February 19, 2018 language source: Tetun

Deputy Minister for Justice, Sebastiao Diaza Ximenes has pledged to continue working together with UNICEF in order to provide training for child prisoners in jail. Mr. Ximenes made the comments after taking part in the closing ceremony of life-base skill five-day training at Becora Prison, Dili on Monday (19/2). “This training is funded by UNICEF as they all are still very young; therefore UNICEF provides them with training. So, it is necessary to have specialized training in order to increase their skills and knowledge,” he said. The similar training will also be held in Gleno and Suai Prisons, but it depends on the budget allocated, GMN TV reports.

Xanana and his team make Timor-Leste proud

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese people including political parties are proud of Timor-Leste’s Maritime Boundary Negotiation Team which led by Xanana Gusmao as the team has succeeded negotiating Timor-Leste’s maritime boundary with Australia. President of Timor-Leste’s Youth Council (CNJTL), Maria Dadi Soares said Xanana Gusmao and his team’s success could bring economic sustainability to all Timorese. “Currently, Timor-Leste and Australia’s teams including oil and gas companies are discussing about pipeline of oil and gas field, Greater Sunrise to be canalized to Timor-Leste or Darwin of Australia, so we continue supporting Timor-Leste’s team because if the pipeline canalizes to Timor-Leste, it will give economic sustainability to Timorese people,” Maria Dadi told STL at her office in Farol, Dili yesterday (19/02). Timor-Leste and Australia are going to sign final document of maritime boundary on March 6, 2018 in New York, but the development of oil and gas lay under the sea between the two countries boundaries is still under discussion with oil and gas companies.

Standing Committee and normal PN’s functions are different

Suara Timor Lorosae, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

National Parliament (PN) has set up Standing Committee on February 8, 2018 after President of the Republic dissolved PN on January 26, 2018, as stated in Timor-Leste’s constitution article 102, point 1, however, the Standing Committee has not yet functioned properly as the Committee’s members could not meet a consensus about the functions of the committee. In an interview with STL, PN member from PD, Luis Mendes Ribeiro said after a plenary session to set up a Standing Committee two weeks ago, until now the committee had not yet done any activity because the leaders of PN benches in the committee could not meet a common understanding about the interpretation of the Standing Committee’s functions. Meanwhile, according to Timor-Leste’s Constitution article 102, point 3, Standing Committee’s responsibilities are to monitor government’s activities, to coordinate the activities of parliamentary committees, to summons Parliament whenever it is considered necessary, to prepare and organize the plenary sessions of parliament, to approve the displacement of President of the Republic under the terms of article 80 of Timor-Leste’s Constitution, to manage the relationship between National Parliament and counterparts parliaments and institutions in other countries, and to authorize declaration of a state of siege and state of emergency. Mr. Ribeiro said some of the Committee’s members said the Standing Committee had the same function as normal PN, but others said it was not, so leaders of PN benches agreed to give chance to PN advisors to give legal advice about the functions or competences of the Standing Committee before it did its jobs.

PM Alkatiri suspends game and gambling activities, IGJ asks SERVE to issue license to Fitun Timor Toto

GMN Diario Nacional, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Prime Minister (PM), Mari Alkatiri had decided to suspend five game and gambling activities that Ministry of Tourism legalized on February 1, 2018. However, on Monday (19/02), General Inspector of Game and Gambling (IGJ), Augusto Pereira sent a recommendation letter to Director General of Service of Registration and Verification of Entrepreneurs (SERVE) to issue license to Fitun Timor Toto, Lda to do its game and gambling activity. On February 1, 2018, Minister of Tourism, Manuel Vong legalized five companies namely Dream Entertainment Group, S.A, Fitun Toto Timor, Lda, Ilimano Holding, S.A, Hamatomo Rakuun, S.A, and Manhattan Timor Group Holding, S.A, to open game and gambling activities in Dili. Regarding the recommendation letter, GMN Diario Nacional tried to confirm with IGJ, Augusto Pereira, but he refused to comment, saying he was busy with other works. On the other hand, on Sunday (18/02), the Timorese National Police (PNTL) through Criminal Investigation Service (SIK) executed a search warrant from court to

search Fitun Timor Toto, Lda and in the search, PNTL seized evidences of lottery game activities of Fitun Timor Toto, Lda such as machine, a laptop, lottery vouchers, and some money. SIK Commander refused to comment on the issue, saying it is still under investigation process.

Govt set ups intelligent for controlling products' quality

Independente, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Timorese government through the Department of Internal Commercial Regulation of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MKI) started to setup intelligent to control quality of products in the country. Director of the Internal Commercial Regulation, Domingos Guterres said that the establishment of intelligent was aimed at protecting consumers' rights. "Working together with the municipalities' authorities, we were able to establish auto defence protection for the consumers in order for them to defend themselves from the use of low quality of products," Guterres said. Meanwhile Deputy President of CCI-TL dealing with Economic Issues, Agostinho Soares affirmed that law for protecting consumers' right had been existed for long time, yet it is unknown to most of the consumers.

Civil society calls for 36 Parliamentarians' salary cancelation

Independente, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Researcher of Asia Justice and Right (AJAR), Inocencio de Jesus Xavier called on the Secretary General of the National Parliament to cancel salary for 36 inactive Parliamentarians. "Secretary General of the Parliament can start to see and cancel the salary for those MPs, who do not take part in the Permanent Commission [at the National Parliament]," Xavier said. He made the call regarding the 36 MPs did not carry out their work as parliamentarians after President of Republic dissolved the National Parliament recently, yet they continue to receive their salary as if they were working normally.

Health Ministry signs agreement with CCM-TL

Independente, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Acting Health Minister Luis Lobato signed an agreement with President of Country Coordinating Mechanism Timor-Leste (CCM-TL), Judit Dias Ximenes. The agreement signed was funds that would be provided by CCM-TL to support HIV/AIDS program in the country. "Today the Ministry receives money from global fund that will be allocated to support the program implementation of HIV/AIDS in Timor-Leste. The duration of the agreement is three years," Acting Minister Lobato said. The total amount that will be provided by CCM-TL was US\$3,24.000.00 million.

Installing LNG pipeline to Timor is beneficial

Timor Post, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Pro Rector of the Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL), José Honorio said the installation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) pipeline to Timor-Leste will benefit the Timorese. "If LNG pipeline is installed to Timor-Leste, there will be many job opportunities for the Timorese and that will help the increase of economic growth that will lead to the reduction of unemployment number and social issues in the country," Pro Rector Honorio said. He added that the installation of LNG pipeline would affect peace and stability in the country as well, because young Timorese will focus and their work rather committing crimes.

Ex PD's MP: Electoral law should not be amended

Timor Post, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Former Parliamentarian from the Democratic Party (PD), Virgilio Hornai said there is no law that permit amendment of electoral law. "Electoral law could not be amended in this short period of time, as the National Parliament is not functioning. It is possible to amend the electoral law if there is a law guarantee to do so. Decree law does not guarantee the amendment of electoral law," Hornai said. He said the electoral law established during the III constitutional government only allowed electors to vote at the place where their electoral card was issued. Adding that no free cycle vote is allowed. "Each elector should vote base on their residence and there is no free vote [vote anywhere you can]," Hornai said.

F-FDTL's training centre lacks of dormitory

Timor Post, February 20, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Commander for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Training Centre in Metinaro, Colonel Celestino Pinto "Daeleba" said training centre for the defence force has no sufficient facilities including lack of dormitories for new cadets. "We have so many difficulties including sleeping-quarters in barracks and dormitories. Not only this but about advance training, we need transport as well," Colonel Pinto said. He said due to the lack of transports used for basics and advance training, they had to make a proposal to the General Head Quarter of F-FDTL asking for facilitating them with transports in order for them to continue training programs.