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## Local Daily News

**December 06, 2017**

### **Prosecutor-general blames court for the escape of Portuguese couples**

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### **US embassy and UNTL open House of America**

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The US Embassy in Timor-Leste and Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL) on Monday (4/12) officially opened House of America aimed to share the information the American Culture and new innovation with Timor-Leste. Rector for UNTL, Francisco Miguel Martins said new construction building of the house would be realized as soon as possible. "We are planning to construct this place with a permanent building with third floor. The design of the building has been prepared," he said. Ezequel Ribeiro, the coordinator of the house said the House of America was a cultural center and was equipped with library for UNTL students and the public to read.

### **PDHJ and UNFPA launches report on productive health**

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PDHJ (ombudsman), the Ministry of Health and UNFPA have officially launched an assessment report of the nation on health, sexual rights and reproductive health. Deputy Ombudsman, Horacio Almeida said the report contained general information about challenges in the field of health, maternal health, family plan, and comprehensive education of sexuality on HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. Mr. Almeida affirmed that these programs were initiated based on cooperation between PDHJ and UNFPA. Meanwhile, representative of UNFPA said this assessment findings empathized on values of human right perspective about sexual rights and reproductive health.

### **MS and partners discuss about progress of programs**

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The Ministry of Health (MS) and its development partners on Monday (4/12) held a meeting, discussing about the progress of the implementation of the programs, which the partners funded. "Today's meeting is actually about discussing the progress of the programs, which are being implemented with the development partners. It is good to have this meeting, so that we can implement the programs properly," representative of MS said. Representative of development partners, Dolos Castelo said the meeting was held to talk about improvement of program quality in the field of health by coordinating either with local or international partners. The international partners took part in the meeting were WHO, UNFPA, the World Bank, JICA, the European Union, AUSAID and so forth.

### **BK – AMP ready to form National Unity Government**

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The Seventh Minority Government's destiny is unclear after it fails to convince majority of oppositions in parliament to support its programs. There is a conflict between the Coalition Block (BK) of the Seventh Government and Majority of Oppositions (AMP) in parliament regarding the executive power. In the beginning, the two parties had different opinions and alternatives to resolve the current political polemic, but now the two parties seem to agree to form National Unity Government to end the polemic. The five political parties which have seats in parliament shows good will to create new block to hold executive power if President of the Republic summons these political parties to form National Unity Government. "We, AMP agree if President of the Republic summons the five political parties to set up a new national unity government," KHUNTO's Bench Chief, Luis Roberto said at National Parliament (PN) yesterday (05/12). In addition, PLP's Bench Chief, Fidelis Magalhaes said if there was new political arrangement for establishing National Unity Government, it was another possibility that might happen. Meanwhile, Democratic Party (PD)'s Bench Deputy President, Luis Mendes Ribeiro said it depended on President of the Republic if he summoned the five parties to form National Unity Government, PD was ready to support.

## **Govt to presents its new program to PN next week**

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The Seventh Government has finalized its new programs and planned to take to National Parliament (PN) next week to be discussed. Prime Minister, Mari Alkatiri said the programs that government prepared were complete including all the data that requested by PN members, so it was ready to be submitted to PN. However, the Seventh Government is facing an obstacle because the opposition parties had submitted Censure Motion to the government's programs. The government's new programs can be presented to PN if the opposition parties withdraw their Censure Motion. "We will take the programs to PN if not this week, then next week," PM Alkatiri told journalists in Fatuhada, Dili on Tuesday (05/12). Before this, PN members from the opposition parties; CNRT, PLP, and KHUNTO had presented Censure Motion to the Seventh Government's programs, saying the government was late to meet the deadline of submitting the programs to PN.

## **Germany to offer another ship to Timor-Leste**

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President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo welcomed a visit from the Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Timor-Leste, Michael Von Lingern Sternburg yesterday (05/12) at Presidential Palace in Aitarak laran, Dili. In the meeting, the two leaders discussed about the two countries cooperation in the area such as economy and employment, rural development, capacity building and maritime. Ambassador Von Lingern Sternburg also explained about the German Government's support of arranging another ship like Nakroma to Timor-Leste as maritime transport for Timorese people. During the meeting, Ambassador Von Lingern Sternburg also affirmed that Germany would continue support Timor-Leste to develop its economy.

## **CNRT recognizes Xanana writes a letter to Alkatiri asking posts**

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The National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) Party recognized CNRT Party's President, Xanana Gusmao wrote a letter to Secretary General of FRETILIN Party, Mari Alkatiri to ask positions in the Seventh Government for some of his technicians who could contribute to the Seventh Government, but it was only a proposal. "It is true, Brother Xanan wrote a letter to Brother Alkatiri to ask some posts to some technicians who have been working together with brother Xanana in the last seven years to contribute to the Seventh Government. It is not for CNRT's board members, but only for those who have been working together with Brother Xanana in the last seven years," CNRT's Secretary General, Francisco Kalbuadi Lay said in a press conference at CNRT's Office in Bairo Grilhos, Dili on Tuesday (05/12). Mr. Lay said those people who recommended by Xanana to contribute to the Seventh Government were former Minister for Finance, Santana Cardoso, former Minister for Social Solidarity, Isabel Amaral Guterres, former Deputy Minister for Education, Dulce De Jesus Soares, former Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Alfredo Pires, former Minister for Defense, Cirilio Cristovao and Director General of National Development Agency (ADN), Samuel Marcal.

## **Illegal fishing vessels fish in Timor-Leste's sea area**

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Director General of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP), Acacio Guterres recognized there were illegal fishing vessels fishing in Timor-Leste's sea area. Mr. Guterres said last week he saw with his own eyes illegal fishing vessels in Illiomar (Lautem) sea area and also watukarbau (Viqueque) sea area, but MAP could not do anything. "We could only coordinate with marine police and the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL)'s Naval Component, but these two authorities also do not have facilities to chase illegal fishing vessels in southern coast away," he said in Komoro, Dili yesterday (05/12). Therefore, he called on the Timorese Government to facilitate the Timorese Police and F-FDTL to control Timor-Leste's sea area from illegal fishing.

## **Censure motion is not an obstacle for the government: says Alkatiri**

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Even though the opposition parties in parliament called Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) have submitted a Censure Motion against the Seventh Constitutional Government, government considers it as not an obstacle for the government to run its tasks. Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri said the government was going to present its second programs to Parliament shortly to be discussed. "Censure Motion is going to be withdrawn or not depends on the National Parliament, but we the government continues presenting our programs to parliament to be discussed," Alkatiri told journalists at Ministry of Planning and Strategic Investment Office in Fatuhada, Dili yesterday (5/12). However, before this, the AMP had met with PN President, Aniceto Guterres asking him to schedule the discussion of the Censure Motion shortly.

## **Timor-Leste has possibility to join ASEAN**

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Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MNEK) Aurelio Guterres said there was a possibility for Timor-Leste to join Association for Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) as it had received positive response by the ASEAN's countries' leaders. "We have participated in ASEAN summit a month ago, we have a positive response from the ASEAN countries' presidents and chiefs of government, so we have chance to be a part of ASEAN community," Guterres told journalists at the Palace of President, Aitarak Laran of Dili yesterday (05/12) after meeting with President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo. He added the objective of the meeting with President of the Republic was to inform him about Timor-Leste's bilateral, regional and global cooperation. "The aim of the meeting is to inform President about MNEK's works in the last two months what we have done in the level of regional, bilateral and global, in bilateral level we continue strengthening our relation with Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea," he said.

## **MNEK continues communicating with Portugal to send back two Portuguese nationals**

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Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MNEK), Aurelio Guterres continues communicating with the Government of Portugal on how to send back the two Portuguese couple Tiago Guerra and Chan Fong Fong to face justice process in Timor-Leste. "From diplomatic part, we continue contacting with the Portugal to send back its two Portuguese citizens to Timor-Leste to follow justice process," Guterres told journalists at the Palace of President, Aitarak Laran of Dili yesterday (05/12). Guterres affirmed during a meeting with the President of the Republic, they also talked about the two Portuguese national who had fled Timor-Leste and how Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in partnership with Ministry of Justice, Appellate Court and Public Prosecutor General could resolve this issue.

## **KIM Shin Hwan receives medal from South Korean President**

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President of the Republic for South Korea, Moon Jae-In through its embassy in Timor-Leste offered a medal of acknowledgement to the football trainer Kim Shin Hwan who is well-known as Mr. Kim for his contribution Timor-Leste's football development. Mr. Kim said talking about football was not only about how to play football but also about facilities that needed for football but Timor-Leste still face many difficulties. "When we talk about football is not only how to play with a ball but also facilities that we need and Timor-Leste still lack many facilities," Mr. Kim told journalists at the Korean Embassy in Dili yesterday (05/12). Korean Ambassador to Timor-Leste Kim Ki-Nam said President for South Korea Moon Jae-In was happy to offer the medal to recognize the contribution of Mr. Kim for football development in Timor-Leste since 2001.

## **PR Luolo should make a decision base on the constitution**

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Timor-Leste's National Youth Council (CNJTL), Youth Resistance Organizations and political parties' youth recommended to the President of the Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" to make a decision base on the constitution to end the current political polemic. President for CNJTL, Maria Dady Magno, on behalf of the youth organizations, recommended to the President of the Republic to solve the current political tension shortly. "Recommending to the President of the Republic to make a decision base on the constitution to end the political tension which happens because of political parties, individual, or group of people's' interest," Ms Magno said in a meeting with President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo at Presidential Palace in Dili yesterday (05/12). Magno also called on the national leaders such as Xanana Gusmao, Mari Alkatiri, Taur Matan Ruak, Jose Ramos Horta and Lere Anan Timur to hold on to the principles, values and spirits of independence to keep peace and stability of the country.

**December 05, 2017**

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## **Rede Feto calls on President to avoid decision affecting woman and children**

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Rede Feto (woman Network) has called on the President of the Republic, Francisco "Lu-Olo" Guterres to make a fair and balanced decision, which would not affect women and the children of the country's lives. Board President of Rede Feto, Judit Diaz made the call during a dialog with the President of the Republic at the Palace of the President on Monday (4/12). "It is constitutional decision attributed to the president of the republic, we hope it would not affect women and the children and the Timorese people in general," she said.

## **ME visits Basic School of Oesilo**

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Minister for Education, Fernando Hanjan has held a short notice visit to Basic School of Oesilo to take a look closer at condition of the school. During his visit, the minister found that the referred school is currently lacking desks and chairs. During a meeting at the school, Minister Hanjan called on the children to study properly and called on the teachers to educate the children without physically beating them. Jose de Jesus, headmaster of the school said he was concerned about the lack of facility, such as desks and chair in that school. "The fence of the school is in poor condition, the school is also still lacking desks and chairs," Mr. de Jesus told the media.

## **AMP calls for PN Presidency's dismissal, Lu-Olo: it should have legal basis**

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The oppositions block in parliament called Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) has presented an official letter asking for dismissal of National Parliament (PN)'s presidency because AMP considered PN Presidency had violated PN's regulations. Regarding the letter, President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo warns parliament members to present a dismissal letter base on legal procedures.

"I respect parliament members because it is their jobs, but its legal basis should be accurate," Lu-Olo said at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili yesterday (04/12). On the other hand, the opposition party, PLP's Bench Chief, Fidelis Magalhaes said AMP presented the letter asking for dismissal of PN Presidency because it had strong reasons and he hoped the letter would be discussed in plenary shortly. Meanwhile, FRETILIN Bench Chief, Francisco Branco said PN President did not violate any regulation, just because he had not yet scheduled proposals from AMP did not mean he violated regulations. He added currently PN Committees were discussing additional state budget proposal, so PN President could not schedule the discussions of AMP's proposals.

## **PM Alkatiri is concerned about media's impartiality**

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Prime Minister (PM), Mari Alkatiri has called on Press Council (KI) to pay attention to media in Timor-Leste because some journalism products had no impartiality and balance. PM Alkatiri expressed his concerns over media's imbalance report amid political polemic in the country in a meeting with Press Council's President, Virgilio Guterres at Government Palace yesterday (04/12). "PM Alkatiri called on Press Council to pay attention to this issue," Press Council President Virgilio Guterres said after meeting with PM Alkatiri. He added Press Council had full responsibility to notify any media institution which publications had tendency to be partial.

## **MS coordinates with international partners to better develop health sector**

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The Ministry of Health (MS) organized a meeting with its international partners in Timor-Leste to better develop Timor-Leste's health service in 2018. The Ministry of Health's Director for Cooperation Policies, Narcisio Fernandes said MS and its international partners discussed about guideline to support Timor-Leste's health development. "Coordination and collaboration to harmonize plans and supports to achieve good health service to population," Mr. Fernandes said. The Ministry of Health's partners such as WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, European Union, World Bank, USAID, JICA and KOICA are ready to support the development of Timor-Leste's health sector in 2018.

## **TL and New Zealand discuss cooperation programs in 2018**

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The New Zealand Government through its ambassador to Timor-Leste Vicky Poole met with Minister for Defense and Security, Agostinho Sequeira Somotxo to talk about new programs to be implemented in 2018. In the meeting the two leaders discussed about programs for developing the Timorese National Police (PNTL) particularly community policing. The meeting was accompanied by PNTL Commander, Julio Hornai and PNTL Community Police Commander, Antonio Da Luz and New Zealand police delegates.

## **China offers \$23 million to MCI**

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The Chinese Government offers \$23 million to the Timorese Government, particularly the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) to build two storehouses to store rice and others agricultural products. "The Chinese Government just approved \$23 million to build storehouses to put agricultural products and the Chinese government has sent its technician here to survey places to construct the storehouses," Minister of Commerce and Industry, Antonio Da Conceicao said after meeting with the Chinese Government's delegation at his office in Fomento, Dili on Monday (04/12). At the same place, the Chinese Government's delegation representative, Xia Ho said the Chinese Government sent its delegation and 10 technicians to Timor-Leste to survey places for the construction of the storehouses.

## **Lu-Olo assures not to make a decision causing people suffer**

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President of the Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" ensures that he will not make a political decision regarding the current political polemic which might give negative impact on people. Lu-Olo made the promise in a meeting with the civil society organizations such as Belun, Pradet, Asian Justice and Right (AJAR), People with Disabilities, Lao Hamutuk, Rede Feto and the representatives of farmers group from Liquica Municipality at the Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran of Dili yesterday (04/12). "As a President of the Republic I will not make the decision that will make people suffer because people had been suffered in the past," Lu-Olo said. Lu-Olo added even though Timor-Leste was in a political crisis but he believed there was always a solution to every problem.

## **Youth does not want to be a political instrument**

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Young people of Fatumeta of Dili do not want to be instruments for politicians to achieve their interest. Youth of Fatumeta Hadomi Paz Spokesperson, Daniel Henriques said young Timorese wanted peace and stability to participate in the development process. "We, the young people want to live in peace, harmony and tranquility to participate in the national development process in the country, therefore as young Timorese, we do not want to be an instrument of the politicians in the country," Henriques told journalists at Fatumeta of Dili yesterday (04/12). Young people of Fatumeta called on the national leaders to sit together to solve the current political tension.

## **FRETILIN suspects AMP wants to take over the power**

*Timor-Post, December 5, 2017 language source: Tetun*

FRETILIN Bench in the House of Parliament (PN) suspects the three proposals from the Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) about Censure Motion, appeal against additional state budget proposal and the letter to discharge the President of PN as an act to take the power. "Their three proposals that they presented confirmed that they want to take over the power," FRETILIN Bench Chief, Francisco Miranda Branco said at PN on Monday (04/12). Responding to FRETILIN's accusation, the opposition party, PLP Bench Chief, Fidelis Magalhaes said they did not violate any law, all proposals that they submitted because Timor-Leste's laws and regulations permitted them to do so, FRETILIN violated Timor-Leste's penal code if it accused AMP of doing political coup.