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## Local Daily News

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### \*Liquisa police reassumes security responsibility from the UN Police

*\*Televizaun Timor-Leste, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The UN Police has officially handed over security responsibility to the Liquisa District Police on Tuesday (7/9). During a speech marking ceremony for the handing over responsibility, Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao who is also minister for defense and security calls on the police officers of Liquisa to firmly be responsible for the mandate given to strengthen peace and stability in the country. The Timorese National Police Commander, Commissioner Longinhos Monteiro said the handing over security responsibility was not a process of normalizing the police force from the crises in 2006, yet it had to be a package program from the state which should be supported with proper facilities. The handing over ceremony was marked with an MOU signing by the UN Police Commissioner, Luis Carilho and the PNTL Commander, Commissioners Longinhos Monteiro witnessed by Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao and the Special Representative of the UN General Secretary, Ameerah Haq.

### \*F-FDTL commanders never order soldiers to shoot recklessly

*\*Televizaun Timor-Leste, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Chief of Staffs, Brigadier Lere Anan Timur said the F-FDTL commanders had never authorized their off duty soldiers to carry weapons and shoot recklessly. The commander made the comments in relation to the recent shootings of the police car, engaging an F-FDTL soldier in Liquisa. Brigadier Lere affirmed that the case was currently in the process of investigation and said the soldier who engaged in the case would be sanctioned based on the military laws. Lere explained that this was serious case, as his soldier was not on duty and was on picnic with his families using facilities of the State. In responding to the question on the soldiers' mentality change, Lere said it would take time, due to Timor-Leste had just left post conflict.

### \*PM Gusmao praises Timorese women

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao has praised the Timorese women, as Liquisa District Police is commanded by a woman. The prime minister made the comments during a speech marking ceremony for the handing over security responsibility by the UN Police to Liquisa District police on Tuesday (7/9). Gusmao calls for the Liquisa District Police Commander, Superintendent Natercia Martins to work impartially to give women's contribution to the Timorese National Police. Gusmao also calls on all the police officers to be ready and to firmly for abiding by responsibility which is handed over the UN Police. Gusmao as well as appeals to the local residents in Liquisa to continue cooperating with the police to provide security in Timor-Leste.

### \*CPD-RDTL continues rejecting census of population

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Resistance Organization known as CPD-RDTL's followers throughout the country have continued to reject census of population in Timor-Leste, as it against the organization's political principles. The Statistic Department sets up a task force to approach the CPD-RDTL's followers, but it is unsuccessful, as they continue defending their position not to participate in the census process. The task force also keeps collecting data from the local residents where they are very enthusiastic to participate in the process of the census. Director for National Analyses and Research, Antonio Freitas said they had many times approached the top leader of the CPD-RDTL, yet no solution was reached.

### \*Local residents urge prolongation of census


*\*Radio Timor-Leste, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Local residents in districts have continued to urge the Department of Statistics to continue holding census of population in the country, as the people who have not registered themselves want to take part in the process. Director for Analyses and Research, Antonio Freitas said only 1% of the Timorese were yet to register in the census, as they were busy with their activities. Freitas affirmed that time for the census had ended, yet the Department of Statistics continued accepting the residents who wanted to register. He added that geographical factor and climate change had been a challenge to the task force team to end this process.

### \*Gusmao calls for confidence in PNTL

*\*Diario Nacional, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao has called for the Timorese people, especially the people of Liquisa to believe in the Timorese National Police (PNTL) in maintaining security in the country. The prime minister made the comments during a speech marking ceremony for the handing over security responsibility from the UN Police to the PNTL in Liquisa (7/9). PM Gusmao also calls on the PNTL of Liquisa to keep strengthening hierarchy of the police to guarantee security and stability in the country. The PNTL Commander, Commissioner Longinhos Monteiro said the handing over security responsibility was the 7th one in which the PNTL General Commando reassumed responsibility, especially in the operations. The UN Police Commissioner, Luis Carilho calls on the PNTL officers to carry out their work impartially and should not affiliate to any political parties and must respect human rights. "I am congratulating and thanking you for all your efforts so far in this district," Carilho said.



## **\*Shooting at police car is great mistake, says Commander Coliati**

*\*Diario Nacional, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Army Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Calistro Coliati said the recent shooting at the police car was a great mistake made by the F-FDTL soldier. The commander made the comments after participating in the ceremony for handing over security responsibility from the UN to the PNTL in Liquisa on Tuesday (7/9). Coliati affirmed that the soldier is a driver and was on picnic with his families, he was drunk, so then he demonstrated such a bad attitude. Coliati also said he made warning shot, but in fact the engine of the police car was broken. He added that the drunken soldier was now being locked up by the military police for investigation purpose.

## **\*AMP Govt steps down, yet Timor-Leste would not sink**

*\*Diario Nacional, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

President of the UDT Party, Manuel Tilman said the Parliamentary Majority Alliance Government (AMP) could step down, yet State of Timor-Leste would not sink, as the prime minister could sack one of his members whom he had not believed in anymore. Tilman was referring to the recent Vice Prime Minister, Mario Viegas Carrascalao's case. Tilman stressed that Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao had the competence to sack his members and replace them with others. He added the political view of the Government had to be based on the organic law in which the procurement should be under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

## **\*Shooting at police car can reduce confidence in the defense force: MPs**

*\*Diario Nacional, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

MPs from the National Congress for the Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) and the National Unity Party (PUN) said the recent shooting at the police car, engaging the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) drunken soldier could reduce people's confidence in the military institution. MP Aderito Hugo da Costa said he concerned about such an attitude of the F-FDTL soldier, as it would reduce the people's confidence in the country's two security forces. "We are very concerned about it, as the incident involving the F-FDTL and the National Police's officers," Da Costa said. MP Domingos Misquita from the PUN Party said the incident had to be linked with professionalism, although the soldier was drunk, but should not demonstrate such attitude.

## **\*Timorese first female police officer takes over responsibility from the UN Police**

*\*Suara Timor Loro Sa'e, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese National Police (PNTL) from Liquisa which is led by Superintendent Natercia Martins Soares has reassumed security responsibility from the UN Police on Tuesday (7/9). Liquisa District Police Commander, Natercia said together with her 94 officers, they were ready to strengthen law and order in that district. The 7th handing over ceremony was very special, as it was the first time for the Timorese women becoming police commander in the country. During a speech marking ceremony for the handing over, Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao said he was very proud of the first woman commander and said many Timorese women had also contributed to the country's independence. The UN Police Commissioner, Luis Carilho said the 7th handing over security responsibility was the opportunity for the Liquisa police to carry out its work properly. Carilho also called on the Liquisa police officers to follow the work of the UN Police and said the UN Police would continue to motivate the PNTL officers.

## **\*PNTL congratulates action taken by F-FDTL commanders**

*\*Suara Timor Loro Sa'e, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese National Police Commander, Commissioner Longuinhos Monteiro has congratulated the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) commanders on taking decision to give its drunken soldier who engages in shooting at the police car. Commander Monteiro affirmed that the incident was happened in Liquisa, engaging an F-FDTL drunken soldier. "We know that after the F-FDL commanders make decision to sanction the soldier after coordinating with the general police commander. The soldier is now being detained in military cell," Monteiro said.

## **\*Zebra Company condemns decision on winning ETO**

*\*Suara Timor Loro Sa'e, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Zebra Company has strongly condemned decision made by the Procurement Department to give ETO Company chance of supplying fuel to Timor-Leste Electricity Power station (EDTL), saying the decision is unfair. The Zebra Fuel Company said such a decision was based on favoritism and maladministration, as the Procurement Department itself had breached the Decree Law number 10/2005/2010. On last January 23, 2010, the office of Deputy Prime Minister Mario Viegas Carrascalao decided to win the ETO Company in the tender process. The amount to be allocated to supplying fuel for the EDTL totally US \$ 18 million, the decision was full of manipulation.

## **\*PNTL resumes primary policing responsibilities in Liquica**

*\*Timor Newsline, September 8, 2010*

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste (SRSG) Ameerah Haq and Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão presided over the ceremony marking the resumption of primary responsibilities for the conduct of police operations by Polícia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL) in the District of Liquica, 35 km west of Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. SRSG Haq noted that it was significant and commendable that Liquica would have Timor-Leste's first female district commander, Natercia Eufracia Martins. "An important milestone that deserves special mention today is the appointment of Liquica District Commander Martins who, as the first female district commander in Timor-Leste, now commands a district force of 100, including 24 females. Your remarkable and well-deserved achievement is testament to the advances in gender equality that are being made, not only within the PNTL, but also in many spheres of government and society as a whole in Timor-Leste," said SRSG Haq. Haq said "Maintaining long-term stability in the country will require a dedicated and professional police force that is committed to upholding the rule of law and respecting the human rights of all citizens," The SRSG also pledged that the United Nations will increase its focus on the mentoring and support of PNTL officers, as requested by the national authorities and endorsed by the Security Council of the United Nations. The Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT are jointly implementing the resumption process in a gradual manner – district by district, unit by unit. The PNTL is assessed in each district by a joint team comprising Government and UNMIT representatives, including UN Police and the PNTL. The team applies mutually agreed criteria to assess the readiness of the PNTL to resume primary policing responsibilities.

### **\*US \$ 3 million not missing, but miscounting: MP Tilman**

*\*Timornewsline, September 8, 2010*

President of the Parliamentary Committee C for the issue of Economy and Finance, Manuel Tilman affirmed that the recent rumors mongering that the state budget totaling US \$ 3 million went missing in the Ministry of Finance was untrue and said such an amount was still there, but it was only miscounted by the officers. Tilman was referring to the recent rumors mongering that the money went missing in the Ministry of Planning and Finance. Tilman also said if the money really gone missing, the police needed to investigate the case in order to uncover the truth, but it did not happen and said the money was now in the office of Finance Ministry. "If this money really goes missing, the Ministry of Finance should be responsible for that before the end of this year," Tilman said. Tilman also questioned about mathematic and accounting skills of the Finance Ministry's officers in counting the money.

### **\*PM Gusmao suspends Carrascalao's mandate**

*\*Timor Post, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao has suspended mandate of the Procurement Technical Secretariat which is under the Office of Deputy Prime Minister for Administration and Good Governance. MP Manuel Tilman who is the president of the Parliamentary Committee C said the Government still had no proper financial plan each year. Tilman said the Government had to be responsible for the execution of the State budget for 2010, as it had just reached 38%. He added that the Parliamentary Majority Alliance Government (AMP) was not discipline in executing the state budget.

### **\*Govt should process soon police car shootings' case: HAK**

*\*Timor Post, September 8, 2010 language source: Tetun*

Director for HAK [human rights Association], Rui Viana said the Government had to process legally as soon as possible the drunken F-FDTL soldier who engaged in shooting at the police car in Liquisa last Sunday, as it had made people panic. Viana stressed that the Government through the competent ministry had to process this case immediately, so that it could not make people traumatized. "We are calling on the Government, especially the competent ministry to process as soon as possible the F-FDTL soldier case," Viana said. Viana prefers the legal proceedings of the case has to be open to the public, so that all people could know whether the suspect is really punished or not.