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Local Daily News

May 24, 2018

Civil society condemns maltreatment of children from Oe-cusse

GMN TV, May 23, 2018 language source: Tetun

Director for Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR), Jose Luis Oliveira representing the country's civil society organizations has strongly condemned the man who is suspected of maltreating four children from the Special Region of Oe-cusse. Mr. Oliveira said investigation into the case should be pushed forward as maltreatment of the children was an act of crime and human right violations. "Not only the police to take necessary action against, such an act of crime, but the political parties' leaders also to take a strong action against the man who maltreated the children from Oe-cusse," he said In response, Deputy Secretary-General of the Fretilin Party, Cipriana Pereira said the party had never oriented its followers to commit such act of crime and said investigation into the case should be held in order to uncover the truth of the incident, so that it could legally be processed.

UNDP and Australian Govt offer fund to RHTO

Radio Timor-Leste, May 22, 2018 language source: Tetun

The United Nations Development Programa (UNDP) and the Government of Australia offered US \$ 20.000 to the country's national NGO, Raes Hadomi Timor (RHTO) to be spent for electoral observation involving people with disability. Director for RHTO, Joao Zito dos Santos said this funding was granted to help facilitate the people with disability to do observation in the early election. "So, we recently involved in the observation of the early election, where we got fund from the Government of Australia through IFES and UNDP. We assigned all our staffs to observe the elections in 12 municipalities, which also includes the especial region of Oe-cusse," he said.

Dili health service sensitizes local authorities and teachers about child vaccination

Televizaun Timor-Leste, May 23, 2018 language source: Tetun

The Dili Health Service on Tuesday (22/5) explained about the importance of vaccination of the children to the local authorities and teachers in the Timorese Capital of Dili. Director for Dili Health Service, Agustina Fuegeredo said the program of vaccination had been conducted at all schools in the Capital Dili to prevent the children from rubella, polio and so forth. Ms. Agustinha affirmed that the vaccination was free of charge; therefore the Government was making efforts to involve all families throughout the country. "The advantage for the children is that the target age of children will continue to get the vaccination to prevent them from tetanus, so this is valid for all the children to prevent them from all diseases," She told the media.

To guarantee stability, local authority is ready to collaborate with the state

GMN Diario Nacional, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Local authority pledged to collaborate with security authority to guarantee peace and stability during the new government formation process. Chief of Bairro Pite Village of Dili Municipality, João Baptista said as local authority he was ready to cooperate with his people to keep peace in his village during the process of government formation. "One of our roles as local authorities is to keep peace and stability and this time, we need to ensure peace and stability in village level to give chance to the most voted party to form new government," João Baptista told GMN at his office in Bairro Pite, Dili on Tuesday (22/05). He added during election process, the community in his village had been very cooperative with community police to keep peace and stability and he was confident that they would continue doing so.

FRETILIN accepts the Court of Appeals' verdict

Timor Post, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Court of Appeals has rejected the appeal from FRETILIN Party to recount casting votes of general election from Bobonaro, Ermera, Covalima, and Oecusse. Responding to the Court of Appeals' verdict, FRETILIN Party's Representative, Roberto Miranda said even though he had not yet read the detail of the court's verdict, but FRETILIN Party accepted the verdict as long as the ruling was based on the existing law. "If the court said our appeal was invalid with all things considered and based on the existing law, then we accept the decision," Mr. Miranda said. He added FRETILIN submitted the appeals because it identified some irregularities happened in the field including at National Commission for Election such as written record and number of ballots were different, and number of casting votes were bigger than number of voters, therefore, FRETILIN urged to recount the casting votes.

Police identifies suspects beating up kids from Oecusse

Timor Post, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Timorese National Police (PNTL) Command of Dili Municipality has identified suspects who were involved in physical aggression against under age kid from Oecusse in Raikotu of Dili. PNTL Deputy Commander, Euclides Belo said the suspects were more than two people which beat up several kids in Raikotu. "Currently we are preparing report and we have to talk to the victims to complete narrative process, so we can submit the case to Public Prosecutor office for further process," Commander Belo said at his office in Kaikoli, Dili on Wednesday (23/05).

EU organizes a workshop about agro-forestry project implementation

Timor Post, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The European Union (EU) organized a workshop with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP)'s representatives from Manatuto, Baucau, Lospalos, and Viqueque to talk about the implementation of agro-forestry project. In the opening of the workshop, Director of MAP from Baucau, Fernando Soares said the implementation of agro-forestry project in Baucau was a privilege. "It is a privilege to cooperate with EU and GIZ in this project, and during this workshop, we need to know and identify areas to implement this project," Mr. Soares said at Baucau Diocese Hall on Wednesday (23/05).

Somotxo meets with Portuguese ambassador

Timor Post, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Minister of Defense and Security, Jose Agostinho Sequeira Somotxo met with Portuguese Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Jose Pedro Machado Viera and Military Liaison Officer, Colonel Santos Pereira, on Wednesday (23/05), talking about Portuguese Police, Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR)'s cooperation with Timorese National Police (PNTL) Command. According to information published on Ministry of Defense and Security's site, PNTL and GNR had been developing cooperation in the level of advisory and training which are important for PNTL Command's development. PNTL and GNR have been having good cooperation since Timor-Leste's independence and the meeting was aimed to strengthen the cooperation in the future.

Public Prosecution accuses Ex State Secretary Mariato commit crime

Independente, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Ex State Secretary for Art and Culture, Maria Isabel de Jesus Ximenes was believed to spend some of the state budget US \$ 47.500 allocated to finance Timorese team that that would participate in an exhibition in South Korea in 2012. Public prosecution accused her of engaging in act of crime because she withdrew \$47.500 from the bank to buy office facilities, pay salary for the team and purchased a car yet the car was not registered as state properties. Also the suspect used the car as private car as she kept it in her house. Adding that she did not present evidences of the expenditure of the total money spent to facilitate people to take part in the exhibition. During the first trial at the Dili District Court, the suspect acknowledged that she purchased the car to facilitate her staff because. She added that in order to spend state budget to buy a car then it should went through a tenderisation process, which was unknown to her. "I do not know this system, what I know is to buy a car to facilitate [use for] the work," Ximenes said.

Indonesia is ready to cooperate with TL to strengthen security

Independente, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Ambassador of Indonesia to Timor-Leste, Sahat Sitorus said that Indonesia would cooperate well with Timor-Leste to prevent illegal infiltration of terrorist into Timor-Leste. Ambassador Sitorus said that he had officially informed Indonesian President about strengthening the security at the border zones after the Surabaya bombs. Adding that Indonesia would cooperate with TL to control the borders. "We cooperate with TL's security as well in order to have a maximal control," Ambassador said. He said that the security officials at the border were working 24 hours to ensure the security and control the border.

Appellate Court rejects majority of Fretilin's appeal

Independente, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

After analysing appeal of Fretilin to the Appellate Court regarding electoral crimes during the early election process, Appellate Court through collective judges decided to reject some of the content in the appeal, yet the details about the rejection was not published as it was confidential. "About appeal of Fretilin, I can't explain the essence of the decision because it was made by collective judges," President of the Appellate Court, Deolindo dos Santos said. He said that they would announce the result of the national vote counting of early election shortly because they already announce the result of the analysis of Fretilin's appeal.

Ministry of Defence and Security should be separated

Independente, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Director of Asian Justice and Rights (AJAR), José Luis Oliveira said that it would be important for the new government to split Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defence otherwise there would be an implication on the work of the Police and Defence institution. "My preference is that it will be better to separate the Ministry because the work of police is to enforce law whereas the work of Defence is to defend sovereignty," Oliveira said. He said that having one Minister overseeing Defence and Security institutions would affect work of these institutions and their accountability.

Major General Lere: People continue to trust Gusmão and Taur

Suara Timor Lorosae, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that people continued to trust AMP's President Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and Spokesperson Taur Matan Ruak to rule the country, but it would be better to cooperate with Mari Alkatiri and Jose Ramos Horta. "[Leaders] of the upcoming government are not strangers they are our brother Gusmão and Matan Ruak. I think our people continue to trust them. So, for me, if I am a politician then I will say whatever brother Xanana would say, I will do it when he is alive," Major General Lere said. On the other hand, Minister of Defence and Security José Agostinho Sequeira "Somotxo" expected that the new Minister for Defence and Security should have the ability to manage these institutions well.

Security for early election is extended

Suara Timor Lorosae, May 24, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that mission of the F-FDTL officials, who ensure the security for early election, supposed to end on the 14th of this months yet it was extended until 31st of this month. We know that the result of early election is not published officially until now, therefore mission of PNTL and F-FDTL's official, who ensure the security, was supposed to end on the 14th but because the result is not published yet, the mission is extended until 31st of this month," Major General Lere said. He said that there was a possibility to even extend the referred mission if the general security situation until 31st of this month would be unstable.

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TL is not potential for terrorist attack, says Minister Somoco

Radio Televizaun Timor-Leste, May 22, 2018 language source: Tetun

Minister for Defense and Security, Jose Agostinho "Somoco" Sequiera said Timor-Leste is not the country, which is potential for terrorists' attack as the country has no economic centre. Mr. Somoco made the comments after having his last meeting with the President of the Republic, at the Palace of the President on Tuesday (22/5). However, the minister called on the security forces, the National Police Force (PNTL) and the Defense Force (F-FDTL) to be alert for taking necessary actions against any suspicious things, which may happen at any time. "We do not have economic centre, which could be the target for the terrorist. We only have one economic centre, namely Timor Plaza and also the office building of the Ministry of Finance," he told the media.

Unknown person maltreat four children at Sao Miguel school

GMN TV, May 22, 2016 language source: Tetun

GMN TV reported that unknown person riding a motorbike maltreated four children from Oe-cusse, who sold eggs at Sao Miguel School, Comoro, suburb of the Timorese Capital of Dili on Tuesday (22/5). "The man was riding a motorbike, before punching me, he said why the Fretinlin Party lose in Oecusse, he maltreated four of us," a boy told GMN TV. A witness, Martina at the crime scene said she was trying to stop them man from beating the boys and said the children did know what the politic was. "Do not beat them, as they are children, they do not know what the politic is and even they did not vote in the elections," he said. Meanwhile, Deputy Police Commander for Dili Station, Ecludis Belo said the police would capture the man who had maltreated the children for legal charge.

UNDP and EU support workshop on conflict transformation

GMN TV, May 22, 2018 language source: Tetun

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) financially funded the seminar on conflict transformation, which NGO Belun realized on Tuesday (22/5). Speaking to journalists, Director for Belun, Luis Ximenes said the workshop was aimed at increasing the students of the Timor Lorosa'e National University, UNITAL, IOB and DIT on how to manage conflict in order to help promote the peace and stability in the country. "The objective holding this workshop is to strengthen the students' knowledge and skills in the areas of conflict prevention and peace building," he said. Meanwhile, UNDP Program Manager Felizberta Moniz da Silva said this workshop was financially funded by the European Union totaling US \$ 45.000.

Yet to remove attributes in public places, CNE demands political parties to pay fine

GMN Diario Nacional, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The National Commission for Election (CNE) demands those political parties which have not yet removed their attributes in public places to pay fine. The Government's Decree Law 18/2017, article 5, point 1 to 3, states after election, the political parties have one week to remove their attributes in public places. But it has been more than one week and there are still many political parties' attributes in public places. "CNE will organize a cleaning activity, but those political parties need to pay fine," CNE's President, Alcino Barris told GMN at his office on Tuesday (22/05). He added the fine was depended on the cost that CNE spent during the cleaning activity in the capital of Dili and other municipalities.

Lucia Lobato's case, her former staff testifies in court

GMN Diario Nacional, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Dili District Court continued the hearing process of Gleno Prison Rehabilitation case within which Dili District Court charged former Minister of Justice, Lucia Lobato and former Director of Gleno Prison, Helena Madeira Gomes of committing economic participation and business crime, article 299 of Timor-Leste's Penal Code. In the hearing process, Maia Da Cruz Santa, former secretary of Lucia Lobato, testified in court that her job was to organized Ms. Lobato's meetings, but whatever they talked about in their meeting, she had no idea and she just put all the letters and proposals that came in at Ms. Lobato's desk without knowing what written in those letters and proposals. She said she did not know about Gleno Prison Rehabilitation Project and she did not accompany Ms. Lobato's visit to Gleno Prison at that time. The same testimony came from Aurea Xaviera, as a staff at Ministry of Justice at that time, said her job was to receive all the invitations and letters which came to Minister of Justice Office, but she did not know about who came to meet with Minister Lobato at that time. Public Prosecutor accused Ms. Lobato of giving Gleno Prison Rehabilitation Project to her family with permission of former director of Gleno Prison, Ms. Gomes and approved the payment of the project even though the rehabilitation had no proper quality which cost \$120,695.49.

Texas University cooperates with UNTL

GMN Diario Nacional, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

University of Texas delegation met with Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL)'s Rector, Francisco Miguel Martins on Tuesday (22/05) talking about possible cooperation in the future. "University of Texas from the United States of America is potential to cooperate with UNTL, so we present them our profile, and then, they can see possible cooperation area," Mr. Martins said after meeting with University of Texas's representatives at UNTL Campus. At the same place, Associate Dean for Academic Operation College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of Texas University, Kim E. Dooly said she felt honored to meet with UNTL rector and other academics to know more about UNTL and possible cooperation in the future.

AMP has prepares shadow govt

Independente, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Coordinator of AMP's judicial team, Arao Noe de Jesus said that after knowing temporary result of national vote counting, they started to prepare shadow government's structure, organic law of the government, programs and annual general state budget. "Our shadow government structure had been prepared but we have not yet to announce it officially to the public," Noe said. He said even they had prepared shadow government for the VIII constitutional government, either President of AMP Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão or Spokesperson Taur Matan Ruak to assume post of prime minister was in the discussion process. Regarding the VIII Government's members, Counsellor of the Youth Party, José Naimori Bukar said that it would be important to not include anyone, who had been suspected to engage in act of corruption.

Naimori calls on Gusmão and Ruak for a pledge in Ramelau

Independente, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Counsellor of the Youth Party José Naimori Bukar suggested President of AMP Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and Spokesperson Taur Matan Ruak to have an oath in Ramelau Mountain before forming the VIII constitutional government, because fight to rule was not for position but to implement programs in the campaign. "If the national Congress for the Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) and People's Liberation Party (PLP) agree with this idea then I will organise followers of the Youth Party to have an oath in Ramelau," Naimori said. He said that his party wanted to create stability and peace; therefore all people including politicians to contribute to the peace and stability maintenance.

Lere: new govt should dignify life of F-FDTL and PNTL

Independente, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Chief of State Major for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur had called on the VIII constitutional government to create condition to dignify life of the members of F-FDTL and the Timorese National Police. He said that the Security and Defence institutions did not expect any praise or appreciation for what they did so far, rather creating good condition for the members of these two institutions. "We do not need your praise, thanks or compliment. What we want is your response to our concerns or preoccupations regarding our life and our families," Major General Lere said.

CCI-TL: Economic growth in Timor-Leste is negative

Independente, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Timor-Leste (CCI-TL), Oscar Lima affirmed that the emergence of political deadlock in the country had a negative effect on the economic growth in the country. He explained that there were many private sectors depending on the public investments and if there was no state general budget then their business or company were under threat. "The political deadlock had affected the reduction of importation. For instance some companies used to import 10 containers in a month yet they are now importing eight or six containers only due to the emergence of political deadlock in the country. This showed that the economic growth in the country is reducing," Lima said. He said that businessmen had to reduce number of importation of basic needs and other things because numbers of the consumers were decreasing.

Not considering Fretilin is bad for governance

Suara Timor Lorosae, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Secretary General of Fretilin Mari Alkatiri said that no one would be able to destroy existence of RDTL when Fretilin continued to exist. Adding that, not considering Fretilin when ruling the country would be a bad idea for the government to move on. "My message to those who said they have won that you may have won but if the victory you have is baseless, then there is no way for your victory to be taken onward. It will be intimidated and you will have small path. Therefore there is no rule [moving on ward. lit] if Fretilin is out of consideration," Alkatiri said. He said that they sent an appeal to the Appellate Court because there were many electoral crimes during the recent early election.

Somotxo: the situation is under control

Suara Timor Lorosae, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Minister of Defence and Security José Agostinho Sequeira Somotxo affirmed that the general security situation in the country, after early election, was under control. "As the Minister of Defence and Security, I have a weekly meeting with President of Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" telling him about the general security situation, particularly during and after early election, was under control. We are waiting for the Appellate Court to make a decision regarding the election result," Somotxo said. He said that task of the security officials that ensure the security for early election supposed to be terminated or end on the 14th of May, yet their mission was extended until 31st of May in order to anticipate unexpected conflict that might happen when the result of early election would be publicised.

Selection of new member of govt is a measure for AMP's credibility

Timor Post, May 23, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Deputy Director of HAK, Xisto dos Santos said that it would be crucial for AMP not to select people, who had been suspected of engaging in corruption act; otherwise it would affect credibility of AMP that would form the government after the result of early election published. He said that it would be important for the Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate those, who were suspected of engaging in act of crime and determine if they would be found guilty or not. "In my opinion, before the new government is formed, it is important for KAK to investigate uncertainty crimes in order to make a decision about it before the new government is formed. KAK has obligation to determine if a person is guilty or not," dos Santos. Likewise, Director of Luta Hamutuk, José da Costa Alves said that it would be better to not include or let a criminal to take part or to be a member of new government to come.

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President calls on all Timorese to accept result of early election

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

President of the Republic, Francisco "Lu-Olo" Guterres has called on all the Timorese citizens to accept the result of the recent early election. Mr. Lu-Olo made the comments after taking part in the commemoration of Timor-Leste's independence restoration day, falling on May 20, 2018. "I am calling on all the Timorese citizens to accept the result of the elections. The AMP coalition party won the elections, so please accept the result," he said. The president of the republic pledged to cooperate with new government for the next five years in order to move the country's development forward.

Railaco Primary School lacks school facilities

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

Railaco Vocational School is currently lacking school facilities, namely desk and chair, laboratory and library, although it was converted from general secondary school by the 6th constitutional government last few years into technical school. Minister for Education, Fernando Hanjam said it was the fault of the anterior government as it did not proper conditions before converting the referred school into vocational or technical school. Meanwhile, the school headmaster said they were currently using the primary school's building and rooms for learning process. "This school does not have laboratory for learning process, this is the library that you have seen yourselves, we only have few books," he said.

Residents of Atauro experience lack of food and malnutrition

Televisaun Timor-Leste, May 21, 2018 language source: Tetun

Minister for Health (MS), Rui Maria de Araujo said the residents of Atauro Island were currently experiencing the lack of food and that had emerged sub chronic insecurity in terms of malnutrition in the island. Mr. Araujo made the comments during his visit to the island for providing medical services for the residents. "From the point of view of public health, the residents here experience the water scarcity and the access of food relating to food security as Atauro is an island, which has no space for growing rice and corns." "The residents depend much on corns, cassava and beans. So, malnutrition could be seen here because normally in March ahead there has been no more food," he said.

Churches and religious leaders' residences are targets of terrorist attacks

Independente, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Timorese National Police (PNTL) Command is on alert and currently watching closely churches and religious leaders' residences since recent terrorists' attacks in Surabaya of Indonesia. PNTL of Dili Municipality Deputy Commander, Euclides Belo said police had been watching churches and bishop's residences as these places had become common targets of terrorists' attacks. "We have been observing Motael and Cathedral Churches including Bishop's Residence since these places are likely to be targets of attacks," Commander Belo said at his office yesterday (21/05). Responding to widespread rumor of PNTL arrested a terrorist suspect in Tasi Tolu recently, Commander Belo said she was not a terrorist, but she was an Indonesian citizen who acted like a fortune teller.

Preventing terrorist attack, TL needs to improve intelligent capacity

Independente, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

To prevent and combat terrorism acts, Timor-Leste (TL) needs to invest more on capacity building of intelligent service to be able to detect terrorist's movement. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Aurelio Guterres said terrorism was a global issue and Timor-Leste was also in danger, so it was important to build intelligent agents capacity to prevent the terrorism acts. Timor-Leste has decried the recent terrorist attacks in Surabaya of Indonesia and extended condolences to Indonesia and called on Indonesian authorities to work hard to prevent any attack in the future. "In Timor-Leste, we should take preventive measure, so we should reinforce and build our intelligent service capacity," Minister Guterres told journalists last Friday (18/05).

Timorese patients in Sanglah Hospital of Indonesia are abandoned

GMN Diario Nacional, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

Timorese patients who get medical treatment in Sanglah Hospital of Indonesia consider the Timorese Government abandons them because they have not yet received their meals money for two months. Arlindo Sanches, a kidney disease patient who get medical treatment in Sanglah Hospita, said it had been almost two months, they had not yet received their meals' money, so it was better to just bring them back Timor-Leste. "If there is no money, then it is better for us to return to Timor-Leste. The Timorese Government sent us to this hospital, but how could we survive without meals?" Mr. Sanches told GMN via social media on Sunday (20/05). Responding to the issue, Ministry of Health's Director for Ambulance, Horacio Sarmiento said it was true, patients in Sanglah Hospital did not receive their meals money in the last two months because the government had no money.

Court of Appeals needs to learn appeal from political party before announcing election result

GMN Diario Nacional, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Court of Appeals needs to learn appeal from FRETILIN Party regarding several cases in some polling centers before announcing the final result of general election. President of the Court of Appeals, Deolindo Dos Santos said the Court of Appeals needed to decide on FRETILIN's appeal before announcing the result of May 12 election. "First, we need to learn the appeal or the claim before announcing the final result of the election," Mr. Dos Santos said after receiving the national votes counting result from National Commission for Election (CNE) recently at the Court of Appeals in Kaikoli, Dili.

Lu-Olo to cooperate with the new govt

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

President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo is going to continue cooperating with other state bodies including the new executive. "As a President I will continue cooperating with other state bodies including the Eighth Government will be formed soon," President Lu-Olo told journalists on Sunday (20/05) after participating in the Anniversary of Timor-Leste's Independence Restoration Day. President of the Republic also appreciated Timorese maturity to keep peace and stability during the early election process.

Lu-Olo: majority government should respond to people's needs

Timor Post, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo said May 12 election had (according to preliminary result, red) given an outright winner party to lead the Timorese Government alone, but it did not mean the new executive body could do anything it wanted, it should improve people's lives. "The majority that people gave through May 12 general election gives power to lead executive body, however, to strengthen democracy, the leaders should fulfill the promises that they made during election campaign," Lu-Olo said in his speech at the Ceremony of Timor-Leste's Independence Restoration Day on May 20, 2018. He added to reinforce and strengthen the country's prosperity, it was important to improve people's lives and the country's development.

JICA hands over eight threshing machines to farmers in Laleia and Vemasse

Timor Post, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) handed over eight threshing machines to farmers groups in Vemasse of Baucau and Laleia of Manatuto on Friday (18/05). "Today (18/05), we have threshing machines handing over ceremony to our farmers from Laleia and Vemasse Administrative Posts because of close cooperation between JICA and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries including Ministry of Commerce and Industry," JICA's Chief, Nagaishi Masafumi told journalists after handing over the machines at Buluto of Vemasse. He called on farmers to continue working hard to increase production of rice to respond to people's needs. In addition, the General Director of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Maria Odete Guterres said the support of the machines from JICA to motivate farmers to work hard to increase rice production.

MDS and UN Women meet to talk about the implementation of PAN-RKSNU

Timor Post, May 22, 2018 Language source: Tetun

The Ministry of Defense and Security (MDS) through its National Direction for Community Conflict Prevention (DNPCK) met with UN Women team on May 16, 2018 to assess the implementation of National Action Plan of the United Nations Security Council's Resolution (PAN-RKSNU) 1325 about women, peace and security. In the meeting, National Director for Civil Protection, Candido Gusmao said the implementation of PAN-RKSNU 1325 was needed to reinforce women's role in keeping peace as women were keys to development in a family and a country. "Women are keys for development, they are not just instruments, but they are development partners," Mr. Gusmao said. In the occasion, they decided coordinator for prevention pillar were MDS and local NGO, Belun, meanwhile, for participation pillar were SEIGIS and APSTL NGOs, and coordinator for protection pillar were Ministry of Justice and Human Rights Association, and for peace building pillar were Ministry for Social Solidarity and Acbit NGO.