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## Local Daily News

**March 16, 2018**

### **UNICEF and ME inaugurate school house in Souro**

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Deputy Minister for Education, José “Samalarua” Neves and representative of UNICEF have officially inaugurated new school house construction named Lemos Pereira in Souro, the southern municipality of Ainaro. Speaking to journalists, Mr. Samalarua said the school house construction was financially funded by UNICEF. “This school house construction is financially funded by UNICEF as part of cooperation between the Ministry of Education and UNICEF since 2016. This fund comes from a great friend of us from Japan,” he said. Meanwhile, school headmaster of the school thanked UNICEF and the donor for funding this school house construction.

### **UNDP and electoral bodies examine ink for early election**

*Televizaun Timor-Leste, March 15, 2018 language source: Tetun*

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the country’s electoral bodies, namely National Election Commission (CNE) and Technical Secretariat of Electoral Administration (STAE) on Thursday (15/3) examined the ink, which will use in the early elections. The examination of the ink was officially done by the acting STAE Director-General, Leonardo Amaral, representative of UNDP and CNE Deputy President. Mr. Amaral said the referred ink was purchased in China through UNDP using the country’s state budget more than \$ 100. 000. “I have said that this ink was bought in India and China with good quality. We spent the country’s general state budget worth \$ 175.000,” he said.

### **South Korea and UNESCO hand over books to ME**

*GMN TV, March 15 2018 language source: Tetun*

The Government of South Korea through its partner UNESCO Timor-Leste on Thursday (15/3) officially handed over the exercise books of science and Mathematics to the Ministry of Education (ME) in Dili. Director-General of ME, Antonino Pires said the handing over the referred books was aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation between the Government of Timor-Leste and South Korea in the field of education. “The fund is from South Korea and its international development agency KOICA, but it is through UNDP,” he said. Meanwhile, Director for Jakarta-based UNIESCO, Sahabad Khan said the Government of South Korea through its agency KOICA and UNESCO Timor-Leste wanted to strengthen cooperation with the Government of Timor-Leste.

### **Six days left the Court of Appeals yet to receive candidates list of PARPOL**

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The deadline for submitting political party (PARPOL)’s candidates to the Court of Appeals is 21 March, 2018, but until now there is no political party that submits its candidates to run for fresh parliamentary election on May 12. President of the Court of Appeals, Deolindo Dos Santos said there were many political parties had consulted with the Court of Appeals and taken the registration forms, but none was returned to register and present their list of candidates. “On March 21, at 17:00 is the deadline for submitting list of candidates, but until now no political party has submitted its list of candidates,” Dos Santos said at Ministry of Justice Office after participating in an international seminar about formal and traditional justice on Thursday (15/03). He added there were four coalition parties namely AMP, FDD, MDN, and MSD which had taken the registration form and also four political parties namely FRETILIN, PD, PEP, and PR, but they had not yet returned to register and complete other requirements to run for election.

### **ADTL is concerned UNTL discriminating people with disabilities**

*GMN Diario Nacional, March 16, 2018 language source: Tetun*

The Association of People with Disabilities of Timor-Leste (ADTL) laments the one and only national university in Timor-Leste, Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosae (UNTL) discriminating people with disabilities to study in the university. “We all expect UNTL as the only public university to promote gender equality and social inclusion. However, it just rejected a student with disability to study in the Department of Nursing in Faculty of Medicine,” ADTL’s Manager, Cesario Da Silva said in a press conference at ADTL Office in Mascarinhas, Dili on Monday (12/03). He explained further the student named Alito Pinto had followed three-day orientation at the Nursing Department and had attended the class for two weeks, but when they detected that he had physical disability, the Dean of the Faculty asked him to transfer to other department. In addition, Alito Pinto said he did not want to transfer to other departments because he wanted to study nursing, so he continued to attend the class even thou his name had been cut out from the students list. ADTL and the student’s parent declared it was unacceptable the academic institution which should value and uphold humanity discriminated people with disabilities to enroll in it, so they were going to report the case to Timorese Ombudsman. Regarding the issue, GMN Diario Nacional tried to confirm with the Dean of Faculty of Medicine and his deputy, they said they were occupied and could not have an interview with the journalist.

## **Insulting leaders, PNTL detains three suspects**

*Suara Timor Lorosae, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

A Timorese National Police (PNTL) officer via phone said that they had detained three suspects, who were believed to insult Former Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão in Facebook. “I cannot make a comment about it now as we are on the process of calling [summoning] them. You can contact the general commander of the police to confirm it,” the source said on the telephone. He explained that the three suspects were people who tape a video with Gusmão’s photo on it and did gesture that resemble an insult and posted on Facebook.

## **Alkatiri: all leaders want to free people from poverty**

*Suara Timor Lorosae, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri in his remark during a session in the 7th congress of RENETIL – Timorese student movement for independence during the resistance period – said that what the state leaders such as Xanana Gusmão, Taur Matan Ruak and him [PM Alkatiri] wanted was to free people from poverty. “What we all want is this that to free people from poverty and darkness and I believe that we will be able to do it. We start in the middle way and we were able to walk together [cooperate] and till the end we will be together again and I guarantee that,” PM Alkatiri said. He said that all the state leaders should have a national consensus in dealing with the development of underwater wealth in the Timor Sea, as Timor-Leste in the negotiation with Australia had determine its sea median line.

## **Timor-Leste is well prepared to adhere to ASEAN**

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Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Aurelio Guterres said that Timor-Leste was well prepared to adhere to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). He said that in order to accelerate TL’s adherence to ASEAN, he proposed to the Council of the Ministers to produce a resolution to nominate Former President of Republic Jose Ramos Horta to lead the team that deal with adherence process. He made the statement after meeting with President of Republic Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo” that in ASEAN Summit in Manila and in recent meeting in Singapore, Singapore had expressed its support for Timor-Leste to join ASEAN, yet TL needed to prepare its human resources before its adherence.

## **Significant percentage of TB patients are healed**

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Program Manager at the Health Ministry, Constantino Lopes affirmed that 87% of 3,600 tuberculosis patients had been cured from TB they suffered from. “Total percentage of the patients been cured is 87%. Some patients just disappear and some rejected to have treatment even we tried to convince them to have modern treatment. They preferred to have traditional treatment,” Lopes said. He said that the target of identifying TB patient every year was six thousands, yet they were able to detect 3,600 patients last year and four patient from this number passed away. He added that the government was planning to install Gent Xpart – a scanning machine – in Baucau, Maubesi, Bobonaro and Oe-Cusse referral hospitals in order to facilitate medical staffs to detect TB patients easily.

## **PNTL to bring flee suspect back to TL soon**

*Independente, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Commander of the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Commissioner Police Julio da Costa Hornai guaranteed that the national police would bring back the Indonesian suspect – a suspect that involve in the importation of nine containers on PCC, a raw materials for bomb production – to Timor-Leste soon. “Wherever he goes, PNTL will find him because PNTL starts to cooperate with Indonesian authority to search him, yet it will be determined by the time [it depends on time],” Commissioner Police Hornai said. He said that the police realise that the suspect had flee from the country after finding that the suspect did not do compulsory reporting in three weeks where the suspects supposed to do report two times a week, adding that the court after first hearing applied compulsory report for the suspects that imported raw materials for bombs.

## **PNTL needs law to protect leaders from defamation**

*Independente, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Commander of the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Commissioner Police Julio da Costa Hornai said that they needed penal code process to protect state leaders from an insult of people in the social media like Facebook. “We have to see penal code law again and we have informed this case to the Public Prosecution to see this legal case that when some people defame state leaders then what action should be taken against that person,” Commissioner Police Hornai said. He said that the police could detain those people, who defame state leaders, yet there was no law to be based on. Consequently they would get the impact of their action detaining people; therefore he said it was crucial to produce law to prohibit people for defaming state leaders.

## **China to provide two ships for UPM**

*Independente, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Timorese Defence and Security Minister José Agostinho Sequeira “Somotxo” affirmed that Chinese government would provide two ships for Marine Unite Police of the Timorese National Police (PNTL) to control security in the Timor Sea. Somotxo said that the referred two ships would have been arrived in the country long time ago, yet it went through tough process therefore it would arrive in two months time. He explained that the two ships would be used to control the sea in the northern coast only because the ships were small and that they could not be used to control the sea in the southern coast. Meanwhile, Chinese Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Liu Hong Young said that the two ships offered by Chinese government was part of strengthening bilateral between the two countries.

## **PNTL to use alcohol tester for detecting drunken driver**

*Timor Post, March 16, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Deputy Commander of the Timorese National (PNTL) of Dili District, Superintendent Assistant Euclides Belo said that the police would use alcohol tester to detect people, who are drunk and drive cars and motorbike. “Police commando at Dili Municipality got instruction from commando of traffic police to use alcohol tester to detect drunken drivers,” Belo said. He said that they would start using the devices after receiving them from traffic unite police, adding that the testers would be used was provided by the Chinese Government through its Embassy in Timor-Leste.

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## **General Lere concerned about security for Timor Sea**

*GMN TV, March 14, 2018 language source: Tetun*

Chief of Defense (F-FDTL), Major-General Lere Anan Timur said he was concerned about the lack of proper equipment for the country's security forces to better control the Timor Sea from illegal fishing. Lere said Timor-Leste had gained its maritime sovereignty after a long-standing negotiation with Australia, but it had no proper means to be used for controlling its own maritime area, especially in the southern coast. "Australia has said that we have defined our maritime border, we have our own maritime area now, and also Australia has its own maritime area. "It means that we are not allowed to cross their maritime border and Australia is also not allowed to breach our maritime border as it is about sovereignty," he said. He called on the Government to put proper equipment for security forces as its top priorities in order to control illegal activities in the Timor Sea.

## **Chairperson for CI concerned about impediment of journalists**

*Televizaun Timor-Leste, March 14, 2018 language source: Tetun*

Chairperson for the Press Council of Timor-Leste (CI), Virgilio da Silva Guterres said he was concerned about the attitude of some irresponsible people who expelled journalists from covering stories relating to Timor-Leste's chief negotiator, Xanana Gusmao's return from New York. Mr. Guterres made the comments after the launching of UNESCO and CI's program on media self-regulatory mechanism on Tuesday (13/3). He affirmed such attitude of impeding the journalists from covering stories was a threat to freedom of the press in the country. "I personally concerned about what was happened to our journalist friends at the airport recently, where these people physically expelled the journalists from covering news stories," he said.

## **Fresh election campaign, DNSR calls on local authorities to control their community**

*GMN Diario Nacional, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Timor-Leste's fresh election campaign is scheduled to start on April 10 – May 12, 2018, therefore, National Directorate for Traffic Security (DNSR) of Ministry of Security and Defense alerts local authorities to control their community to use public and private transports. Director of DNSR, Superintendent-Assistant, Ismael Da Costa Babo said there were many accidents happened during previous parliamentary and presidential elections campaigns, so it was important for everyone to contribute to traffic security. "Our local authorities know their people better than police and they also get information from police about traffic security, so they should ask their people to be cooperative and follow traffic signs and law," Mr. Babo said after socializing the traffic rules and laws to local authority at Dili Municipality Administrator's Office in Matadouro on Wednesday (14/03). He added the socialization session that DNSR held with local authorities was a part of increasing people's awareness on the importance of traffic security and local authorities could share the information to communities, particularly young people to be able to keep up with the traffic laws and rules during election campaign.

## **UNESCO hands over manual books to Ministry of Education**

*GMN Diario Nacional, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

The South Korean Government through Timor-Leste's National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) handed over exercise manuals of mathematics and science for pre-secondary school students to Ministry of Education to facilitate teaching and learning process in Timor-Leste. "UNESCO handed over the books which was produced and printed by UNESCO Timor-Leste and UNESCO Jakarta of Indonesia. The fund for the printing was from Korean Government through the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in Timor-Leste," Director General of Ministry of Education, Antonino Pires said at Ministry of Education office in Vila Verde, Dili yesterday (14/03). He said these manuals were produced based on Timor-Leste's curriculum for pre-secondary students of third grade.

## **MSS, Mercy Corps, and CVTL support victims of natural disaster**

*GMN Diario Nacional, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Government through Ministry of Social and Solidarity (MSS) cooperates with international organization, Mercy Corps, and Red Cross of Timor-Leste (CVTL) distributing emergency supports such as kitchen utensil to victims of natural disaster in Maubisse of Ainaro. "MSS of Ainaro Municipality cooperates with our partners CVTL and Mercy Corps to distribute emergency support package to victims of natural disaster in Maubisse," Director of MSS of Ainaro Municipality, Jemmy Valenti Dos R. de Orleans told GMN Diario Nacional on Tuesday (13/03) in Maubisse of Ainaro. At the same place, Mercy Corps Coordinator for Reducing Risk of Natural Disaster, Valentino Da Silva said Mercy Corps was an international organization which got financial support of the United States of America wanted to provide training to disaster management commission in sub village level to be able to take community out of natural disaster.

## **Govt yet to receive document of maritime boundary**

*Suara Timor Lorosae, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Spokesperson of the VII constitutional government, Matias Boavida affirmed that Timorese team for sea border and oil negotiation had returned home, yet they had not presented the government any report regarding maritime boundary. He said that Deputy Prime Minister for Maritime Delimitation, Hermenegildo Pereira "Agio" did not even participate in the Council of Ministers meeting, yet he hoped that Deputy Prime Minister Agio would present sea border documents soon. Meanwhile Former Acting Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Thailand, Francisco Dionisio Fernandes said that Former Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão and the team he led to negotiate sea border and oil on behalf of the Timorese; therefore no one should politicise sea border for either private or group interest. On the other hand, Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that Timor had its definitive sea border, which was important to the competent institutions to control it.

## **Lere: Gusmão is my teacher**

*Suara Timor Lorosae, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that he still considered Former Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão as his teacher during the period of resistance in the jungle. "I told brother Xanana that I did not respond him as he was my teacher either he did [taught] good or bad, I think he will show it. I cannot say he did wrong or right just because he was my teacher. I am still respecting him and considering him as my Commander. What I want now is that they have to be together and this is more important," Major General Lere said. He said that Gusmão had his own good strategies how to bring this country to reach its final objective, yet surprisingly some state leaders were not in harmony and that was bad example for the young generation to come.

## **Cyber law is needed to regulate fake ID**

*Suara Timor Lorosae, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Timorese Association for Information and Technology's representative met with President of Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" to ask for his idea on how to produce cyber law that can regulate or restrict people not to use fake identity in the social media like Facebook and insult state leaders. President of Timorese IT association, Mauricio Freitas said that they met with president asking for his idea, because many people in the country using Facebook to not only talking about political tendency in the country, but also to insult other people including state leaders. "As we observed that there is a lack of socialisation on how to use social media. It supposed to be used for good things, yet the reality showed that some irresponsible people use fake ID to insult each other. Therefore a law is needed to regulate this thing," Freitas said. He said that there was no regulation for social media before it was introduced in the country therefore it was hard to control people using it. Meanwhile, Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that those people, who use social media for insulting other people, were immoral.

## **F-FDTL concerns about facilities used for controlling sea border**

*Independente, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Chief of State Major General for the Timorese Defence Force (F-FDTL) Major General Lere Anan Timur said that Timor-Leste had its definitive sea border already, yet he is concerning about how to control it, because F-FDTL had lack of facilities to be used to control the sea. "We have our border now and we have double or triple our efforts to secure and to defend our territory," Major General Lere said. He said that people should not be happy because the negotiation team lead by Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão had successfully negotiated with Australia to define sea border between these two countries, yet they have to think how to control the sea border. He said that it would be important to ensure security well before and during the oil exploration in the greater sunrise oil field in order to prevent undesirable thing that might happen.

## **China provides equipment for PNTL**

*Independente, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Commander of the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Commissioner of Police Julio da Costa Hornai affirmed that Chinese Government through its Embassy in Timor-Leste had provided facilities to the national police to be used for ensuring security in the country. The facilities provided included 20 fix radio stations, 20 mobile stations, 200 headsets and five package of Exclusive Ordinary Destruction (EOD) composed of helmet, jackets and boots. Commissioner Police Hornai said that the equipment offered by the Chinese government was part of completing facilities PNTL had and therefore he thanked the Chinese government for the support they provided. "On behalf of the PNTL I thank the Chinese Government, especially for the support they give," Hornai said. He said that PNTL did not have EOD that would be used to detect bombs; however they were happy, as the Chinese government had provided them with the referred facilities to be used for detecting bombs.

## **PNTL should search for importer of PCC**

*Independente, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Member of Standing Committee at the National Parliament, Mericio Akara called on the competent institution mainly the Timorese National Police (PNTL) to search for the importer of PCC – raw materials for producing bombs-, that had flee from the country. He also called on the Immigration Police and legal institutions to carry out their work affectively to avoid weakening of judicial system in Timor-Leste. "I am calling on our authorities including Immigration Police and legal institutions to work effectively in order to avoid things that may weaken judicial system in the country," Akara said. He also called on the National Police to better control either Timorese or foreigners, who commit crime. Meanwhile, a local NGO so called Fundasaun Mahein had recently called on the competent institutions to prepare detention centre for foreigners, who had been suspected of committing crime.

## **PM Alkatiri: Gusmão should present sea border report to the state**

*Timor Post, March 15, 2018 Language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri had called on the main leader of the Timorese Negotiation team for sea border and oil, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão to present report of the maritime boundary to the state. "As the leader for negotiation team, he should come and present report to the state institution," PM Alkatiri said. He said that the return of Gusmão and his team to the country was unknown to the government; therefore he considered Gusmão's presence in the country was not as leader for negotiation team. He said that if Gusmão wants to return to the country as leader for the negotiation team then he should inform the government to welcome him officially.