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## Local Daily News

**October 18, 2017**

### **President of the republic receives letter of credentials from Japanese ambassador**

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The President of the Republic, Francisco “Lu-Olo” Guterres on Tuesday (17/10) received a letter of credentials from new ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste. Speaking to journalists, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MNEK), Aurelio Guterres said bilateral ties between Timor-Leste and Japan was very important for the country’s development. “We have a great cooperation with the Government of Japan, since the country gained its independence,” he said. The Government of Japan has helped develop the country’s infrastructure development, agriculture, health and education sectors.

### **It is difficult to transport pregnant women: Natarbora medical staff**

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A medical staff working at Soibada Health Center of Manatuto said the referred health center was currently experiencing the lack of facilities, such as transport, which could help facilitate the patients. Simplicio de Jesus affirmed that even it was difficult for the health center to transport the pregnant women who wanted to give birth. “It has been years we are experiencing the lack of vehicles, so in this regard, if there is any pregnant woman to give birth we have to ask a favor from the neighbors,” he told the media. This health center is lacking medicines and the clean water and electricity; therefore the family members of the pregnant women collect the water.

### **Australians veterans meet with PM Alkatiri**

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The Australian veterans on Monday (16/10) met with Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri talking about bilateral ties between Timor-Leste and Australia. Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri after the meeting said these Australian veterans had also contributed to the peace and stability in the country since the UN Mission and 2006’s crises. “These veterans are those who came to restore peace and stability in the country,” he told the media. Victor Alves, representative of the veterans said the Australian veterans’ presence in the country was to build cooperation between Timor-Leste and Australia.

### **Japan and Timor-Leste strengthen their cooperation**

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The Japanese Government is ready to continue supporting Timor-Leste’s infrastructure, human resources and rural areas development. According to Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Aurelio Guterres, the Japanese Government is committed to continue strengthen the bilateral ties and its cooperation with Timorese Government. “Timor-Leste and Japan have a broad cooperation since Timor-Leste got its independence. Japan has been supporting Timor-Leste’s development in different sectors,” Minister Guterres said after accompanying the new Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, Hiroshi Minami handing over credential letter to President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili on Tuesday (17/10).

### **F-FDTL and PNTL warn people to stay calm**

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The Timorese National Police (PNTL) and the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Commands warn people to stay calm and continue their daily activities normally amid high political tension. PNTL Commander, Julio Da Costa Hornai said PNTL and F-FDTL tightly control the security situation in the territory of Timor-Leste to let people doing their daily activities as usual. “If there is a group of people trying to create conflict because they do not satisfy with something, we (F-FDTL and PNTL, red) will respond to it rigorously,” Commander Hornai said in a joint press conference with F-FDTL Commander, Lere Anan Timur at PNTL Headquarter on Monday (16/10). In addition, F-FDTL Commander, Lere Anan Timur called on all Timorese to remain calm while accompanying the debate of the Seventh Government’s programs and General State Budget in parliament.

### **Lu-Olo is happy Timorese women joining the govt**

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President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo just inaugurated the five government members to complete the structure of the Seventh Government led by Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri. The five people who were inaugurated yesterday (Tuesday 17/10) as new government members are Maria Angela Guterres Viegas Carrascalão as Minister of Justice, Manuel Florencio Da Canossa Vong as Minister of Tourism, Sara Lobo Brites as Deputy Minister of Plan and Finance, Rui Menezes Da Costa as Deputy Minister of Tourism, and Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. President Lu-Olo, in his speech, said he was happy there were more women joining the Seventh Government. “I am happy to see Timorese women becoming Ministers and Deputy Ministers such as Mrs. Maria Angela Carrascalão, Mrs. Sara Lobo Brites, Mrs. Adaljiza Magno,” Lu-Olo said at Presidential Palace when inaugurating the last government members of the Seventh Government.

## **Fokupers files 205 underage children getting sexual abuse**

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Since 2002 until 2017, Timorese women organization, Fokupers has filed 205 of children age between 7 – 16 years old who got sexual abuse. Coordinator of victims Assistance of Fokupers, Dalia das Regras said in 2017, from January to September, Fokupers filed 24 children aged between 7 – 16 years old who got sexual abuse. “The underage children who got sexual abuse in our file from 2002 until 2017 are 205. We assist these victims with the help from Pradet,” Ms Regras told GMN on Tuesday (17/10).

## **20 Timorese women became sex slaves in World War II**

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The Timorese Human Rights Association (HAK) identified 20 Timorese women becoming sex slaves for Japanese military in World War II. HAK made a research of Timorese women victims during World War II since 2005 until 2016 and the research was transformed into a book with title “Luta ba Lia Loos no Justisa”. “These 20 women, ten of them have passed away and ten women are still alive. Those who are still alive are from Viqueque, Manufahi, Covalima, and Ermera,” HAK’s Director Manuel Monteiro told GMN after handing over the book to Timor-Leste’s Resistance Museum on Tuesday (17/10).

## **AMP youth calls on young Timorese to strengthen stability**

*Diario Nacional, October 18, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Timorese youth called Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) from the People’s Liberation Party (PLP), the youth party, KHUNTO and National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) calls on all young Timorese to strengthen peace and stability in the country. The spokesperson of AMP Youth, Amelca De Araujo dos Reis said the debate of the Seventh Government’s programs and General State Budget in parliament was based on Timor-Leste’s constitution to strengthen peace, national unity and stability, so all young people should remain calm while accompanying the debate. “We are the young people from CNRT, PLP, and KHUNTO parties who are under AMP wholeheartedly and humbly call on all young Timorese to honor national unity and say no to any violence act or conflict,” Dos Reis said in a press conference in Lecidere, Dili Tuesday (17/10).

## **Lu-Olo calls on government to show professional work**

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President of the Republic Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo” inaugurated the last members of the Seventh Government to complete the structure of the government. The new government who were sworn in yesterday (Tuesday, 17/10) Minister of Justice, Maria Natalia Carrasacalao, Minister for Tourism Manuel Florencio da Canossa Vong, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Adalgiza Albertina Xavier dos Reis Magno, Deputy Minister for Financial Planning Sara Lobo Brites and Deputy Minister for Tourism Rui Menezes. During his speech, Lu-Olo said the structure of the Seventh Government had completed and called on the government to show good work to respond to people’s needs.

President Lu-Olo also congratulated the three women who were involved in the government such as Minister for Justice, Maria Angela Carrasacalao, Sara Lobo Brites and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Adalgisa Magno. “I am happy with these women taking part in the Seventh Constitutional Government,” he said during his speech at the Palace of President in Aitarak Laran, Dili yesterday (17/10).

## **Veteran calls on old generations to unite for improving people’s lives**

*Independente, October 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Veterans in National Parliament (PN) laments with the high political tension in the country and call on old generations to be united to inspire young Timorese. PN member and also a veteran, Ernesto Fernandes “Dudu” said as a veteran in the house of Parliament concerned about the unstable political situation in the country, therefore he called on the old generation to be united and inspire the young people. Dudu affirmed people needed to stay in calm situation to earn a livelihood and improving their future, calling on the old generation such as Xanana Gusmao, Taur Matan Ruak, Mari Alkatiri, Monsignor Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo” and Lere Anan Timur to be united and concentrated on improving people’s lives. “All the elder brothers should be together to reduce political tension as the people do not want to die,” Dudu told journalists at the National Parliament yesterday (17/10).

## **Chinese government offers scholarship to 50 Timorese**

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The Chinese government offers scholarship to 50 Timorese to study tourism and mechanics for a year in China. In 2015 the government of Timor-Leste asked the Chinese government to offer scholarship for the young Timorese who wanted to study in area of vocational training such mechanics, electricity and tourism and the Chinese Government has agreed and offered to scholarship to 50 Timorese. The Advisor of Ministry of Education, Isabel Ferreira said the Ministry of Education was preparing 50 young Timorese to study in China for a year. “We requested the government of China to offer scholarship to young Timorese when the former President of the Republic Taur Matan Ruak visited China in 2015. At that time, we visited the vocational schools in China and we asked them to give chance to Timorese to study there and they has given a positive response,” Ferreira told journalists yesterday at the Ministry of Education office in Villa Verde, Dili yesterday (17/10).

## **Timor-Leste to set up arbitration court to attract investors**

*Independente, October 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri said in the future Timor-Leste could set up arbitration court like the one in Singapore to attract investors to invest in Timor-Leste. Alkatiri said the giant projects that implementing in the Especial Economic and Market Zone of Oecusse needed the arbitration court to have credibility. He added the objective of establishing arbitration court to gain the investors’ trust and confidence to invest in Timor-Leste.

## **UNESCO facilitates dialogue on implementation of water goals in Timor-Leste**

*Independente October 18, 2017*

UNESCO is collaborating closely with WHO and ADB to enable the government of Timor-Leste, to achieve water related target of Timor-Leste strategic development plan and SDG 6. To assist the implementation of water goals, two days meeting titled “National Dialogue on Water Security” implementing water goals in Timor-Leste was organized in Dili. Bringing together international experts, government counterparts, and development partners to identify priorities and prepare project proposals to strengthen the management of Timor-Leste’s freshwater resources and to reduce negative impacts on human wellbeing and the natural environment.

International experts along with local stakeholders worked together to formulate interventions in support of the government efforts to improve access to safe drinking water, with particular focus on the most under privilege groups in Timor-Leste. Dr. Shabaz Khan, Director UNESCO regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in his welcome remarks mentioned the importance of collaboration between international development agencies and partners, government ministries and other stakeholders. He stressed the importance of sound water planning to giant sustainable solutions in order to achieve SDG6 and solving Timor-Leste’s water issues. Mr. Paolo Spantigati, Country Director Timor-Leste resident mission in his remarks shared some of the successful water sector projects with the participants and emphasized the importance of technical knowledge, transparency and brings sustainable financial solutions to ensure continuous stream of finance to implement projects to achieve water related targets.

## **UNPAZ students, WFP, and health professionals give assistance to children with malnutrition**

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Six students from Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ), World Food Program (AFP) and health professionals from Kailako Health Post in Bobonaro Administrative post of Bobonaro Municipality shared information to community about nutrition and gave medical assistance to children with malnutrition. According to the information that Timor-Post accessed from WFP, the referred activity was held on October 5, 2017 through a mobile clinic in suburb of Maumala of Bobonaro Administrative Post. WFP supported the participation of the young people in their community to share information about nutrition because this year the Ministry of Health cooperates with WFP wants to facilitate parents and other family members to prevent children from malnutrition.

## **PM Alkatiri welcomes Japanese Company**

*Timor-Post October 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister (PM), Mari Alkatiri welcomed a Japanese Company, Nitto, Seimo, Co.Ltd’s visit to see the possibility of investing in the area of aquaculture and fisheries. Based on the information that Timor-Post accessed from Prime Minister’s Office, on October 13 PM Alkatiri held a meeting with the Nitto Company from Japan as the company was interested to invest in Timor-Leste. The Company’s delegation led by Takayoshi Yoshiomi as the executive director for Nitto Company, Seimo, co Ltd with its nine members from Japan, Taiwan and Indonesia discussed with Prime Minister the possibility of getting license to invest in Timor-Leste.

## **October 17, 2017**

### **Oppositions not convinced with govt’s programs**

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The opposition parties consisting of CNRT, PLP and Khunto parties have made a political statement during the parliamentary debate session on the Fretilin-leading coalition’s program, saying they disagreed with the programs, CNRT Party, Spokesperson, Teresinha Viegas said the program, which the government presented in the debate did not reflect the country’s national development plan of 2011 – 2030. “After reading and learning the program profoundly that it does not reflect the real condition of the Timorese. Therefore, we are not convinced and we will not give confidence in the referred programs,” she said. Meanwhile, PLP Bench leader, Fidelis Magalhaes said this program did not represent seriousness of the government as its description was unclear.

### **Security authorities calls on Timorese people to remain calm**

*Radio Timor-Leste, October 16, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) and the National Police Force (PNTL) commands have called on all the Timorese people to remain calm for accompanying the ongoing debate on the government’s program in the Parliament. PNTL Commander, Commissioner, Julio Hornay made the comments regarding the political posture of the Majority Parliamentary Alliance (AMP) published in social media, which said that AMP would vote against the Government’s programs. Hornay affirmed that this situation had been concerns for both F-FDTL and PNTL as the country’s security forces. “This situation has been the major concerns of these two security forces; therefore, we are calling on all the communities to remain calm,” he said.

### **PNTL command places police officers at Parliament House**

*Radio Timor-Leste, October 16, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The National Police Force (PNTL) command has ordered the Dili Police Station to place its special police force to provide security for the debate of the Government’s programs at the House of the Parliament. Dili Police Station Deputy Commander, Ecludis Belo said the placement of the police officers in the area of the Parliament House was made by the police commands in order to provide security during the debate. “We got orientations from the police commands to provide security for the debate, which starts from Monday until Friday. It is made based on our action plan,” he said.

### **Govt prioritizes socio-economic development, Opposition: the programs are complicated**

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The Seventh Government’s programs focus on four important pillars namely social development, economy, infrastructure and modernization of institutions. “The Seventh Government’s programs focus on four important pillars; social, economic and infrastructure development including modernization of institutions,” Prime Minister, Mari Alkatiri said when presenting the Seventh Government’s programs to parliament on Monday (16/10). Responding to PM Alkatiri’s presentation, National Parliament (PN) members from opposition parties considered the programs of the Seventh Government were complicated. “The document that PM Alkatiri presented is different from the one that National Parliament President distributed to us before, so we need to learn it and

compare,” CNRT Bench member, Natalino Dos Santos told Timor Post at PN on Monday (16/10). At the same place, the Chief of People’s Liberation Party (PLP) Bench, Fidelis Magalhães said PLP needed to learn the Seventh Government’s programs because the presentation from PM Alkatiri seemed different with the programs that they received.

## **Today, the rest of government members to be inaugurated**

*Timor Post, October 17, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Today (Tuesday 17/10) five government members are going to be inaugurated to complete the structure of the Seventh Government. According to information from President Office, the inauguration ceremony is going to be held this afternoon at 18:00 at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili. The five people who will be inducted as new government members are Maria Angela Guterres Viegas Carrascalão as Minister of Justice, Manuel Florencio Da Canossa Vong as Minister of Tourism, Sara Lobo Brites as Deputy Minister of Plan and Finance, Rui Menezes Da Costa as Deputy Minister of Tourism, and Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

## **Lu-Olo calls on Timorese to be united to develop TL forward**

*Diario Nacional October 17, 2017 language source: Tetun*

President of the Republic Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo” has called on all Timorese people to be united to bring good progress and development to Timor-Leste. President Lu-Olo made the call in a meeting with Protestant Priest Lorencos dos Santos at the Palace of President in Aitarak Laran, Dili yesterday (16/10). “First, Protestant Church wants to congratulate President and the Seventh Constitutional Government. President of the Republic called on all Timorese to be united to support each other to develop this beloved country forward,” Dos Santos said.

## **PM Alkatiri appreciates Australian veterans**

*Diario Nacional October 17, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri appreciated Australian veterans who continue strengthening their relation with Timor-Leste’s veterans. “During difficult situation in the past, Australia came to consolidate peace and some of them got sick and injured because they tried to restore Timor-Leste after Indonesia left Timor-Leste in 1999, therefore, we are ready to support their medical treatment if needed,” Alkatiri told journalists at the Palace of the Government yesterday (16/10). Director for Timor Awakening Program, Michael Stone said their presence in the country was as a response to PM Alkatiri’s invitation, saying majority of them were from Australian forces and they were deployed here to consolidate peace in Timor-Leste in 1999.

## **Press Council honors and appreciates five Australian journalists killed in Balibo**

*Diario Nacional, October 17, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Press Council (CI) of Timor-Leste honored and saluted the five Australian journalists who were killed in Balibo of Bobonaro in Timor-Leste on October 16th 1975 when Indonesia invaded Timor-Leste. Press Council President Virgilio da Silva Guterres said the day of 16 October was an important day to Timorese journalist since at that day, the five journalists was tortured and shot death while they covered Indonesian invasion at the border of the country. “I want to say that the assassination of the five journalists is a sad moment for the journalism world, particularly for those who defend human rights for accessing the information and justice. On behalf of CI, I honor the five journalists’ contribution to the country’s independence, including the senior journalist Roger East who was killed at the Sea Harbor in Dili in 1975,” he said.

## **Bishop Da Silva calls on Timorese to remain calm**

*Suara Timor Lorosae October 17, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Dili Diocese Bishop Monsignor Virgilio do Carmo da Silva has called on Timorese people to remain calm to accompany the debate of the Seventh Government’s programs at National Parliament. “I am calling on all Timorese people to keep calm to guarantee peace and stability in the country in order to give chance to our leaders discussing the government programs,” Bishop Da Silva told journalists in Soibada of Manatuto on Sunday (14/10). Bishop da Silva said during the election campaign, everyone had showed their maturity and people had given their votes to political parties that they trusted, so now it was time to give them chance to prove themselves that they were able to take the responsibility that voters gave them.