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PM Alkatiri and Australian PM talk about maritime boundary issue

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Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri met with Prime Minister of Australia in Perth, talking about the resolution of maritime boundary dispute between Australia and Timor-Leste. Speaking to journalists, Mr. Alkatiri said the maritime boundary of the two countries had been defined, but discussion on the development and exploration of gas and oil field was necessary to be continued. "Meeting with the Australian Prime Minister, there has been agreement that the maritime boundary has been defined. And now we are going into the development of gas and oil field of Greater Sunrise." "There must be discussion and agreement, so that the companies can begin the process of exploration, whether the pipeline would be built to Timor-Leste or it could be still in Australia," he said.

UNESCO pledges to support young Timorese

Radio Timor-Leste, November 4, 2017 language source: Tetun

UNESCO has pledged to help support the young Timorese's participation in the field of education, hospitality and other sectors. Sabrina Ho, the ambassador of UNESCO made the comments during a meeting with Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri in Perth, Australia. Meanwhile, Mr. Alkatiri said he did appreciate UNESCO's support as it would hold a campaign of which title is "You are Next." "Today's meeting was good, having conversation with Ms. Sabrina and her daughter who is the Ambassador of UNESCO. She will begin the program which is about the young people's engagement in education," he said.

Australia to offer two ships to Timor-Leste, says PM Alkatiri

Televizaun Timor-Leste, November 4, 2017 language source: Tetun

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri said the Government of Australia would provide the country with two ships that would be used for controlling illegal fishing in the Timor Sea. Alkatiri made the comments after meeting with the Australian Prime Minister in Perth of Australia. "It has been two or three years, Australia is ready to give two ships to Timor-Leste to be used for protecting our maritime area in order that illegal fishermen cannot continue to steal our fishes," he said. He added it was necessary for the country to have capacity to control and secure the Timor Sea; therefore Timor-Leste needed to cooperate with Australia.

Timor-Leste needs to improve education and health sectors: UNICEF

Televizaun Timor-Leste, 31 October 2017 language source: Tetun

Representative of UNICEF, Valeria Tanton said Timor-Leste paid much attention to the children's rights in the country, but it was necessary to improve the children's rights to education and health sectors. Valeria made the comments after meeting with the President of the Republic, Francisco "Lu-Olo" Guterres last Monday in Dili. She thanked the president of the republic for championing the children's rights in the country and called for improvement of education and health sectors. "We also thanked the president of the republic because he championed the children's rights. And we know that he is very supportive and he also has special commitment for the children's rights," she said.

CNRT's Second National Conference allows Xanana to lead CNRT again

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The National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) Party conducted its Second National Conference on Sunday (05/11) to repeal the party's decisions in its first conference few months ago and allow Xanana Gusmão to lead the party again and also to strengthen the Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) ties in National Parliament. "CNRT Party's President, Xanana Gusmão sent his warm embrace to President of the People's Liberation Party (PLP) and the Superior Councilor of KHUNTO. He could not participate in this conference because he has some works to do in abroad," CNRT's Secretary General, Francisco Kalbuadi Lay said. Kalbuadi Lay said they organized the Second National Conference because according to CNRT's regulations if there was Parliamentary Majority Alliance, each political party should conduct national conference.

"This conference is to repeal the decisions that we made in the previous conference within which our President, Xanana Gusmão asked to resign from his post, but we rejected his resignation, after that we have not yet given him the full power, so today's conference is to him power to lead again. Second, this conference is also to legalize the AMP which formed by the three parties; CNRT, PLP, and KHUNTO," he said. The CNRT's conference also participated by KHUNTO's Superior Councilor, Jose Dos Santos Naimori and PLP's President, Taur Matan Ruak.

PM Alkatiri participates in Regional Conference of Asia Pacific in Australia

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Prime Minister (PM), Mari Alkatiri participated in Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Perth of Australia about economic cooperation in the region. "My participation in the conference shows the trust that given to the Seventh Government and also the importance of Timor-Leste's existence in this region," PM Alkatiri said at Nicolau Lobato Airport in Komoro, Dili before departing to Australia on Wednesday (01/11). In this visit, PM Alkatiri also scheduled to meet with Australian Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, President of Germany, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, and Presidents of Woodside and ConocoPhillips Companies.

Fugitive Juga Gama returns to Timor-Leste

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The Fugitive, Juga Gama has been handed back to Timor-Leste on Friday (03/11) after being captured by Indonesian Police in Bali of Indonesia on October 27, 2017. Juga Gama arrived at Nicolau Lobato Airport with Sriwijaya Airplane and his arrival assisted by Minister for Defense and Security, Jose Agostinho Sequeira Somotxo and the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Deputy Commander, Faustino Da Costa and Indonesian Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Sahat Sitorus. "This fugitive ran away from Becora Prison on November 3, 2013 and today (Friday, red) is November 3, 2017, it means that he has been out of prison for four years," Commander Da Costa said at Nicolau Lobato Air Port, Komoro, Dili last Friday (03/11).

Clash in Gariwai leaves a young man seriously injured

Suara Timor Lorosae, November 6, 2017 Language source: Tetun

Clash between young people in Uatuwa of Gariwai Village of Baucau on Thursday (02/11) has left a young man seriously injured. A community of Uatuwa who did not want his name to be published recalled on Thursday (02/11), many people went to cemetery to pay tributes to their ancestors and relatives who had died and when people returned from the cemetery, unknown people provoked situation and the clash happened. The incident left a young man named Nelson Gusmão seriously wounded because he was stabbed with spear and now he is getting medical treatment at Baucau Referral Hospital. Deputy Commander of Baucau Police, Joni Viana recognized there was a clash between young people on Thursday last week, but currently the security situation in that area was under control. "Police and Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) continue patrolling in that area and other areas as well," Commander Viana told STL via phone on Sunday (05/11).

Lu-Olo calls on Govt to send ratification budget to PN sooner

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To better stabilize the state administration and respond to the people's needs, President of the Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" has called on the Timorese Government to send the State Additional Budget Proposal to National Parliament (PN) sooner to be discussed and approved. The Head of the State considered the Additional Budget was necessary to respond to the people's needs and to pay the previous government's loan. "President of the Republic also thinks that the Additional Budget is urgent to be sent to PN because currently many companies have finished their projects and urged the government to pay them and several patients are waiting to be sent to overseas for medical treatment," ALkatiri told journalists after meeting with President Lu-Olo at the Palace of Presidential, Aitarak Laran, Dili (31/10).

Xanana, TMR and Alkatiri will hold a dialogue on November 15

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President of the Republic Francisco Guterres "Lu-Olo" will hold a dialogue with President of CNRT party, Xanana Gusmao, President of PLP, Taur Matan Ruak (TMR) and General Secretary of FRETILIN party Mari Alkatiri on November 15, 2017 at the Palace of President in Aitarak Laran, Dili. President of the Republic wants to hold a dialogue with the three historical leaders to find the solution to the current political issue after the opposition parties rejected the government's programs last month. Before this, Prime Minister, Mari Alkatiri said he was ready to have a dialogue with four political parties in parliament and all historical leaders.

Alkatiri and Turnbull discuss about the two countries' cooperation

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Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri held a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull to better strengthening the two countries' bilateral ties. The meeting was held in Perth of Australia on November 3 assisted by the government officials of Timor-Leste and Australia. During his official visit to Australia, PM Alkatiri also delivered a speech in the Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Perth Australia, talking about Timor-Leste's natural resources and development progress.

Timor-Leste loses 1-3 to Malaysia in Asian cup qualifiers

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Timor-Leste's under 19 national team suffered a convincing defeat against Malaysia, going down 1-3 in Tuesday's Asian football cup under-19 qualifying group F match at Paju Stadium in South Korea. "Opening matches are always tough, I am happy that my boys showed composure for the win. It was cold and my players took time to settle in," said Bojan Hodak, Malaysia's head coach. Timor-Leste, under Korean coach Kim Shin Hwan, dominated the first half and came close to scoring from three attempts. In the 24th minute, Timor-Leste midfielder Jeremias Baptista found space in the Malaysian penalty box and conjured up a powerful grounder but goalkeeper Azri Ghani parried the shot away. Timor-Leste netted a consolation when Filomeno da Costa converted from the penalty spot in stoppage time.

Timor-Leste most undernourished people in Asia, ADB report

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Timor-Leste has the highest rate of malnutrition in Asia according to a new Asian Development Bank report released Tuesday. Almost 27 percent of the populations were found to be undernourished, and more than 1 in 10 people report being hungry, the report said. People in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Pakistan followed closely Timor-Leste's rate of undernourishment. The rate of undernourishment is as high as 26.8 percent in Afghanistan, 22 percent in Sri Lanka and 22 percent in Pakistan. Elsewhere in Asia, Cambodia, Myanmar both recorded 14.2 percent rates of undernourishment, while the Philippines scored 13.5 percent.

Xanana and TMR do not want people to violate constitution

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President for People Liberation Party (PLP), Taur Matan Ruak (TMR) has declared that the coalition of opposition parties in parliament; CNRT, PLP and Khunto will not give a chance to other people to violate constitution. "When you (participants of CNRT's conference, red) go back to your villages, tell our people that TMR and Xanana and Naimori are together, we disagree if people breach the constitution," TMR said in his speech at the CNRT party's conference at Bairo Dos Grilhos on Sunday (05/11). He said CNRT, PLP, and KHUNTO should not be blamed for the current political situation because it was not their fault, they just wanted to follow the constitution.