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***Lu-Olo calls on Political Parties not to incite people in election campaign** Timor-Leste's President, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo has called on political parties not to incite people by insulting each other in the upcoming parliamentary election campaign. "I am calling on all political parties not to insult each other and provoke followers to get into a fight," Lu-Olo made the call at Dominican Sisters' Residence in Oe-Cuse on Sunday (11/06/2017). He added that political parties should present and talk about their parties' programs during the election campaign to convince people to vote for their parties. **Diario, June 13, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***PNTL and F-FDTL to search for martial art attributes** The National Police Force (PNTL) and the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) will do joint patrol and search for sharp things and attributes of martial arts throughout the country. During a press conference on Tuesday (13/6), PNTL Commander, Commissioner Julio Hornay said the joint patrol would be done to strengthen security in the upcoming parliamentary election. Hornay affirmed that the security forces would not tolerate those trying to bring with them sharp things in the public space. He called on all the political parties to educate their followers to respect one another during the political campaign. **Radio Timor-Leste, June 14, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Xanana surprised with TMR's comments CNRT Party** President Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao said he was surprised with the recent political statement of the President of PLP Party President, Taur Matan Ruak (TMR) saying that he would be nominated by Xanana to become the next prime minister of the country. Xanana said his party had never planned to meet with TMR to talk about the future prime minister of the country. "Where did he meet me? We have never met each with each other. I am afraid as he accused me of being Soeharto [the ex-president of Indonesia]," he said. He added that it was not important as stability of the country was the most important thing to be strengthened. **Radio Timor-Leste, June 14, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Xanana does not want CNRT politicizing maritime boundary** The Chief of Timor-Leste's Maritime Boundary Negotiation Team, Xanana Gusmao has been leading the Timor-Leste's team for two years to negotiate maritime boundary dispute with Australia under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). However, the President of the CNRT does not want people to politicize maritime boundary disputes since it is a national problem and everyone should put national interest first. "I am leading Timor-Leste's Negotiation Team, but CNRT should not say because Xanana leads the negotiation that's why it is working well" Xanana said at Nicolau Lobato Airport Tuesday (13/06). The International Court has been facilitating Timor-Leste and Australia to resolve maritime boundary disputes in the last two years and the negotiation is scheduled to end in September this year. Xanana believed the result of the negotiation would satisfy both countries. **Independente, June 14, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***PNTL and F-FDTL not to tolerate acts of crime** National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) and Timor-Leste Defense Force (F-FDTL) are not going to tolerate anyone who commits acts of crime during parliamentary election campaign and Election Day on July 22, 2017. To ensure the security during election campaign and Election Day, PNTL and F-FDTL have decided to jointly escort the parliamentary election. The two Commands call on Timorese people throughout the territory to contribute to peace and stability. "All people in the country start from the elders, men and women, children or young, native or foreigner who live in Timor-Leste should contribute to peace and stability to ensure successful parliamentary election. For those who want to create instability, we will take strong decision and no negotiation in this case," General Commander of PNTL, Julio Hornay declared in a press conference on Tuesday (13/06/2017) at PNTL Head Quarter in Kaikoli, Dili. At the same place, General Commander of F-FDTL, Lere Anan Timur called on political parties not to insult each other during election campaign to avoid anarchism. **Diario, June 14, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

***Public Prosecution Office calls on court to sentence human trafficking actors** The Public Prosecution Office has called on the Dili District Court to sentence the actors of human trafficking to eight up to 20 years in prison. The Public Prosecution office made the call in relation to the actors who had illegally taken five Timorese to be employed in Malaysia in 2013. RTL [Public Radio] reported that three human trafficking victims had returned home, whereas the other two had lost contact with their families. The Public Prosecution Office affirmed that it had presented strong evidences that could prove that the actors had really engaged in the case. **Radio Timor-Leste, June 16, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Political parties committed to building peace and stability** Political parties on Wednesday (14/6) had a meeting to guarantee the peace and stability during the political campaign and the realization of legislative election, which will be conducted on June 22, 2017. Baucau Police Commander, Jony Viana made the comments after meeting with the representatives of the political parties, the local government and civil society organizations in Baucau. Viana affirmed that the political parties made their commitment based on the peace pact, which was signed last January. He added that all the Timorese citizens had the responsibility to ensure security in the electoral process, so that the people could remain calm to vote. **Radio Timor-Leste, June 16, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Video calling for "vote with peace" goes viral** A You Tube video calling for Timorese people to "vote with peace" in July's parliamentary election has attracted thousands of followers, with many supporters saying the message was critical to stability of their country. The video released Monday by non-profit organization Ba Futuro – meaning in Tetun "for the future" – came after a week of violent clashes between opposition political party supporters. In the opening scenes showing images of youth throwing rocks at one another the video asks: "...if political parties cannot control their own members will they be able to govern the country if elected?" "In reality differences in political opinion should not mean that our communities are threatened with destruction," Lito Da Costa, a local singer and peace activist said in the video. The popular singer said public forums needed to be set up to allow political party's supporters to "express their differences in a constructive and peaceful manner." In a statement shared with the video, Ba Futuro called on "political parties to prevent violence through making it clear to their supporters that violence will not be tolerated." The video comes as former president, Jose Ramos Horta called on Xanana Gusmao, Taur Matan Ruak, and Mari Alkatiri to practice restraint and call for peace amongst their supporters. **Independente, June 16, 2017*

***Lu-Olo welcomes Australian Senator Penny Wong** Timor-Leste's President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo welcomed an Australian senator, Penny Wong to discuss about the future cooperation between president office and Australia. In the meeting, Senator Wong said Australian people and especially Australian Labor Party put Timor-Leste and Australia's bilateral ties in priority and her visit to Timor-Leste was to prove the importance of Australia and Timor-Leste's relation. President Lu-Olo and Senator Wong agreed Timor-Leste and Australia had good bilateral cooperation and the two countries try to resolve any difference, especially maritime boundary disputes. **Independente, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Horta defends SOFA agreement with U.S.** Former President of Timor-Leste, Jose Ramos Horta defends Timor-Leste and The United States (U.S.) agreement called State Force Agreement (SOFA)

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which let U.S. forces to come to Timor-Leste if there was any crisis. The SOFA was signed by Jose Ramos Horta while he was still a president of Timor-Leste with the U.S. Engineering Forces Unit. "I think SOFA is good for Timor-Leste for emergency needs," Horta said. He added many countries in world had SOFA agreement with The U.S. to get support from America when they needed it. **Independente, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Parpol raffles numbers in ballot paper.** CNRT 7, PLP 12, FRETILIN 21 The 21 Political parties (Parpol) which are going to vie for the July's parliamentary election have raffled their numbers to be printed in ballot paper. The three political parties with well-known figures, CNRT will be seventh, PLP will be 12th, and, FRETILIN will be 21st on the list in the ballot paper. The ceremony of raffling the numbers was conducted by the Appellate Court President, Deolindo Dos Santos and accompanied by the 21 political parties' leaders, election bodies, national and international observers including the Timorese National Police (PNTL) Commanders. "BUP is on number 1, APMT is on 2, KHUNTO is on 3, PEP is on 4, PST is on 5, PDP is on 6, CNRT is on 7, PR is on 8, UDT 9, PDC 10, MPLPM 11, PLP 12, PD 13, UNDERTIM 14, PUDD 14, PTD 15, Frente-Mudansa 16, PST 17, PSD 18, CASDT 19, PDN 20, Fretilin 21," Deolindo Dos Santos said at the Appellate Court room in Kaikoli, Dili Thursday (15/06). **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Teachers should be competent and professional** People's representatives at National Parliament (PN) through Committee F said teachers should be professional and should have good quality to facilitate students in teaching and learning process. PN Committee F member, Antonio Ximenes said teachers' Portuguese language training was good to increase teachers' Portuguese skill to be able to teach students using Portuguese language. "I think teachers' Portuguese language training has been running very well because if we want a good quality of education, we should have qualified teachers and it is good that Ministry of Education organizes training for teachers to increase their capacity," PN member Antonio Ximenes said Wednesday (14/06). **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Basic School Uimanuboe preoccupies no books for students** Catholic Basic School of Uimanuboe is preoccupied because there is no school book for students from first grade until sixth grade. Basic School Uimanuboe's Coordinator, Mariano Andre Freitas said Ministry of Education only sent manuals for teachers, but there was no book for students. "Our concern is book for students. We have no books for students. In our school we do not have library, therefore, even those manuals for teachers are also rotten and destroyed by mice," Mariano Andre Freitas told STL at Uimanuboe Basic School Monday (05/06/2017). **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***State bodies pledge to ensure fair and democratic election** Regarding civil society and political parties' lack of trust to Timor-Leste's election bodies to organize fair and democratic election in the upcoming parliamentary election, the State Technical Secretariat for Election Administration (STAE) and National Commission for Election (CNE) pledge to ensure the upcoming election will be run in fair and democratic ways. "I know people are suspicious, but STAE will ensure transparency in the upcoming election," STAE's Director, Acilino Manuel Branco said after accompanying the political parties raffled their numbers in the list of ballot paper Thursday (14/06) at the Appellate Court in Kaikoli, Dili. At the same place, CNE's Deputy President, Duarte Tilman said the small numbers of CNE's current structure would not prejudice CNE's work to supervise the election. **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***CNRT to be opposition if it does not get 33 seats** The big political party, CNRT which led by Xanana Gusmao will be opposition if it does not get 33 seats in the July's legislative election. "If CNRT does not get 33 seats, it will be opposition and other political party will lead the government," CNRT Bench member, Arão Noe told STL at National Parliament on Wednesday (14/06). He added it was people's choice to choose which political party would lead the government for the next five years and if people continued trusting CNRT, then CNRT would take development to people. **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***FRETILIN takes programs to people not money** The historical party, FRETILIN takes policies and programs to people in its consolidation in grass-root level not money like other political parties. Coordinator of FRETILIN Party in Ermera and current National Parliament member, Antonio Dos Santos said FRETILIN Party presented its programs and policies during its consolidation, not money to bribe people. "When we do consolidation, we present programs and policies, not sharing money," Antonio Dos Santos said at National Parliament on Wednesday (14/06). **Suara Timor Lorosae, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Australia agrees to end maritime boundary dispute with Timor-Leste** The Australian government is in good position and has agreed to end maritime boundary disputes with Timor-Leste. "Australian Senator, Penny Wong and I agreed that Timor-Leste and Australia had good relationship and the two countries were interested to resolve maritime boundary disputes," said President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo in a press release from president office after welcoming an official visit of Senator Penny Wong at Presidential Palace Aitarak-Laran Dili Thursday (14/06/2017). Senator Wong is a leader of opposition party (Labor Party) in Australian Senate. In the meeting, Senator Wong informed President of the Republic that most Australian people, especially Labor Party put bilateral relation between Australia and Timor-Leste in priority and her official visit to Timor-Leste was to prove that Timor-Leste and Australia's relation was important. **Diario, June 16, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***PNTL AND F-FDTL should maintain discipline in Parliamentary Election** Non Governmental Organization (NGO), Fundasaun Mahein (FM) calls on Timor-Leste National Police (PNTL) and Timor-Leste Defense Force (F-FDTL) to maintain discipline to provide good security service in parliamentary election as in previous presidential election. Vice Director of FM, João Almeida said in recent weeks PNTL had been preparing and coordinating with F-FDTL to provide security for parliamentary election, so that the upcoming election was successful as presidential election few months ago. "PNTL and F-FDTL should maintain discipline, especially those members working in the field. They should work hard on prevention of conflict," João told Timor Post at his office Fomentu, Dili, Wednesday (14/06/2017). **Timor post, June 16, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

***KNDL-CNTI commemorate International Day of Child Labor** The Timorese Government through the State Secretariat for Professional Training and Employment (SEPOPE) and National Commission for Children's Rights (KNDL)'s Child Labor Unit (CNTI) commemorated International Day of Child Labor at Maubesi Administrative Post, Ainaro Municipality Monday (12/06/2017). General Inspector for Labor, Aniceto Leto Soro said the commemoration of International Day of Child Labor was really importance to promote and protect children's right to participate in national development process such as education, health and other sector as written in Timor-Leste's Constitution. In the occasion, he called on parents and community to pay attention and protect children because according to national study, more than 70 thousand of children in Timor-Leste did work. "We should give priority for children to get their right for education and health, so that they can participate in development process in Timor-Leste," Aniceto said. At the same place, Commissary for Children's Rights, Maria Bareto said the commemoration of International Day of Child Labor was to remind everyone of the impact of heavy work to child's health and mentality. **Timor Post, June 16, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

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