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***Timor-Leste officially becomes member of the WOSM** On the 41st High Level Conference of the World Organization Scout Movement (WOSM), the organization officially accepted Timor-Leste as its new member. The conference was participated by representatives of scouts from 151 countries in the world and they welcomed Timor-Leste's membership. President of Timor-Leste's National Union of Scouts (UNE-TL), Idelta Rodrigues, who was also the head of delegation to the conference, said as a new country Timor-Leste was proud to participate at the conference. "Feel very proud when Timor-Leste got a great honor to receive official certificate and the world scout's flag, it's mean Timor-Leste has officially becomes a new member of the WOSM," she said In addition, the Secretary General of the WOSM, Ahmed Alhendawi appreciated and congratulated the people of Timor-Leste for the success and the progress that had been achieved and he called on young Timorese to promote peace and stability through the scout movement. *"Diário Nacional, August 18, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***Criteria for government members** The new government has not yet officially formed, but General Secretary of Fretilin Party Mari Alkatiri has announced the model of the new government and the criteria to be a member of the seventh constitutional government. Alkatiri made a comment that the member of the government should have capacity and competence to carry out the post that people handed to him or her. Mr. Alkatiri assures that seventh constitutional government will open to intellectuals who want to serve the people in the country. "The new government always defends the inclusive policy and national unity," Mr. Alkatiri wrote on his social media account. *"Independente August 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Timor-Leste's new national library to open 2019** Intended as a place to honor the cultural heritage of Timor-Leste, the vision to create the country's first national library has moved from paper to reality with the laying of the first stone of the building in Dili on Wednesday. Set for completion in 2019, the library will house Timor-Leste's documentary and bibliographic heritage, as well as ensure it study and safe public access. The library will be connected to smaller libraries throughout the country, and to the education sector, to promote learning and foster awareness of cultural heritage, a government statement said. Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony, Agio Pereira spoke person for the Minister of state, said the library would benefit "our people for many generations to come, as repository of information and as an institution tasked to preserve and honor the cultural heritage of our homeland." A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Timor-Leste government and the national library of Portugal, to provide assistance to support building the library's collection and train staff. *"Independente August 18, 2017*

***Timor-Leste and Indonesia's democracy is a good example to the world** Indonesian Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Sahat Sitorus said Indonesia and Timor-Leste's democracy was a good example to the world. Mr. Sitorus made the comment after celebrating Indonesian Independence Day at Indonesian Embassy in Farol, Dili yesterday (17/08). "I am happy with the people of Timor-Leste for implementing good democracy, and the democracy in Indonesia and Timor-Leste become example to the world," Mr. Sitorus said. *"Independente, August 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***PNTL should learn from FALINTIL** The Timorese National Police (PNTL) of Dili Municipality's Deputy Commander, Superintendent Euclides Belo said PNTL should learn from the Timorese National Liberation Army (FALINTIL) because FALINTIL forces had dedicated themselves to defend and fight for their people and country. Commander Belo thanked the FALINTIL's dedication, resistance and sacrifice for defending people and the country until Timor-Leste got its independence. He called on the PNTL members to have nationalism and patriotism and follow the path of FALINTIL, as PNTL members should defend the people from any threat to national stability. "Our task is to respect their sacrifice, specially our heroes who lost during the resistance in the jungle," Belo told journalist at UNTL yesterday (17/08). *"Independente August 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Xanana to continue leading Maritime Border Negotiation team Timor-Leste's National Leader, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao thanked the Fretilin Party for giving him the opportunity to continue leading the country's Maritime Border Negotiation Team. Xanana made the comments after meeting with the Fretilin Party's Secretary-General Mari Alkatiri last Friday (18/8) at Hotel Novo Turismo. Meanwhile, Alkatiri affirmed that Mr. Xanana and his team members would continue working for the process of negotiations as he had experience. "No change to the maritime negotiation team, the chief of the team is brother Xanana and also his team member like the current minister, Agio Pereira," he said. **GMN, August 19, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***KAK learns Parliament's resolution on selling cars by auction** The Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK) is learning and analyzing the National Parliament's resolution on selling 65 state-own cars by auction, which is suspected of acts of corruption. Deputy Commissioner of KAK, Manuel Bucar made the comments regarding the Student Movement's (MUTL) demand on KAK to launch investigation into the referred case. "The Anti-Corruption Commission is currently collecting data in relation to the Parliament's resolution on selling cars by auction and is learning the case as everything should be based on legality," he said. MUTL also sent an official letter to the president of the republic and the Public Prosecution Office to look at this matter. Meanwhile, Civil Society Coalition called on the country's Audit Court to hold an audit into the Parliament regarding its resolution. **Radio Timor-Leste August 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Fretilin to present structure of new govt** The Fretilin party is planning to present structure of new government on Tuesday (22/8) to the President of the Republic. Secretary-General of the Fretilin Party said PLP and Kuntho Parties were confirmed to join the 7th constitutional of Timor-Leste. "I am going to present this structure to the coalition party and also to the president of the republic on Tuesday," he said. Alkatiri added that coalition with PLP and Khunto did not close door for the Democratic Party (PD) and CNRT to join the new government. **Radio Timor-Leste, August 18, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Australia to provide two patrol ships to F-FDTL** Australia is planning to provide capacity building for human resources of the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) and also offer two patrol ships to the defense force. Australia Defense Force will also help train F-FDTL soldiers about peace keeping mission. F-FDTL Chief of Defense, Major General Lere Anan Timur made the comments after welcoming the Australian Defense Force's deputy admiral. In a meeting, which was held in Dili, the two countries' defense commanders were talking about Australia's support for F-FDTL's human resource capacity and the two ships, which Australia will provide for the country's defense force.

***UNTL students produce bio-ethanol from banana peel and sugar cane** The students of Chemistry from Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL) have produced bio-ethanol from banana peel and last Friday (18/08), the students demonstrated the use of the bio-ethanol to run a generator instead of gasoline. One of the students, Alfredo Fernandes said they wanted to put into practice the theory that they got and also to show the use of bio-ethanol from renewable resource as gasoline to run a machine to promote biodegradable fuel. "Today (last Friday, red), we demonstrated how to turn renewable resources such as sugar cane and banana peel into bio-ethanol to run a generator," Alfredo Fernandes said. UNTL Rector, Francisco Miguel Martins said these students could contribute to Timor-Leste's

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development in the future to take Timor-Leste out from its dependence on its limited oil and gas resources.

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***Basic school implements school garden** Around 70 basic schools in Timor-Leste have implemented school garden program aiming to acquaint students with farmers' lives and nutrition that each vegetable contains. "Basic schools in Dili, Alleu, Liquisa, Ermera, Bobonaro, Ainaro, and Baucau have their own school gardens as laboratory to facilitate students' learning process," Director of School Social Activity of Ministry of Education, Belchior Maria Almeida said last Friday (18/08) in Kaikoli, Dili. He added the program also supported by Thailand's Princes' organization and also international agency through Avansa Agricultura Project. **Suara Timor Lorosae, August 21, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***After meeting Xanana, Govt members swearing in ceremony postpones** It has been scheduled before that on Monday (21/08), the new National Parliament members will be inducted and the most voted party Fretilin will announce who will assume the post of Prime Minister, but it is postponed to next week after FRETILIN Party leaders met with the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction Party (CNRT)'s President Xanana Gusmao last Friday (18/08). On Wednesday (16/08) and Thursday (17/08), General Secretary for Fretilin Mari Alkatiri had met with the political parties like Popular Liberation Party (PLP) and KHUNTO to form the Seventh Government and Alkatiri had pledged to announce the name of the Prime Minister Monday (21/08). Mr. Alkatiri said they would finalize the negotiation process with political parties to form the government. "Next week, we will present the structure of new government to the President of the Republic," said Alkatiri at the the Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL)'s head quarter in Fatuhada, Dili yesterday (20/08). *"Independente August 21, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Leaders receive million of money and forget about veterans, Lere says** The Timorese Defense Force (F-FDTL) Commander Major General Lere Anan Timur considers the countries' leaders have discriminated veterans. The leaders have received million of money, but they ignore the life condition of veterans who had fought for the country's independence. The former guerilla fighter said the veterans who got reform from F-FDTL institution in 2015 only received \$225 per month, but the country's leaders received thousands of dollar after their mandates ended. "Our colleagues who were reformed from F-FDTL in 2015 do not get good attention from the government and they only get \$225 per month as their pension, but the country's leaders get thousand to million per month," Lere told journalist at F-FDTL head quarter in Fatuhada, Dili after celebrating the Timorese Liberation Army (FALINTIL)'s Day on Sunday (20/08). *"Independente August 21, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***The third legislative MPs are "impotent"** The third legislative members (MPs)' mandates have ended last Friday (18/08). But according to the research from civil society organization, during their mandates in the last five years, these MPs are impotent because they have not yet responded to public's outcry of discussing and approving several significant laws. Executive Director for Human Rights Association, (Yayasan Hak), Manuel Monteiro said the third legislative members were not productive because they did not do their jobs of monitoring government's programs' implementation properly and they did not produce many laws. Monteiro said people were still concerned about road condition and sanitation including food security, but the MPs was not prioritizing these outcries during their mandate. "Not many laws were produced, for instance, the law of anti-corruption was not approved during their 5-year-mandate in Parliament and corruption continues existing in the country," Mr. Monteiro said at his office, Farol Dili (18/08). *"Independente August 21, 2017 language source: Tetun*

***Timor-Leste's ASEAN membership needed for regional identity** Timor-Leste regional affiliation will remain uncertain if it does not become the eleventh member of the Association Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), said political commentator Dr. Bec Strating. Writing in the interpreter on Friday, the Australian professor of politics said: "as long as Timor-Leste remains outside of ASEAN, its sense of regional identity remains ambiguous." "The perceived value of ASEAN for small states lies in its capacity to ameliorate regional security risks through collective security arrangements, and as a forum for promoting national interests in regional security discussion," Strating said. Strating said Timor-Leste's ascension to the treaty of Amity and Cooperation upon its independence as a state outside of Southeast Asia, Limits its regional inclusion. Timor-Leste first applied for formal membership of ASEAN in March 2011, while Indonesia was chair. ASEAN membership is conditional on: geographical location; recognition by other states to be bound by the ASEAN charter; and ability and willingness to carry out obligations of membership. "The key challenges for Timor-Leste have been proving its capacity to meet membership obligations of membership." *"Independente August 21, 2017*

***People from Fretilin to assume the positions of PM, PN president and Minister of Defense** As the most voted party in parliamentary election, Fretilin has constitutional rights to form new government. Thus, the party has prepared its potential people to assume important posts in the executive and legislative bodies such as Prime Minister (PM), President of National Parliament (PN) and Minister of Defense. Secretary General of Fretilin, Mari Alkatiri said these three positions would be assumed by FRETILIN, because FRETILIN had simply won the election. "We will assume these three positions," he answered reporter's question with a smile after he attended the 42nd anniversary of FALINTIL in Fatuhada Dili on Sunday (20/08). According to the schedule, the inducting ceremony for new members of parliament will be held on August 21 (Today), but it is postponed because Xanana is in abroad. "The ceremony will be postponed until next week because Xanana is abroad to negotiate the maritime border, he is also elected until he comes back," said Mari Alkatiri. *"Diário Nacional, August 21, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

***PM Araujo launches the film "Timor Awakening"** Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araújo, on Friday (18/08), launched a documentary film about Timorese resistance with title "Timor Awakening". "Timorese veterans have awakened the Australian veterans about their struggle during the World War II, I would like thank all Timorese veterans, we hope this initiative will remind people about Timorese people's struggle," said PM Araujo in his speech, at the Timorese Resistance Museum. At the same place the Director of Timor Awakening, Michael Stone said he wanted to make this film because Australian veterans faced many problems and they had learned from Timorese veterans to strengthen their friendship relation. *"Diário, August 21, 2017. Language source: Tetun*

***PM Araujo recognizes doctors and health professionals don't serve patients well** Prime Minister (PM), Rui Maria de Araújo recognizes that doctors and health professionals in hospital do not serve patients well because they treat patients like tools not human being. "I am calling on health professionals and doctors to think about human aspect when they serve people, and health care as very important aspect and to show our sympathy and attention for those who needs our technical service, in particularly in emergency unit, we should be friendly to serve patients and serve them with smile," PM Araujo said after inaugurating Emergency Unit's room at the Guido Valadares National Hospital (HNGV), on Saturday (19/08). He also recognized it was not the institutional or structural problem, but the problem was on the capacity of each professional. PM Araujo said soetimes with a smile from doctors and health workers could reduce 50 % of pain felt by a patient and could make them feel comfortable with small things done by doctors. *"Diário Nacional, August 21, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

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