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I n t r o d u c t i o n

In the month of May, more stretches of the road to elections were paved.

As of 22 May, an estimated 50 per cent of the East Timorese population has been registered (see *Institutional Development*). A project document for the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to the Constituent Assembly Elections worth US\$400,000 was signed on 10 May (see *Political Development*). Also, some 122 United Nations Volunteers arrived in late May to work as District Electoral Officers (see *Political Development*).

In other news, a new position of National Security Adviser has been created in the East Timor Transitional Administration (see *Peace and Security*).

Labour laws saw a boost on 23 May, when a draft labour code was agreed upon between ETTA, employers, workers and members of civil society (see *Social Affairs*).

Education will get more attention in the coming months, as the mapping of East Timor's schools was begun with the aim to indicate which schools should be renovated or rebuilt (see *Social Affairs*).

A study by ETTA's National Planning and Development Agency shows that of the 67,000 houses that were made unlivable during the 1999 violence, 47 per cent have been rehabilitated (see *Political Development*).

East Timor has garnered six gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the 6th Arafura Games, an international sporting competition held in Darwin, Australia, from 19-26 May. The new country has been the surprise of the Arafura Games, winning an unprecedented number of medals in its debut appearance.

UNTAET's Chief of Staff Parameswaran and Head of UNTAET's Office in Kupang Timothy Hudner left on 25 May for Kupang, West Timor, to prepare for Bishop of Baucau Basílio do Nascimento's visit to West Timor on 28 May.

Julian Harston joined the mission on 25 May for three months in order to plan the nature of the post-UNTAET mission. Mr. Harston is currently

the Deputy SRSG in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello left for Europe on 21 May to participate in two conferences on foreign policy and for official meetings with the European Commission and the German Government.

Mr. Vieira de Mello returns to Dili on 5 June and leaves again for Canberra, Australia, on 12 June to chair the donor conference on East Timor.



P o l i t i c a l D e v e l o p m e n t

National Council

On 4 May, the National Council unanimously approved a supplementary appropriation of US\$2.3 million to buy weapons for the East Timor Defence Force and Police Service.

Cabinet Member for Finance Michael Francino presented the draft regulation after Brigadier-General Taur Matan Ruak appeared before the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance expressing his support for the arms purchase.

Transitional Cabinet

- On 24 May, the East Timor Transitional Cabinet endorsed a number of amendments to regulation 2000/18 on a revenue system for East Timor and the related directive 2001/2. The draft amendments, aimed at clarifying some elements of the tax system, will be forwarded to the National Council.

- Cabinet also endorsed amendments to regulation 2001/1 on the establishment of the East Timor Defence Force. The proposals were made by the East Timor Defence Force and the National Council on, among other things, the recognition of FALINTIL's role in the history of East Timor and the non-participation of members of the Defence Force in political activities.

- Cabinet approved a draft directive which would allow for the export of sandalwood legally harvested prior to the promulgation of regulation 2000/17 on 8 June 2000 on the prohibition of logging operations and the export of wood from East Timor.

- On 16 May, the East Timor Transitional

Cabinet discussed a combined-sources budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002. The proposed budget will be forwarded to the National Council for its consideration, in preparation for the Canberra donor conference in June.

The combined-sources budget includes information on the Consolidated Fund for East Timor (CFET), which covers the costs of government; the Trust Fund for East Timor, which covers capital reconstruction and development projects; and expected bilateral funding.

- On 9 May, Cabinet endorsed a national telecommunications policy, which calls for the drafting of a telecommunications act. The act will establish a body to oversee the delivery of telecommunications services to the public, and establish a regulatory framework for the provision of commercial telecommunications services. Once agreed by Cabinet, the telecommunications act will be forwarded to the National Council.

- Cabinet also discussed the first report of the ETTA/NGO Working Group on the provisions to be included in the interim country agreement between the Transitional Administration and the international NGOs operating in East Timor. The draft standard agreement will be submitted for Cabinet's consideration, in line with the recommendations of the Working Group.

- The Head of the National Planning and Development Agency, Emilia Pires, briefed Cabinet on capacity-building initiatives within the Transitional Administration. More specifically, Cabinet approved a capacity-building programme in land-conflict resolution skills to be funded by the Canadian International Development Agency.

This programme aims to train national and district land and property officials and representatives from civil society groups on land-conflict resolution skills and processes.

Political Overview

- In late May, the Civil Service and Public Employment Service (CISPE) recruited three East Timorese as Heads of the Donor Coordination Unit, the Gender Affairs Unit and the Environmental Protection Unit.

A senior level East Timorese has also been recruited as the Director of the Division of Health Services and four East Timorese as deputies.

Sixty-four East Timorese were recruited on 22 May as Directors of the Health Services in the districts.

- Twenty East Timorese diplomats employed by ETTA's Department of Foreign Affairs started work in May.

The diplomats, who are working with the administration, protocol, policy and media relations, come from the batch of 50 East Timorese who graduated from the Diplomatic Training Course in Dili in August 2000. Since then, the group has participated in numerous training activities, including on-the-job training in foreign missions abroad and workshops and classes at the Civil Service Academy in Dili.

Five of the newly recruited diplomats left on 23 May for the African nation of St. Tome and Principe for further hands-on job training. They were placed in the country's Foreign Affairs Ministry for two weeks. During the training, which is funded by the Brazilian Government, the diplomats will learn more about international politics, diplomatic protocol, consular affairs as well as economic and international cooperation.

- Seventy-eight East Timorese were appointed as commissioners of the Constitutional Commissions on 26 May, by Acting Transitional Administrator Jean-Christian Cady. The commissioners will convey the views of the East Timorese people to the Constituent Assembly by organizing public hearings in each of the 65 sub-districts of East Timor.

Each Commission is entirely made up of East Timorese and will consist of between five and seven commissioners, depending on the size of the district, one rapporteur to record the information and prepare a report for the Transitional Administrator, and one constitutional advisor.

The Transitional Administrator signed a directive creating the Constitutional Commissions on 31 March.

- Some 122 United Nations Volunteers arrived in late May to work as District Electoral Officers for the Independent Electoral Commission. They will be assigned to a district office and then deployed to the 65 sub-districts of East Timor, where they will be responsible for the preparation, organization and conduct of polling at the local level, the recruitment and training of East

Timorese polling staff and the dissemination of voter information.

- UNTAET/ETTA and the Indonesian Government reached an agreement on the resumption of pension payments to former Indonesian state employees who reside in East Timor, during bilateral talks in mid-May in Denpasar, Indonesia.

In addition, Indonesia agreed that it is necessary to include a reference to a planned severance or compensation fund for former state employees, which is likely to be jointly launched in July by Indonesia and the United Nations. The fund would serve as an enticement for the return to East Timor of thousands of refugees.

Also discussed was the case of Juliana dos Santos, involving the rape and abduction by a notorious militia leader of a minor from Suai following the 1999 popular consultation.

In addition, it was agreed that Working Groups would meet in the near future on cultural heritage issues, notably on restoration of the looted contents of the Dili Museum and archives.

Indonesia pressed for the participation of UNTAET/ETTA in the registration of refugees, in the preceding public information campaign for refugees, and to be one of 33 international observers in West Timor, now scheduled for 6 June. UNTAET/ETTA agreed to be involved in informational activities, but stressed that West Timor was a UN designated security risk region and therefore would encounter obstacles to further involvement.

Ten months after UNTAET first requested the return of a set of important land-registry documents, Indonesia handed over photocopies of what was described as the entire set, covering the districts of Dili, Aileu and Liquiça.

This was the fifth formal round of discussions between UNTAET/ETTA and Indonesia.

- In mid-May, three newly appointed international Electoral Commissioners, Australian Michael Maley, South Korean Bong-Scuk Sohn, and Indian Charles Rose, arrived in Dili.

The Independent Electoral Commission, comprised of three international and two East Timorese Commissioners, is responsible for the organization and conduct of the 30 August elections of a Constituent Assembly for East Timor.

The Board will settle disputes related to the electoral process, ensure respect for electoral regulations and international standards for democratic election, and certify the election results and transmit them to the Secretary-General through the Transitional Administrator.

The East Timorese Electoral Commissioners are expected to be appointed in the near future.

- A project document for the United Nations Development Programme's assistance to the Constituent Assembly Elections worth US\$400,000 was signed on 10 May between Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello and UNDP Representative in East Timor Finn Reske-Nielsen.

The overall budget for the project amounts to almost US\$4 million, it has been designed to support the nation-building and statehood process in the country through electoral observation coordination, support to voter- and civic-education programmes and promotion of public participation in the constitutional debate.

Mr. Vieira de Mello urgently appealed to all political parties to approve and sign a pact of national unity in the electoral phase.

- On 7 May, Russia's Ambassador to Indonesia, Vladimir Plotnikov, delivered his Government's credentials to Mr. Vieira de Mello. Mr. Plotnikov will represent the Russian Federation from the Embassy in Jakarta.

There are currently 14 diplomatic representative missions in East Timor. Two countries, including Russia, are being represented from Jakarta.

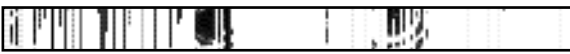
- A poverty study carried out by ETTA's National Planning and Development Agency shows that more than 67,000 houses in East Timor were made unlivable during the 1999 violence. Of these, 47 per cent have been rehabilitated.

The report also reveals that only 20 per cent of the country's 2,329 Aldeias (villages) have electricity, which is ten per cent lower than before 1999. Ninety-eight per cent of East Timor's 498 Sucos (neighborhoods) reported that its households had benefited from food distribution since August 1999 and 63 per cent had received shelter kits. The National Polio Immunization Campaign covered 90 per cent of the villages.

Over 236,000 students attend the more than 900 schools that are currently operating, according to the report. It also shows that there are 210 health facilities operating in East Timor, eight of them hospitals.

The Agency is collecting extensive data with a view to making long term planning to increase the quality of development assistance to the country's poorest families.

The project is implemented in partnership with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and UNDP.



Economic Development

The first market in Laclubar sub-district in Manatuto was officially opened by District Administrator Abel dos Santos Fátima on 13 May.

The \$US11,300 market project was funded by USAID and implemented by the Laclubar Youth Organization. Markets are held every Thursday and Sunday, with people from neighboring areas bringing goods to sell.

•A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Australian and East Timor Governments and the petroleum and gas industry to develop programs designed to enable East Timorese to compete for employment in the oil and gas industry.

The document calls for the members of the Steering Committee for the Petroleum Related Education, Training and Employment for East Timorese to establish a training program on oil and gas industry issues for East Timorese this year with a view to formal implementation in 2002.

The Steering Committee, comprised of UNTAET, ETTA, the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government, Phillips Petroleum Company, Woodside Energy Limited and the Timor Gap Joint Authority, has appointed Terry Hudson of the Australian Oil and Gas Industry Training Consortium as Program Manager. Hudson will visit East Timor in early June.

It is expected that initially about 200 East Timorese will benefit from the roughly US\$150,000 training programme. There are currently two East Timorese engineers working on oilrigs in the Timor Gap and one East Timorese geologist working in Darwin, Australia, for the Joint Authority.

•As of mid-May, Cooperativa Café Timor, a cooperative of 16 coffee producers, will buy coffee with US dollars. This development follows a February vote by the coffee farmers, who overwhelmingly chose the US dollar as the payment currency. Fernando De Peralto, General Manager of ETTA's Central Payments Office (CPO), sees the change as "a good step in the 'dollarization' of the East Timorese economy."

To facilitate payment to the coffee cooperatives and farmers, CPO has recently purchased a total of US\$5 million in bank notes. CPO already imported US\$300,000 in coins last year.

The Central Payments Office has US\$10,000 in one-cent coins ready to be distributed. In addition, US\$400,000 in 25-, 10- and five-cent denominations, plus US\$90,000 in one-cent coins are currently under way to East Timor. This is to ensure that the transactions in US dollars are done without an inflationary impact.

•On 26 April, Acting Transitional Administrator Jean-Christian Cady signed an executive order prohibiting the unlicensed importation of foreign currencies. The order also prohibits currency exchange without a license issued by the CPO. Violation of the order carries a maximum fine of US\$5,000.

Agriculture

ETTA's Division of Agricultural Affairs, in conjunction with the NGO Timor Aid, launched a fishery project in the waters near Dili.

Fish aggregating devices -long series of floats and suspension lines with palm leaves attached, serving as the breeding and feeding area for fishes- are being lowered in the waters outside Atauro Island and Hera, helping fishermen catch larger quantities of fish.

The material has been donated by the Australian aid agency AusAID. In addition, 72 containers of fishery tools, such as nets, boat engines, hooks, sinkers and storage containers

arrived in East Timor in late April. The Division will now deliver the tools, donated by the Chinese Government, to fishermen in the country.



Institutional Development

Civil Registry

As of 22 May, an estimated 50 per cent - more than 435,000 people - of the East Timorese population has been registered by UNTAET's Civil Registration Unit. On average, between 15,000 and 16,000 people are registered each day.

To speed up the process, Civil Registration Officers are being transferred from districts with a smaller population to strengthen the registration teams in the populous districts of Baucau, Viqueque and Dili.

Civic Education

The heads of East Timorese political parties agreed in a meeting on 19 May with Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello to participate in the civic education campaign UNTAET/ETTA is conducting with civil society. It was the second formal meeting the Transitional Administrator promoted with all political parties. The first meeting, which took place on 4 May, focused on women's participation in the political process, the adoption of a code of conduct and the preparation of a pact of national unity.

All political parties expressed their willingness to work toward these four common goals through regular dialogue with the Transitional Administration.

District Administrators, their Deputies and advisers took part in a two-day civic education training by ETTA and local and international NGOs on 10 and 11 May. Topics discussed at the training included strengths and weaknesses of civic education in East Timor in previous times, key characteristics of good governance by the district administrations and the role of civil society and political parties in a democracy, among other things.

Some 442 students from the East Timorese Institute for Higher Studies of Economy and

Management (ISEG) in Dili took part in a three-day civic education training from 10-12 May, for which USAID/OTI provided the US\$37,000 grant. ISEG activities are carried out in coordination with and support the activities of the Constitutional Commissions. The students, under the direction of 16 supervisors, went out to the sub-districts to provide basic civic education and information about the Constitutional Commission process to communities. The programme started on 28 May and will run until the end of June.

In addition to ISEG, USAID/OTI provided support to two small Timorese NGOs - TILMO (Timor Lorosa'e Moris) in Lautem District and HMTOP (Halibur Matenek Timor Oan Ba Progresso) in Baucau District to carry out civic education activities in their districts.

Taxes

The East Timor Revenue Service (ETRS) has begun a public education campaign to advise businesses and individuals of their taxation obligations. The campaign will include newspaper articles, media advertisements and direct contact with taxpayers, covering the issues of lodging annual taxation returns, the payment of wages tax, withholding tax on rent payments, as well as general taxation advice.

In early May, the ETRS delivered approximately 200 letters to business taxpayers who have more than five employees and who had not remitted wages income tax. The purpose of the letter was to advise employers of their obligations and to determine whether the employer has a wages income tax liability. So far, 30 responses have been received with 13 businesses remitting wage income tax payments.

To date, the ETRS has registered 640 businesses, 2700 individual wage recipients, 120 non-government organisations, 17 non-business taxpayers and 18 Timor Gap participants. An average of three to four new businesses register each day.



R u l e o f L a w

Judiciary

The Lospalos massacre trial will start on 3 July at the Dili District Court.

Eleven persons, most of whom were members of pro-autonomy militia group Team Alfa, are suspected of committing Crimes Against Humanity, including murder, torture, deportation and forcible transfer of civilian population in Lospalos, Lautem District, between 21 April and 25 September 1999.

Preliminary hearings into the case have been ongoing since mid-February and over 600 pages of statements by the accused and 78 witnesses have been translated.

On 3 May, ETTA's Prosecutor General filed an indictment against militia members Anastasio Martins and Domingos Gonçalves, containing charges of Crimes Against Humanity.

The crimes were allegedly committed in Liquiça District, as part of the orchestrated campaign of violence surrounding the 1999 popular consultation by members of the Indonesian Army (TNI) and the pro-autonomy militia group Besi Merah Putih (Red White Iron).

Mr. Martins is suspected of killing three individuals in Metagou, Liquiça District, on 4 September 1999 and of murdering one individual in Atapupu, West Timor, on 14 September 1999. Mr. Gonçalves is suspected of the murder of three individuals in Buka Mera on 7 September 1999.

Mr. Martins and Mr. Gonçalves, currently in detention in Dili prison, are also accused of deporting civilian population from Buka Mera and Legumea villages to West Timor between 5 and 11 September 1999.

Civilian Police

United Nations Civilian Police reported 326 crimes for the month of April. This was close to a 20 per cent decrease from March, when unrest in Baucau and Viqueque resulted in higher crime rates.

On 1 May, CivPol took over duties of close protection from the Brazilian Military Police in East Timor, including the bodyguard unit of

CNRT President Xanana Gusmão.

CivPol reports that its security strategy for the election period is in place, with at least one electoral coordinator placed in each district.

East Timor Police Service

A new batch of 50 police cadets graduated on 18 May from the Timor Lorosa'e Police Academy in Dili.

During the course, the cadets attended classes on human rights, community policing, firearms, self-defence and other police-related subjects.

In related news, 200 police cadets, 50 of them ex-police officers under the Indonesian administration, started classes at the Police College in Dili. They will attend training on human rights, investigations and self-defence, among other things.

The Timor Lorosa'e Police Service now has a total of 721 officers performing police duties in all 13 districts of East Timor.



P e a c e a n d S e c u r i t y

A new position of National Security Adviser has been created in the East Timor Transitional Administration (ETTA). The position is in part the outcome of the King's College Study on Security Force Options for East Timor, conducted in July 2000. This study was led by Nici Dahrendorf, who took up the position as National Security Adviser on 23 April 2001.

The functions of the National Security Adviser are to assist the political leadership of UNTAET and ETTA in developing a strategy and policies to deal with internal and external developments that may have security implications.

Security Situation

The PKF reports that the security situation was stable throughout East Timor during the month of May, as routine security operations were conducted.

A United Nations peacekeeper from Australia was wounded in the right forearm following a

machete attack by a group of civilians on 29 April close to Hera, near Dili.

The peacekeeper was part of a group of Australian peacekeepers that was swimming during a rest day. The peacekeeper was evacuated to Australia for specialist treatment.

During the Tactical Control Working Group (TCWG) meetings with PKF and TNI commanders and United Nations military observers from UNMOG, which are held every two weeks, issues of resolution of border disputes and incidents were discussed.

In early May, TCWG meetings addressed the definition of the Tactical Control Line (TCL) that forms the East Timor-West Timor border. It was agreed that the TCL would remain as it was defined in the original memorandum of understanding between the PKF and TNI. In areas where the TCL is defined by a watercourse, both sides agreed to limit troop movement to their respective home bank.

Twelve Chaplains from the multinational contingents of the Peacekeeping Force met on 8 May for a PKF Chaplains Conference. Buddhist, Muslim and Christian faiths were represented at the conference, where the subject of providing guidance to the PKF troops was discussed.

The PKF Aeromedical Evacuation (AME) team, a team of PKF medical staff, is on standby to provide medical support anywhere in East Timor. Since early April, 38 East Timorese have been evacuated to medical facilities by PKF helicopters for treatment for conditions ranging from malaria, difficulties with childbirth, broken bones, cuts and other wounds.

Based at the Dili Heliport, the team of six provides 24-hour services. The priority of support is to PKF members, though support to the local community is provided when the team and helicopter are available.

Troop Rotations

Some 230 soldiers, sailors and airmen from New Zealand arrived in East Timor during the first three weeks of May as the New Zealand Battalion (NZBATT) rotated.

Around 230 New Zealand Peacekeepers headed home with the last group leaving East Timor on 21 May.

A contingent of 60 Singaporean soldiers will arrive in East Timor during the first week of June. They will join the PKF in Fohorem in Cova Lima District.

The contingent has been drawn from various Singapore Armed Forces units. The majority of them are infantry soldiers, however, the contingent also has support staff including drivers, medical staff, communications specialists and cooks.



S o c i a l A f f a i r s

Education

On 14 May, the mapping of East Timor's schools was begun with the aim to determine which schools should be retained, renovated, rebuilt or whether new schools should be constructed, among other things.

A team from ETTA's Division of Education, Youth and Cultural Services and staff from Instituto Superior Técnico of Portugal will visit all schools in East Timor and locate them on a digital map. Every school principal will complete a questionnaire, which will provide data on the physical condition of each school and the facilities available. Information on the area served by each school and the current number of students and teachers will also be compiled.

The three-month project, which is funded by the Trust Fund for East Timor as part of the Emergency School Readiness Project, will produce interim reports at the end of each phase, with a final report due in September.

Sixteen East Timorese top-level civil servants of ETTA's Division of Education, Youth and Cultural Services were sworn-in on 9 May by Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello. One Director General, one Director of Culture, one Director of the Institute of Continuing Education and 13 District Superintendents took the oath.

Cabinet Member for Social Affairs Father Filomeno Jacob called the appointments "a stepping stone in the Timorization process of the

Transitional Administration.”

As of 9 May, the Division has recruited 32 East Timorese at managerial levels out of 47 positions and has hired over 5,300 East Timorese civil servants.

The Civil Service and Public Employment Office (CISPE) has so far recruited over 8,000 East Timorese civil servants, which represents almost 80 per cent of the staffing level approved by the National Council for the current fiscal year.

USAID/OTI provided \$26,000 to CARE International to support the distribution of a children’s magazine, LAFAEK, which is produced by CARE, to primary schools in every district.

Labour

A draft labour code was agreed upon on 23 May after three days of consultations between ETTA, employers, workers and members of civil society.

The code, comprised of four proposed labour regulations, will cover termination of employment, employment and labour administration, minimum-wage fixing, labour relations, vocational training, and occupational safety and health.

Ten demands that were raised by East Timorese labour and political leaders were mostly incorporated in the draft regulations, which will be handed over to UNTAET’s Office of the Principal Legal Adviser. It is expected that the final draft will be handed over to the East Timor Transitional Cabinet by the middle of June, and upon approval it will be referred to the National Council for consideration.

The first round of consultations between the Division of Labour and Social Services, employers and workers were held in January. Over 100 people from various East Timorese civil groups have been consulted on the matter.



H u m a n R i g h t s

From 22 May-1 June, the Human Rights Unit conducted training on human rights monitoring.

The program, which was funded by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, primarily aimed to develop the capacity of East Timorese District Human Rights Officers from the Human Rights Unit and East Timorese human rights NGOs in monitoring and reporting human rights violations.

The training was conducted by staff from the Human Rights Unit and an officer from the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights. Two days of training were dedicated to international staff of the Human Rights Unit.

Gender Affairs

Training started on 1 May of 169 East Timorese women who are potential candidates for the Constituent Assembly. They received training in political participation, decision making and basic knowledge on how to become a candidate in the 30 August elections.

The training follows Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello’s announcement of measures to encourage women participation in the elections, when he signed the regulation on elections and registration of political parties on 16 March.

The training is arranged by UNTAET’s Gender Affairs Unit in conjunction with the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM), which supplied three trainers.

Organizations throughout East Timor have been asked to help in identifying women who may be interested in running as either independent or party candidates. The women participating in the workshops come from all 13 districts and represent a large variety of organizations.



M e d i a D e v e l o p m e n t

The Office of Communications and Public Information (OCPI) organized a photography project titled “Our Nation, Our Voices,” in coordination with Timorese photographers. Under supervision of an American photographer, portrait images of Timorese throughout the country were taken, as well as interviews on their thoughts

on democracy, independence, constitutional and human rights issues, and other topics.

There will be several exhibits throughout the country and OCPI will also incorporate the portraits and interviews into civic education projects. A parallel project is planned to exhibit the project at the Donor's conference in June in Canberra.

OCPI held a two day open house event on 18 and 19 May in order for UNTAET/ETTA staff, as well as the general public, to get a closer look at the operations of radio, television and publications.

Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello attended the opening night at the Information Centre's Auditorium, among other guests from UNTAET/ETTA, the Timorese press, and NGOs, who were given tours of the radio and television studios. Posters of photographs of Sebastião Salgado were displayed, as well as the Publications Unit's posters and publications.

On 19 May there was a live radio broadcast and at night a live concert of Timorese bands.

Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello observed World Press Freedom Day on 3 May by attending the inauguration in Dili of the new offices of a local magazine, Talitakum. Representatives from the diplomatic corps, the East Timor Defence Force, the East Timor Police Academy, various NGOs and the journalist community attended the ceremony.

In a speech, Mr. Vieira de Mello asked all journalists in East Timor to adhere to the highest standards of professional integrity, refrain from hate mongering and not to be biased in their news coverage.

Currently, two daily newspapers and around ten magazines are being published in East Timor. Apart from Radio UNTAET, there are three radio stations broadcasting in Dili and four community radio stations operating in the districts.

Televisaun Timor Lorosa'e

Televisaun Timor Lorosa'e (TVTL) celebrated its first anniversary on 18 May. The UNTAET-run TV service started out with four staff, broadcasting one hour a week. Currently, twenty East Timorese and international staff work at the station, which broadcasts in Dili 24 hours a day in

Tetum, Indonesian, English and Portuguese.

The districts are serviced with a three-hour videotape every week, featuring a wrap-up of the week's programming. The tape is shown on large screens, attracting hundreds of people at each showing.

Radio UNTAET

Radio UNTAET reports that all news writing is now done by its East Timorese staff.

USAID/OTI provided a grant to Radio Tokodede, a community radio station in Liquica, to cover basic transmission, studio, and office equipment.

Publications Unit

The Publications Unit of OCPI released its first monthly issue of Tais Timor with "refugees" as the main theme. The June issue is currently in production and will contain articles and information on civil registration.

The Unit finished a poster on land and property for ETTA's Land and Property Commission. The Unit is producing an anti-violence poster as part of OCPI's campaign against violence. The Unit is also producing a civic education poster, with the title "Ten Steps to Independence" and a t-shirt for ETTA's Civic Education Division. For the Human Rights Unit, two brochures are being designed containing information about citizen's rights in a democracy. Finally, a poster for the OCPI photography project "Our Nation, Our Voices" will come out shortly.

Media Development

The Media Development Unit facilitated a trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 21-25 May for Timor Post editor-in-chief Aderito Hugo da Costa. The Timorese senior journalist attended a high-level briefing programme for Asian journalists, which was funded by the UN Department of Public Information.

The Centre for International Journalism at the University of Queensland together with Timor Lorosae Journalists' Association organized a four-day workshop from 15-18 May in Dili on financial management and election reporting.

Funding for the workshop came from the Myer Foundation in Australia, while the Media

Development Unit provided the logistical support. Participants included journalists from the national media in Dili and two publications from Maliana and Oecussi Districts.



A C R O N Y M S

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AMI	Medical International Assistance
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
CARE	CARE International
CIVPOL	UN Civilian Police
CNRT	National Council of Timorese Resistance
DFID	Department for International Development
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Organisation
ETTA	East Timor Transitional Administration
FALINTIL	Armed Forces for the National Liberation of East Timor
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GOAL	GOAL Ireland
HAER	UNTAET Humanitarian Pillar
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
ILO	International Labour Organization
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
NPDA	National Planning and Development Agency
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance

OXFAM	Oxfam International
PKF	UN Peacekeeping Force
QIP	Quick Impact Project
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
TFET	Trust Fund for East Timor
TLJA	Timor Lorosa'e Journalist Association
TLPS	Timor Lorosae Police Service
TNI	Tentara Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian National Armed Forces)
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNMO	UN Military Observer
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization