

EAST TIMOR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Tatoli

- [Elisa Maria da Silva sworn in as the new permanent representative of Timor-Leste to ASEAN](#) (2026-03-19 09:56)

DILI, 19 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Elisa Maria da Silva has today been sworn in as Timor-Leste’s new Permanent Representative to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The swearing-in ceremony, held today at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace in Dili, was presided over by President José Ramos-Horta, marking da Silva’s official appointment as Timor-Leste’s [...] The post Elisa Maria da Silva sworn in as the new permanent representative of Timor-Leste to ASEAN appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Govt considers reopening police recruitment after suspension of previous process, PM Gusmão says](#) (2026-03-19 09:18)

DILI, 19 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão said the government has considered relaunching police recruitment after the suspension of last year’s process over alleged irregularities, in an effort to restore transparency and credibility. The prime minister made the remarks after his weekly meeting with President José Ramos-Horta, during which he also briefed the [...] The post Govt considers reopening police recruitment after suspension of previous process, PM Gusmão says appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Ramos-Horta and Ambassador Vital discuss regional and global challenges](#) (2026-03-19 06:11)

DILI, 19 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Timor-Leste’s President, José Ramos-Horta, on Wednesday received the Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific, Ambassador Domingos Fezas Vital, at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace in Dili, where they discussed key regional and global challenges. The high-level discussions centered on pressing regional and global issues, drawing on Ramos-Horta’s extensive historical and [...] The post Ramos-Horta and Ambassador Vital discuss regional and global challenges appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Meeting of CPLP Education Ministers set for May in Dili](#) (2026-03-18 11:26)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) – The Meeting of Education Ministers of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) is scheduled for May 7 in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. The Council of Ministers, on Wednesday approved the theme “Education, democratic values, and civic participation: pathways to strengthening CPLP societies” for the meeting, following proposals by [...] The post Meeting of CPLP Education Ministers set for May in Dili appeared first

on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Govt examines audit findings on procurement of Twin Otter aircraft and construction of Haksolok vessel](#) (2026-03-18 10:41)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) – The government of Timor-Leste, through the meeting of the Council of Ministers on Wednesday, examined the findings of a forensic audit conducted by EY Portugal on the procurement and management of the Twin Otter aircraft and the construction of the Haksolok vessel. The Oe-Cússe Special Administrative Region Authority was [...] The post Govt examines audit findings on procurement of Twin Otter aircraft and construction of Haksolok vessel appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [BCTL to launch economic report and co-organize public-private sector dialogue](#) (2026-03-18 08:43)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) – The Banco Central de Timor-Leste (BCTL) said it will officially launch the Timor-Leste Economic Performance Report 2025 on Monday, March 23, 2026, at the Dili Convention Center. A Public-Private Sector Dialogue, co-organized by the Government of Timor-Leste (MCAE), BCTL, and CCI-TL, will also be held under the theme: “Timor-Leste: [...] The post BCTL to launch economic report and co-organize public-private sector dialogue appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Govt assures steady fuel supply amid rising global oil prices](#) (2026-03-18 07:49)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Amid the rising global oil prices, the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Francisco da Costa Monteiro said Timor-Leste has sufficient oil supplies and urged the public not to be concerned. “Fuel supply remains sufficient to meet national demand for the next two months,” Minister Monteiro said at a [...] The post Govt assures steady fuel supply amid rising global oil prices appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste and UAE discuss regional stability and new development projects](#) (2026-03-18 07:02)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) – President Jose Ramos-Horta on Tuesday held talks with the United Arab Emirates’ non-resident ambassador to Timor-Leste, Abdulla Salem AlDhaheri, and Counselor Shaima Salem at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, focusing on regional security and new development cooperation. The discussions centered on pressing regional security concerns in the Middle East, [...] The post Timor-Leste and UAE discuss regional stability and new development projects appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Russian Ambassador visits TIMOR GAP, E.P to discuss potential cooperation in oil and gas sector](#) (2026-03-18 05:13)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) — TIMOR GAP, E.P., the state-owned energy company, received a courtesy visit today from Sergey Tolchenov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, and Kiribati. During the visit, Ambassador Tolchenov met with TIMOR GAP's Vice President for Government Relations and Stakeholder Engagement, Aurelia da Silva Alves, [...] The post Russian Ambassador visits TIMOR GAP, E.P to discuss potential cooperation in oil and gas sector appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [President Ramos-Horta appoints new Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff](#) (2026-03-18 04:57)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) — The Presidency of the Republic on Tuesday announced the appointment of a new Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, reinforcing its commitment to effective governance and strategic development. Henriqueta Maria da Silva has been appointed Chief of Staff, formalized under Presidential Decree No. 32/2026, while Graziela Fátima [...] The post President Ramos-Horta appoints new Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Parliament unanimously approves amendment to Political Parties Law](#) (2026-03-18 03:33)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) — The National Parliament on Tuesday unanimously approved Bill No. 23/VI(3rd), amending the country's Political Parties Law (Law No. 3/2004 of April 14) and introducing new provisions aimed at strengthening party regulation and supporting the development of local elections. Natalino dos Santos, president of Committee A on Constitutional and Justice [...] The post Parliament unanimously approves amendment to Political Parties Law appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Seventeen Ambassadors tour Ataúro island, highlighting tourism potential and biodiversity conservation](#) (2026-03-18 02:14)

DILI, 18 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Seventeen Ambassadors to Timor-Leste visited Ataúro Island on Tuesday, highlighting the island's tourism potential while stressing the need to protect its rich marine biodiversity and natural resources. The visit, part of the annual diplomatic reception hosted by President José Ramos-Horta, brought together resident and non-resident envoys for a tour [...] The post Seventeen Ambassadors tour Ataúro island, highlighting tourism potential and biodiversity conservation appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste celebrates successful Wolbachia mosquito release program in Dili](#) (2026-03-17 09:35)

DILI, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Timor-Leste on Tuesday celebrated the finalization of its Wolbachia mosquito release program in Dili, a major step toward reducing dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. The program, supported by Australia, MENZIES Timor-Leste, the World Mosquito Program, and Action on Poverty, uses naturally occurring bacteria to prevent mosquitoes from transmitting life-threatening [...] The post Timor-Leste celebrates successful

Wolbachia mosquito release program in Dili appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste begins preparing 2027–2030 Medium-Term Plan for institutional sector](#) (2026-03-17 07:54)

DILI, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Agio Pereira, met on March 17 at the Palácio do Governo with Epi Orleães, Coordinator of the Integrated Planning Unit (UPI) of the Ministry of Planning and Strategic Investment, and her team to coordinate the drafting of the 2027–2030 Medium-Term [...] The post Timor-Leste begins preparing 2027–2030 Medium-Term Plan for institutional sector appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [The first day of FLBA Cohort III learning sessions kicks off, shaping leaders for national and regional impact.](#) (2026-03-17 07:38)

DILI, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — The first day of the Future Leaders in Business and ASEAN (FLBA) learning sessions kicked off on March 17, guiding participants to step beyond “just a job” and reflect on who they are, what they want, and how they plan to lead in Timor-Leste and the Association of Southeast [...] The post The first day of FLBA Cohort III learning sessions kicks off, shaping leaders for national and regional impact. appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [U.S. hands over SeaVision Maritime Monitoring Platform to Timor-Leste](#) (2026-03-17 07:12)

Dili, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Chargé d’ Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Dili, Bruce Begnell, officially handed over the SeaVision maritime domain awareness platform to Timor-Leste’s National Maritime Authority and Navy during a ceremony at the naval base in Hera. The platform was received by Navy Component Commander Comodoro Higinio das Neves, who also [...] The post U.S. hands over SeaVision Maritime Monitoring Platform to Timor-Leste appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Foreign Minister Freitas meets UAE Deputy Head of Mission to boost bilateral cooperation](#) (2026-03-17 07:02)

DILI, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Timor-Leste’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Bendito dos Santos Freitas, accompanied by Vice-Minister Jesuína Maria Ferreira Gomes, received Shaima Salem Alhebsis, Deputy Head of Mission of the United Arab Emirates, along with Sultan Alkaabi, First Secretary and Head of Media Affairs and Public Diplomacy, for a courtesy meeting [...] The post Foreign Minister Freitas meets UAE Deputy Head of Mission to boost bilateral cooperation appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [The Second Vatican Council and the Path of Faith in Timor-Leste](#) (2026-03-17 01:05)

By: Dionísio Babo Soares There are moments in the history of civilisations when a millennial institution pauses, looks at itself with honesty, and decides to renew. For the Catholic Church,

the Second Vatican Council was one such moment of institutional courage. For Timor-Leste, it was equally — I take the liberty of affirming — a [...] The post The Second Vatican Council and the Path of Faith in Timor-Leste appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste and Croatia discuss global stability and deepening bilateral cooperation](#) (2026-03-16 13:09)

DILI, 16 March 2026 (TATOLI) – The President of the Republic, Jose Ramos-Horta, received a courtesy visit from the Non-Resident Ambassador of Croatia to Timor-Leste, Nebojša Koharović, on Monday at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace. The high-level dialogue centered on the current international political landscape, with both leaders reaffirming their shared commitment to preserving the [...] The post Timor-Leste and Croatia discuss global stability and deepening bilateral cooperation appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Annual diplomatic reception underscores Timor-Leste’ s growing global engagement](#) (2026-03-16 12:32)

DILI, 17 March 2026 (TATOLI) — President José Ramos-Horta welcomed members of the Diplomatic Corps to the 2026 Annual Diplomatic Reception, a two-day official event aimed at reaffirming diplomatic ties and highlighting Timor-Leste’ s growing engagement in regional and international affairs. Held under the theme “Reinforcing Friendship: Culture, Nature, and Diplomacy,” the gathering carries special significance [...] The post Annual diplomatic reception underscores Timor-Leste’ s growing global engagement appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [PM Gusmão opens One-Stop Shop in Lautém](#) (2026-03-16 10:03)

DILI, 16 March 2026 (TATOLI) — Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, accompanied by State Administration Minister Tomás do Rosário Cabral, inaugurated the One-Stop Shop (Balção Único) building in Lautém on March 16. The Lautém One-Stop Shop is part of the government’ s administrative modernization and public service decentralization efforts, allowing citizens to access multiple state [...] The post PM Gusmão opens One-Stop Shop in Lautém appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste President awards top national honors to Singapore diplomats](#) (2026-03-16 09:31)

DILI, 16 March 2026 (TATOLI) — President José Ramos-Horta on Monday conferred Timor-Leste’ s state honors on two diplomats from Singapore, recognizing their contributions to the country’ s development and regional integration. The ceremony took place at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace. Ramos-Horta awarded the Collar of the Order of Timor-Leste, the country’ s highest honor, to Singapore’ s [...] The post Timor-Leste President awards top national honors to Singapore diplomats appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste receives invitation to attend ASEAN–Russia summit in 2026](#) (2026-03-16 05:59)

DILI, 16 March 2026 (TATOLI) — The Ambassador of Russia to Timor-Leste and Indonesia, Sergei Tolchenov, delivered an official invitation to President José Ramos-Horta to participate in the upcoming ASEAN–Russia Commemorative Summit. The invitation was presented during an audience with the head of state at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace in Dili on Monday. According [...] The post Timor-Leste receives invitation to attend ASEAN–Russia summit in 2026 appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [ASEAN–Korea Centre chief’ s visit to Dili highlights opportunities for Timor-Leste–South Korea cooperation](#) (2026-03-13 11:23)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Timor-Leste leaders and the ASEAN–Korea Centre discussed opportunities to strengthen cooperation with the Republic of Korea during a series of meetings and events held in Dili on Friday. The discussions took place during a visit by the Centre’ s Secretary-General, Kim Jae-shin, who met senior government officials and Prime Minister [...] The post ASEAN–Korea Centre chief’ s visit to Dili highlights opportunities for Timor-Leste–South Korea cooperation appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste welcomes designated ambassadors from Papua New Guinea, Kenya and the Order of Malta](#) (2026-03-13 08:28)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste met with newly designated ambassadors from Papua New Guinea, Kenya and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta as part of preparations for the formal presentation of their credentials in Timor-Leste. The meeting was chaired by Director-General for Consular [...] The post Timor-Leste welcomes designated ambassadors from Papua New Guinea, Kenya and the Order of Malta appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [PM Gusmão concludes second phase of working visits to municipalities as part of preparations for local government](#) (2026-03-13 07:32)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Between March 7th and 12th, 2026, Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão undertook working visits to the municipalities of Manufahi, Ainaro, Covalima, and Bobonaro, to monitor the functioning of municipal services on the ground and analyse the results of the Assessment of Minimum Conditions for the creation of municipal [...] The post PM Gusmão concludes second phase of working visits to municipalities as part of preparations for local government appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Timor-Leste takes part in ASEAN Economic Policy discussions at Preparatory Senior Economic Officials Meeting of the 32nd ASEAN Economic Ministers Retreat](#) (2026-03-13 06:40)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – Augusto Junior Trindade, the Vice Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, joined the Preparatory Senior Economic

Officials Meeting (Prep-SEOM) of the 32nd ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat, which was conducted on 11-12 March 2026 in Bonifacio Global City, Manila, Philippines. Trindade represented Timor-Leste at [...] The post Timor-Leste takes part in ASEAN Economic Policy discussions at Preparatory Senior Economic Officials Meeting of the 32nd ASEAN Economic Ministers Retreat appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Govt inaugurates One-Stop Shop in Bobonaro Municipality](#) (2026-03-13 02:49)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – The government of Timor-Leste has opened a one-stop public service centre in Maliana, in Bobonaro Municipality, aimed at improving access to government services for local residents. Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão presided over the inauguration ceremony on March 12, alongside Minister of State Administration Tomás do Rosário Cabral and Katyna [...] The post Govt inaugurates One-Stop Shop in Bobonaro Municipality appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [National Parliament unanimously approves Competition Law](#) (2026-03-13 01:43)

DILI, 13 March 2026 (TATOLI) – During a regular plenary session, the National Parliament unanimously approved Law Proposal No. 19/VI (2nd) – Competition Law, with 60 votes in favour, no votes against, and no abstentions. The law establishes the legal framework for competition applicable to economic activities conducted on a permanent basis in the private, [...] The post National Parliament unanimously approves Competition Law appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.

- [Rebuilding Least Developed Economies: Lessons from Timor-Leste](#) (2026-03-13 00:53)

By Dionísio Babo Soares Discussions about economic development in the world’ s least developed countries often begin in conference halls, policy forums, or international financial institutions. Yet sometimes the most revealing conversations happen in far less formal settings. A recent informal coffee break discussion about economic recovery in least developed countries (LDCs) prompted broader reflection on [...] The post Rebuilding Least Developed Economies: Lessons from Timor-Leste appeared first on TATOLI Agência Noticiosa de Timor-Leste.