

FRETILIN supporters rally in Baucau

From correspondents in Timor Leste



FRETILIN supporters gather in Baucau Football Stadium
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Showing that its rural strength remains undiminished, FRETILIN staged a mass pre-election rally at Baucau Football Stadium on 27 January 2007 (pictured above).

It was Timor Leste's biggest public meeting since FRETILIN supporters staged a counter-demonstration against coup plotters in Dili in June last year.

The Baucau crowd estimated at more than 8000 was introduced to FRETILIN election campaign workers and heard reports of campaign preparations.

Representatives came from all districts in Timor Leste, but mostly from Lautem, Manatuto, Viqueque and Baucau.

Speakers included FRETILIN General Secretary, Mari Alkatiri, FRETILIN President and Speaker of Parliament, Lu'Olo, and party representatives from each district.

FRETILIN will hold similar events in all regions in the lead up to the 2007 elections .



FRETILIN President and Speaker of Parliament, Lu'Olo (scarf), and FRETILIN General Secretary, Mari Alkatiri (white shirt), arrive at the rally

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Supporters listen to FRETILIN district representatives address them about the upcoming elections

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