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FRETILIN launches media team and information centre for 2007 elections

Fretilin, Timor-Leste's largest political party, yesterday launched its media team and information centre for the 2007 presidential and parliamentary elections. The party also announced the appointment of party spokespersons in Dili to liaise with local and international media.

Speaking at a media conference at the Dili party headquarters, senior Fretilin official Filomeno Aleixo said, "FRETILIN is committed to providing accurate and reliable information in Tetum, Portuguese, English and Bahasa Indonesia, and so is committed to establishing this media team and information centre. Accurate and reliable information is an essential component of building a healthy and sustainable democracy."

Aleixo announced that Fretilin had appointed four senior party members to be the spokespersons for Dili. The spokespersons were himself, Arsenio Bano, Jose Manuel Fernandes and Cipriana Pereira. Each spokesperson is a member of the central committee and national political commission, and Jose Manuel Fernandes is a deputy secretary general of Fretilin.

Aleixo added that Alex Tilman would continue to be the Fretilin spokesperson in Australia and that Sahe Da Silva in Dili will be liaison officer for English-language media.

The media team comprising full time and part time staff will issue media releases in Tetum, Portuguese, English and Bahasa Indonesia. Rui Castro would be responsible for the day to day operations of the media team and information centre.

A complete list of email and telephone contacts for the media team is attached to this media release.

The information centre has been set up at the party headquarters in Comoro and will provide information about election campaign, such as pamphlets and campaign schedules. The information centre would also sell the Fretilin campaign documentary "*Maubere Oan Sira Hamrik Ba*" and provide English and Portuguese transcripts of the documentary. The price of the documentary is USD \$5.

The information centre will also serve as the media conference room during the presidential and parliamentary election campaigns. Fretilin will hold two media conferences per week on Tuesday and Friday (at a time to be advised) with additional media conferences if required.

The next press conference on Friday 23 March 2007 will be for the Dili campaign launch of party president Francisco "Lu'Olo" Guterres', who has nominated to become President of the Republic. Aleixo said that Lu'Olo would officially launch his campaign in Ossu on 23 March 2007, but that a press conference would be held in Dili (at a time to be advised) to provide information about the launch in Ossu.

Aleixo said that after Ossu, Lu'Olo's presidential campaign would then travel to Manatuto and other districts in Timor-Leste before finishing up on 4 April 2007 in Dili. Fretilin election campaign workers will work non-stop around the country to promote Lu'Olo in all districts for the entire period of the presidential campaign.

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www.luolobapresidente.blogspot.com (for information in Tetum, Portuguese, English and Bahasa Indonesia)

www.luolo.blogspot.com (for information in Tetum, Portuguese, English and Bahasa Indonesia)

www.timortruth.com (for English media releases and news only)

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