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New Deputy Chief Military Observer

Commander Fernando Vaccotti has been appointed UNMISSET's Deputy Chief Military Observer (DCMO) last week. He replaces Malaysian Colonel Ibrahim Bin Jamalludin who died last month [27th July].

Cmdr Vaccotti, from Uruguay, has 30 years' experience in the navy with academic and training qualifications obtained in Uruguay and in the US. He is a lecturer at the Uruguayan Naval War College and a teacher at the Uruguayan Naval Academy. He is also a navy diver and pilot.

He arrived in Timor-Leste in January last year to serve as Deputy Senior Sector Military Observer in Sector East. He also served as DSSMO in Cova Lima district, and as Senior Sector Military Observer in Sector Central. Before being appointed DCMO, Cmdr Vaccotti was serving as Chief Information and Operations Officer at the headquarters of UNMOG [UN Military Observer Group] in Dili.

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