

United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

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### ***SG NAMES NEXT FORCE COMMANDER***

(Dili, 21 July) – The Secretary-General Kofi Annan has named a senior Malaysian officer as the next commander of UNMISSET's peacekeeping force (PKF). Lieutenant-General Khairuddin Mat Yusof will replace Major-General Tan Huck Gim of Singapore, when Maj.-Gen. Tan finishes his one-year tour of duty at the end of August.

Lt.-Gen. Yusof has more than 30 years' experience in the Malaysian army and is currently a field commander. He has served with the UN before, as Assistant Military Adviser at UN Headquarters in New York from October 1991 until April '93. In addition to several military courses undertaken in Malaysia, Lt.-Gen. Yusof has also attended courses in the UK and in Pakistan, and holds a postgraduate degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies.

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