

UNTAET MEDIA

- UNTAET's **Office of Communication and Public Information (OCPI)**, with its Radio, Television and Publications Units and Press Office, provides a continuous flow of news and information about UNTAET and the Transitional Administration to a wide-ranging audience. OCPI also has Public Information Officers located in most districts who report on events and help in the distribution of OCPI's editorial output.
- **Radio UNTAET**, the only national broadcaster, has transmitters in each of East Timor's 13 districts and can be heard 24 hours a day by virtually all Timorese, as well as by a large number of refugees and others across the border in West Timor. Sixty-five Timorese journalists work with 10 internationals to produce news, current affairs and cultural programming in Tetum, English, Portuguese and Indonesian. There are hourly Tetum newscasts and a four-language news hour at 6am and 6pm. Radio UNTAET has also broadcast live from the Constituent Assembly, allowing listeners to hear the ongoing Constitutional debates.
- The TV Unit runs **Televisaun Timor Lorosa'e (TVTL)**, a 24-hour-a-day television station. TVTL currently produces 30 to 60 minutes of original programming per day and a variety of specials, including live event coverage and educational and information materials for UNTAET and East Timor Public Administration (ETPA) campaigns. Once a week, a three-hour highlight of the week's original programming is sent by tape to the 13 districts for viewing at mobile cinema units. TVTL also airs segments from the BBC (British), RTP (Portuguese), ABC (Australian) and Metro TV (Indonesian).
- The **Publication Unit** produces *Tais Timor*, a 50,000-circulation, tabloid-size monthly newspaper in four languages, as well as posters, brochures and other information materials. *Tais Timor* is supplemented by 80 bulletin/notice boards, located at the district and sub-district levels, on which key information can be quickly posted. The unit also produces *East Timor Update*, a monthly compilation of news and information about UNTAET/ETPA activities of particular interest to donors, NGOs, the business community and journalists. *Photos Timor* consists of photo essays that cover key developments and which are posted on notice boards throughout the country.
- It is envisioned that OCPI will turn over UNTAET's radio and TV operations to the new government at the time of independence. A regulation creating a **Public Broadcasting Service** – to be funded by the government and foreign donors – was approved by the Council of Ministers in March 2002, and is awaiting ratification by the Legislative Assembly.

