

## LAW AND ORDER

- The **mandate of United Nations Police (UN Police)** under Security Council Resolution 1272 (1999) is to maintain law and order in East Timor and to establish and train a professional East Timorese Police Service.
- There are **1,048 UN Police officers from 38 countries** currently serving in East Timor, although the authorized strength is 1,640 officers. In addition, **239 officers** serve in **Special Police Units** in Dili and Baucau. **The total strength is 1,287 officers.** Police Stations have been established in all 13 districts and the UN Police has established **police stations in 63 of East Timor's 65 sub-districts.**
- The security situation in East Timor is stable and there is a low incidence of crime. The reported **crime rate** for March 2002 was about **one reported crime per day per 50,000 inhabitants.** A current increase in the number of reported crimes is attributable to a widespread public information campaign urging that all crimes be reported and to the UN Police's policy of pro-active policing. **East Timor's overall crime rate remains much lower than in some developed countries.**
- **The East Timor Police College** was officially established in Dili in March 2000 to recruit and train East Timorese police officers. The course curriculum includes a three-month basic training course with instruction in **democratic policing standards, investigating procedures, legal issues, patrol procedures and policing skills.** Following this first phase, recruits undergo three more months of field training and a final six-month probationary period.
- The **East Timor Police Service** has a projected **target of 2,800 officers by July 2003.** Currently, **1,697 officers have graduated** from the Police College and are in the field undergoing Field Training Programmes in investigations, close protection, crowd control, administration, traffic control and in the Marine Unit. By the end of 2002, the East Timorese Police Service will have around 2,000 police officers. However, the East Timor Police Service will need special contributions from donor countries to fully staff and supply a 2,800-strong service, as the present budget can only satisfy initial training, equipment, salary and deployment.
- A Civilian **Police Election Unit** was established to plan and provide security during last year's Constituent Assembly electoral process. This unit has been re-activated for the 14 April presidential elections.
- The **downsizing policy** of the international UN Police involves a gradual increase in the number and skill-range of their East Timorese counterparts which will be concomitant with a decrease in the number of international police officers. The decrease of the international UN Police will proceed in close observance of the law and order situation and social stability within the territory.

