

## **By UNMISSET Spokesperson's Office**

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### **JAPANESE CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS TIMOR-LESTE**

Japanese Ground Self Defense Force Chief of Staff General Masahiro Nakatani arrives in Timor-Leste on Sunday for a three-day visit.

The aim of the visit is to promote mutual understanding and confidence between the two countries.

Upon his arrival the General will visit the Japanese Engineer Group (JEG) headquarters in Taci-Tolu, outside capital Dili.

On Monday Mr. Nakatani will travel to Oecussi, Suai and Maliana to visit JEG and Koreans (ROKBATT) headquarters.

Prior to his departure back to Japan, the Chief of Staff will pay a courtesy visit to the PKF Headquarter and meet government officials.

General Masahiro Nakatani is the highest-ranking officer of the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force.

### **SECURITY ASSESSMENT MEETING**

National Security Advisor from the Office of the Prime Minister, Ricardo Ribeiro, last Tuesday chaired a meeting in Oecussi on present security assessment of the region and future security situation after UN withdrawal.

Acting UNPOL District Commander and District Commander of Timor-Leste Police Force attended the meeting along with the United Nations Military Observers, Koreans (ROKBATT) and Japan Engineering Group Commanders.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP**

UNMISSET Human Rights Unit organized and funded a one-day human rights and reconciliation workshop in Caicasa, Maubara sub-district on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month.

One hundred residents together with representatives of local NGO's; Yayasan Hak, Uma Feto, Organização Popular Mulher Timor (OPMT) and District Human Rights Officers discussed general human rights principles, domestic violence, gender and reconciliation at the village level.

### **UNEXPLODED AMMUNITION FOUND**



# MEDIA BRIEFING NOTE

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Experts from PKF Explosive Unit were called in early this week to inspect and remove unexploded ammunition found by the Chief of Umikik Village in Viqueque district.

The ammunition is believed to be a mortar shell, had possibly been underground since Indonesian times.

