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CONCERT FOR UN PEACEKEEPERS

A concert tour for Australian troops deployed in East Timor will kick off this Sunday in Maliana.

Known as the *Tour de Force*, the concert is primarily for Australian troops serving in East Timor, for the local population, as well as military personnel from other nations.

Australian Army Band Sydney, will be touring with a Perth based all girl rock band "Lash", Sydney comedian James "Jimbo" Dezarnauls and up-and-coming Sydney female vocalist, Cassandra Eager. The tour will also include Pipes and Drums of the Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

The concert will then proceed to Bobonaro, Balibo, Batugade, Aidabeleten and the tour will finish with two last concerts at the Dili Stadium on 19 and 21 August.

This is the second *Tour de Force* for the Australian Army Band Sydney.

FORCE COMMANDERS FAREWELL VISIT

UNMISSET's Peacekeeping Force Commander (FC), Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul, and Deputy Force Commander (DFC), Major General Ian Gordon, paid a farewell visit to the Portuguese Battalion and Brazilian Military Police Unit at the Caicoli Barracks this Friday.

The visit is part of the farewell program of the Force Commander and the Deputy Force Commander.

Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul will leave East Timor on 31 August and Major General Gordon will depart on Wednesday 14 August.

NEW DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER ARRIVES IN THE MISSION

Brigadier Justin Kelly will assume next week the role of Deputy Force Commander of UNMISSET's Peacekeeping Force, replacing fellow Australian, Major General Ian Gordon.

Over his nine-month deployment, Brigadier Kelly will continue to work closely with the Force Commander in overseeing the military contribution to the rebuilding of East Timor as well as the continued downsizing of the UN Military operation.

Brigadier Kelly is from the Royal Australian Armored Corps and he has held a wide range of staff command and force structure appointments including serving as the former Commander of the Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville.

He has also held the appointments of Director of Concepts and Capability Development, Director of Restructuring the Army Trials, Staff Officer Grade One (Land Operations), Australian Defence Headquarters and Squadron Commander, 1st Armored Regiment.

In recognition of his professionalism and dedication, Brigadier Kelly has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.