

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

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### **SRSB MEETS MINISTERS, DIPLOMAT AND INTERNATIONAL NGO**

SRSB Kamalesh Sharma has over the past two days held a series of meetings with government officials, diplomats, and an international non-governmental organisation.

Late Tuesday the SRSB met with Norway's ambassador to Jakarta, Dr. Sjur Torgersen, who indicated that Norway is one of the biggest donors in East Timor working through the UNDP, UNICEF, and Caritas. The SRSB thanked Norway for its assistance and its recent grant of US\$250,000 to fund the activities of the Commission on Reception, Truth and Reconciliation. Also discussed was the ongoing Ad Hoc Tribunals in Jakarta.

The SRSB today visited the office of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), an international NGO, where he received a detailed briefing on NDI's activities in East Timor, including its work in fostering civil and military relations.

Later in the day the SRSB received a courtesy call from Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Jose Guterres for a discussion surrounding East Timor's upcoming entry into the United Nations. The SRSB promised to assist Guterres in facilitating the process.

Early this evening the SRSB had his weekly meeting with Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri at which the two discussed ongoing cooperation between UNMISSET and East Timor's government. Both expressed satisfaction that the administrative and personnel difficulties faced in the initial days of UNMISSET's mandate have been successfully resolved.

### **UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON JUSTICE TO VISIT EAST TIMOR**

The UN's Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, Dato Param Cumaraswamy, will arrive in Dili tomorrow for a three-day visit aimed at exploring how the Office of the High Commission of Human Rights can assist East Timor's nascent judiciary.

The Special Rapporteur's provisional schedule includes meetings with East Timor's Prosecutor General and the Deputy Prosecutor General for Serious Crimes, a wide range of judges, and with SRSB Kamalesh Sharma. Cumaraswamy is also scheduled to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri.

This will be the second trip by the Special Rapporteur to East Timor, the first taking place in November 2001.

