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PRISON SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

A multi-donor mission assessing the needs of the Timor-Leste prison system is underway with the cooperation of UNDP, UNMISSET, donors and the Government.

Participants include Vice Minister for Justice Domingos Sarmiento and representatives from UNDP, UNMISSET Human Rights, UNPOL, TLPS, the Geneva-based Centre for International Crime Prevention, the Canadian Prison Service, the Portuguese Prison Service and the New Zealand Penal System.

The mission visited Baucau today and is expected to conclude its work on 26 October.

A similar exercise will take place in late October and early November to assess the training and logistic requirement of Timor-Leste Police Services.

UNMISSET PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO BALI VICTIMS

Medical staff from the Portuguese Battalion and UN Hospital in Dili have been providing treatment for victims of the explosions in Bali. Dr. Chaiyapruk Pundee, a Thai Orthopedic specialist, has been treating victims at Indonesian medical facilities.

The team also coordinated the delivery of 15 boxes (75 kg) of medical supplies from UNMISSET hospital to Sanglah hospital in Bali

On Tuesday a UN special flight left to Bali and returned early Wednesday to Timor-Leste with 39 UNMISSET staff. It flew back in the afternoon loaded with medical supplies donated by the United States Group East Timor (USGET).

A second group of five Portuguese PKF, four UNPOL and 1 UNMISSET staff returned on Thursday 17th October. The special flight is part of ongoing UN plans to facilitate the return of PKF, UNPOL and UN civilians from Bali in the wake of the explosions on Saturday 12 October.

Two Peacekeeping Force members remain in Bali and continue the search for a Portuguese PKF member and a Brazilian Military Police still remain unaccounted for.

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