

MEDIA BRIEFING NOTE

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FALINTIL DAY COMMEMORATION

UNMISSET Peacekeeping Force has today supported the inaugural Falintil Day celebrations in East Timor.

The PKF Japan Engineer Group and Portuguese Battalion established the parade ground in front of GPA building, Dili, for the ceremony parade conducted by East Timor's defence force, FDTL Falintil.

This celebration included a flag raising ceremony that was attended by the Force Commander, Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul.

Members of the Peacekeeping Force also observed celebrations carried out at what is known as the "Democracy Field" in Dili.

In excess of 2000 people, including Bishop Carlos Belo and Foreign Minister, Jose Ramos-Horta, attended the "Democracy Field" event, which involved a flag raising ceremony.

