



PRESS RELEASE

Appreciation of the service of the Task Force (PNTL and F-FDTL) during Pope Francis's visit to Dili, Timor-Leste

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With this press release the NGO HABADA expresses its appreciation and recognition of the exemplary service provided by the Task Force composed of the Timor-Leste National Police (PNTL) and the Timor-Leste Defence Force (F-FDTL) during the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Dili, Timor-Leste, from September 9 to 11, 2024.

This event, which attracted many faithful and visitors to the country, was carried out with a high level of order and security, reflecting the dedication, professionalism, and impeccable coordination of the security forces. The strategic planning and joint efforts between the PNTL and the F-FDTL ensured that the visit proceeded without incidents, allowing the population to celebrate this important moment peacefully.

We recognize the logistical and operational challenges involved in managing such a large-scale event. It was necessary not only to protect Pope Francis but also to ensure the safety of the citizens and pilgrims who participated in the event. The vigilant and respectful presence of the security forces contributed to the success of the event and the maintenance of peace and public order.

The NGO HABADA extends its gratitude to the Government of Timor-Leste, the PNTL, the F-FDTL, and everyone involved in the preparation and execution of the security measures. This joint effort serves as a clear example of how cooperation can ensure the success of large-scale events, thereby reinforcing the public's confidence in national institutions.

Pope Francis's visit not only strengthened the spiritual and cultural bonds in Timor-Leste but also demonstrated the nation's ability to host international events efficiently and securely.

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