

Vigil for 'death of democracy' in Australia as foreign minister Bishop visits Timor-Leste

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Overnight candlelight vigil outside Hotel Timor where Australian foreign minister is staying during visit to Timor-Leste.

On July 29, activists from the Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea (Movimento Kontra Okupasan Tasi Timor, MKOTT) held an overnight vigil for the "Death of democracy in Australia" outside Hotel Timor, in Dili, where Australian foreign minister Julie Bishop is staying during her official visit to Timor-Leste.

Earlier in the evening, MKOTT activist Tomas Frietas told *Green Left Weekly*, MKOTT activists also turned up at a dinner party Bishop was given at the Australian ambassador's residence in Pantai Kelapa. They distributed flyers condemning the Australian government's buggng of Timorese PM and cabinet offices in 2004 during critical negotiations over the maritime boundary between

Timor-Leste and Australia; and condemning the prosecution of whistleblowing Australian spy "Witness K" and his lawyer Bernard Collaery.

Meanwhile, more and more Timorese are [using social medi](https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/timorese-use-social-media-express-solidarity-australian-spy-conscience) (<https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/timorese-use-social-media-express-solidarity-australian-spy-conscience>)a to express their solidarity with Witness K and Collaery.