

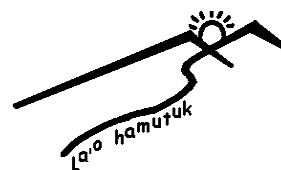
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Komunikadu Imprensa

Ami Kongratula Austrália ne'ebé Hapara Akuzasaun Kontra Bernard Collaery, no Tenke Kontinua atu Respeita Soberania Timor-Leste

12 Jullu 2022

La'ó Hamutuk apresia desizaun Prokuradór-Jerál Austrália nian hodi hapara prosesu akuzasaun kontra advogadu Bernard Collaery. Desizaun tarde ida ne'e, la bele nega istória fó'er Austrália nian ne'ebé halo espionajen iha Palásiu Governu TL nian iha 2004, durante negosiasaun kona-ba oinsá fahe riku soim petrolíferu iha Tasi Timor, liu-liu iha prosesu hakat ba diskusaun tratadu CMATS 2006. Espionajen ida ne'e halo husi servisu inteligénsia Austrália nian no ema ida husi sira ne'ebé hala'ó espionajen ida ne'e mak fó sai hatene ba Governu Timor-Leste, nune'e ema ne'ebé hanaran "Witness K" ho nian advogadu Bernard Collaery hetan persekusaun legál.

Atu harii ikus relasaun nudár viziñu dí'ak entre Austrália no Timor-Leste, Governu Austrália tenke rekoñese aktu dezrespeitu ba soberania RDTL no kontinua pratika respeita mutua iha aspetu hotu ba soberania rai rua nian. Relasaun diplomátika ho saudavel ida ne'e, presiza rezolve aktu laloos iha pasadu inklui Australia tenke selu fali liu biliaun \$5 ne'ebé Australia simu husi rezerva petróleu no gas ida ne'ebé agora konkorda iha territóriu Timor-Leste nian.

Ami mós hanoin katak atu respeita no kuidadu malu nudár viziñu ne'ebé dí'ak tenke haree malu hanesan família no parseiru dí'ak, la'ós apreveita vulnerabilidade sistema legal, administrasaun, Governasaun no rekursu umanu hodi maximiza benefísiu ba Austrália no tau ba risku povu Timor-Leste. Ida ne'e presiza refleta iha kansela projetu petrolíferu sira inklui Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) iha Bayu-Undan ne'ebé sei vunerabliza liu tan Timor-Leste no intensiva projetu Barossa iha Austrália, ida ne'ebé sei estraga liu klima global no lokál.

Ami mós sujere atu Austrália fó perdaun ba "Witness K", ema ne'ebé hetan presaun atu aseita sala ba krime ne'ebé nia la halo. "Witness K" uza kanál ne'ebé loos atu denuncia aktu la apropriadu ne'ebé orienta ba nia no tenke liberta nia inkondisionalmente. Sira na'in rua sai tiha belun boot Povu Timor-Leste nian, no Australia tenke fó kompensasaun ba lakon hotu ne'ebé sira hetan durante persekusaun la justu ida ne'e.

Nudár organizasaun sociedade sivil Timor oan nian, Institutu ba Monitoring no Analiza dezenvolvimentu - La'ó Hamutuk durante ne'e halo estudo no advokasia ba fronteira maritima, dezenvolvimentu petróleu, no aspetu seluk husi relasaun entre Timor-Leste no Australia, liu década rua, dala ruma mesak, no dala barak servisu hamutuk ho Centru ba Informasaun Independente kona-ba Tasi Timor (CIITT), Movimentu Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor (MKOTT) no Timor Sea Justice Campaign (TSJC) internasionál.

Ita selebra Tratadu Fronteira Maritima iha 2019 no kansela akuzasaun kontra Bernard Collaery, ba oin ita kontinua luta ba relasaun dí'ak no mutua entre nasaun rua.

Ba informasaun liu tan kona-ba akuzasaun Bernard Collaery no Witness K, bele haree iha ne'e:

<https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

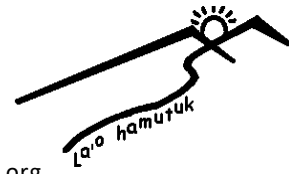
Ba lista husi submisaun no artigu sira kona-ba relasaun entre Australia no Timor-Leste bele haree iha ne'e: <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/OilIndex.html#Boundaries>.

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Press release

La'ó Hamutuk Congratulates Australia for Ending the Prosecution of Bernard Collaery and Urges them to Continue to Respect Timor-Leste's Sovereignty

12 July 2022

La'ó Hamutuk appreciates the decision of Australia's Attorney-General to end the prosecution against Bernard Collaery. This overdue decision cannot undo the shameful history of Australia's bugging Timor-Leste's Government Palace in 2004, during the negotiations which led to the 2006 CMATS Treaty dividing oil revenues and delaying discussion of the maritime boundary between the two countries. The 2004 spying was done by Australian intelligence agents, one whom, known as "Witness K", was also prosecuted, along with his attorney Bernard Collaery, when he blew the whistle on the illegal espionage.

To rebuild good neighborly relations between Australia and Timor-Leste, the Australian government should recognize that it has blatantly violated Timor-Leste's sovereignty, and return to policies of mutual respect between the two nations. Healthy diplomacy needs to address past transgressions, and Australia should return more than \$5 billion it took in from oil and gas fields that it now agrees are in Timor-Leste's territory.

We also think that mutual respect as neighbors means supporting each other as partners, not taking advantage of Timor-Leste's weaker economy, less experienced administration, and limited human resources to obtain benefits for Australia at the expense of Timor-Leste's people. This should be reflected by cancelling some future projects, including the planned Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) at Bayu-Undan which would exploit Timor-Leste's vulnerability to enable the carbon-intensive Barossa project in Australia, further damaging the global and local climate.

In addition, we suggest that Australia should pardon "Witness K", who was pressured into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit. "Witness K" used proper channels to report an inappropriate action he was ordered to carry out, and should be unconditionally exonerated. Both he and Bernard Collaery have been good and honorable friends to Timor-Leste, and Australia should compensate them for the harm that unjust prosecution has already inflicted on them.

As a Timorese civil society organization, the Timor-Leste Institute for Development Monitoring and Analysis (La'ó Hamutuk) has studied and advocated on the maritime boundary, petroleum development, and other aspects of the relationship between Timor-Leste and Australia for more than two decades, sometimes alone and often in collaboration with the Independent Information Center for the Timor Sea (CIITT), the Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea (MKOTT) and the international Timor Sea Justice Campaign (TSJC).

As we applaud the 2019 Maritime Boundary Treaty and the dropping of the charges against Bernard Collaery, we continue to struggle for a mutually respectful relationship.

For more information on the prosecution of Collaery and "Witness K", see <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

For links to La'ó Hamutuk's submissions and articles on the Australia-Timor-Leste relationship, see <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/OilIndex.html#Boundaries>.