

MESSAGE OF H.E THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC



Beloved people of Timor-Leste!

I'm addressing you, my beloved people, in a important moment for all of us. I trust you, together; we will face the challenge and overcome it.

With your courage and your determination, the most beautiful pages of our History were writing.

It was the sacrifice of thousands and thousands of anonymous heroes the paved the way for our independence. Indeed, an age-old dream became reality.

In restoring our independence, our Magna Carta – the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste – has enshrined the right of our people to modernity and development. It was imperative to get rid of stagnation and misery. It enshrined the right to build a state where prevails the rule of law.

Our people have the right to democracy, to participate actively in the development of the country.

Our people were called to the polls to elect the Members of the National Parliament, committed themselves in electing candidates from five (5) political parties from among more than a dozen parties that compete for elections.

The people did not give an absolute majority to any of the parties, in a message that we can understand as an invitation to party leaders, who have elected MPs to commit themselves to deepening democracy, to agree on political proposals and to better serve the interest of the people. The essence of democracy lies in our ability to listen to others, to find, with the participation and involvement of all, the best solutions to the problems that our people face in their daily lives.

Consensus does not impose itself, nor, truth or solutions to problems are monopoly of a single person or a single party.

Diversity is characteristic of our people, of our culture. In it, lies our wealth, our identity as a people

and as a Nation. It's against democracy to force people to think and act as if they were deprived of their right to freedom.

Congratulations to the beloved people of Timor-Leste, who were able to convey a clear message through the vote, pointing to the need to deepen democracy,.

However, the message was not properly interpreted by our politicians. And instead of the serene dialogue, in respect for the will of the people, we watch, they turning their backs to each other.

It's time for us to be united!

We cannot continue in this situation, which is already a serious institutional crisis.

Beloved people of Timor-Leste,

Our Magna Carta, clearly determines that Political power lies in the people and is exercised under the terms of the Constitution. This is the political-constitutional principle, guiding our State where prevails the rule of law.

We all have to be together to reaffirm our beloved country. We all have to maintain tranquility, in order to build a prosperous country, where the people trust each other as brothers and sisters.

We show to the world that we the Timorese people are the decisions makers. We improved and reinforce our democracy and we hold tight for the peace and stability aiming at prosperity and justice.

The President of the Republic relies on the People, as the People trusted him. I am convinced that the People must be called to vote once again in order to help, to overcome the challenge that lies in our young democracy.

The President calls on the entire People to Vote in early parliamentary elections. Let's all, Vote for the reinforcement of democracy, for the rule of law!

The President of the Republic, in the use of his powers, provided for in section 86. f) of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, DECREES the dissolution of the National Parliament and convenes early parliamentary elections.

In according to the law, respecting the procedure, the President of the Republic will announce the early parliamentary elections.

LONG-LIVE TIMOR-LESTE, FREE AND INDEPENDENT!

LONG-LIVE THE DEMOCRACY!

LONG-LIVE THE PEOPLE OF TIMOR-LESTE!

Presidential Palace Nicolau Lobato, 26 January 2018