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[Dili Marathon 2023 Promotes Peace And Health](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, September 2, 2023, The Dili Marathon 2023 was held on 2 September 2023 in front of the Presidential Palace in Dili, Timor-Leste. The event was organized by the Presidency of the Republic, in collaboration with the IX Constitutional Government through the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture and the Timor-Leste Athletics Federation. The theme of the Dili Marathon 2023 is "Running for Peace, Running for Health". The event aims to promote peace and stability in the country, as well as promote tourism and Timor-Leste at the regional and international levels.

[President Of The Republic Welcomes Chinese Hospital Ship ‘peace Ark’](#)

Dili Port, September 3, 2023, The President of the Republic of Timor-Leste, José Ramos-Horta, visited the Chinese hospital ship Peace Ark on Sunday, September 3, 2023. The ship is docked at Dili Port and provided medical assistance to the people of Timor-Leste from September 3 to 10.

[International Off-Road Competition To Commemorate The Referendum Day](#)

Tibar, Liquiça, September 3, 2023, An international off-road competition was held in Timor-Leste on September 2-3, 2023 to commemorate the anniversary of the August 30 Referendum and promote peace within the country and with neighboring nations. The competition was organized by the Presidency of the Republic in partnership with the Golden River Universe Association with teams from Timor-Leste, Indonesia, and Australia.

[International media Al-Jazeera interviews President of the Republic José Ramos-Horta on ASEAN and Myanmar](#) - Dili, September 5, 2023

Link Video: <https://fb.watch/nqf4k8Utuu/>

[President Of The Republic Receives Visit From Saudi Arabia Tourism Minister Ahmed Al Khateeb](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, September 6, 2023, The President of the Republic received a visit from the Tourism Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ahmed Al Khateeb, and his delegation at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili. This visit is the first since the establishment of bilateral relations between Timor-Leste and Saudi Arabia in 2015.

[President Ramos-Horta Attends Brazilian Independence Day Celebrations](#)

Lahane Nobel Palace, Dili, 07 September 2023, President Jose Ramos-Horta attended the celebrations of the Brazilian Independence day celebrations that were held at the Noble Palace in Lahane Dili on September 7th. The event was organized by the Brazilian Embassy in Timor-Leste and was attended by a number of high-level officials from both countries, including the Brazilian Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Carlos Alberto Simas Magalhães. In his speech, President Ramos-Horta spoke about the strong relationships between Brazil and Timor-Leste, which date back to the time of the resistance against Indonesian occupation. He recalled the important role that Brazil played in supporting the Timorese people's struggle for independence, and he expressed his gratitude for Brazil's continued support.

[President Of The Republic Appoints New Members Of The State Council And The Superior Council Of Defense And Security](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, September 11, 2023, President of the Republic José Ramos-Horta has appointed new members of the State Council and the Superior Council of Defense and Security (KSDS). The State Council is an advisory body to the President of the Republic on political matters, while the KSDS is an advisory body on defense, security, and sovereignty matters.

[Great Interview President J. Ramos-Horta _ About ASEAN | GMNTV -11-09-2023](#)

Link Video: https://m.youtube.com/live/UBvKN_Fu6P4?si=1w-640xOcLv5R9ts

[Head Of State, J. Ramos-Horta Attends Malaysian National Day Reception](#)

Dili, September 11, 2023, On the occasion of Malaysian National Day, the Malaysian Embassy in Timor-Leste held a reception with the President of the Republic, Vice Prime Minister, Francisco Kalbuadi Lay and Mariano Sabino, as well as other guests. In his brief speech, the President of the Republic congratulated Malaysia on the celebration of its National Day and said that Malaysia also contributed to the process of Timor-Leste's struggle for independence by responding to the difficult situation at that time, including the FALINTIL-FFDTL transition process. Malaysia is also one of the countries that supported Timor-Leste's entry into ASEAN.

[Six Countries Present Credentials To The President Of Timor-Leste](#)

Presidential Palace Nicolau Lobato, September 12, 2023, The non-resident Ambassadors from six countries presented Credentials to the President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, José Ramos- Horta, at the Presidential Palace on 13th September 2023. The establishment and strengthening of ties of friendship between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and other countries is imperative as an interdependent sovereign country both globally and regionally.

[Timor-Leste's President Speaks At The 78th Session Of The United Nations General Assembly](#)

President Palace Nicolau Lobato, September 15, 2023, The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste José Ramos-Horta, will be in New York from September 17th to September 23rd, 2023, to represent Timor-Leste and deliver a statement at the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly that will take place from the month of September to December 2023. World leaders gather in New York for the opening of the 78th session of the General Assembly and to engage in the annual high-level General Debate under the theme, "Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability for all."

[President Swearing In New Vice Minister Of Finance And Ambassador To Asean](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, September 15, 2023, President José Ramos-Horta swearing in the new Vice Minister of Finance, Felícia Claudinanda Cruz Carvalho, based on Decree President of the Republic, No. 87/2023 and published on September 11, 2023, and Natércia Cipriana Coelho da Silva as Timor-Leste's Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) based on Decree

President of the Republic, No. 88/2023 and published on September 12, 2023, on Tuesday, September 15, 2023, at the Presidential Palace in Dili.

[Meeting Of The President Of The Republic With The Former Prime Minister Of The United Kingdom, Tony Blair](#)

New York, 17 September 2023 A bilateral meeting was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, United Kingdom, between the President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta and the former Prime Minister of United Kingdom, Tony Blair. The meeting took place on the occasion of the President's participation in the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), as part of an official visit scheduled from September 17 to 24, 2023. During the meeting, the President discussed with the Tony Blair Institute the establishment of a cooperation partnership in the area of restructuring the Presidency of the Republic, including the deployment of two to three experts or specialists from the Institute to Timor-Leste. The Institute carries out this type of cooperation with the offices of Heads of State and Government, with active projects in over thirty countries around the world.

[President José Ramos-Horta Participates In The Opening Segment And Leaders Dialogue Of The High Level Political Forum On Sustainable Development](#)

New York, 18 September 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, took part in the opening segment of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, held in the United Nations General Assembly Hall at UN Headquarters in New York, United States of America (USA). The 2023 SDG Summit takes place from 18 to 19 September 2023 in New York and is intended to mark the start of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated action by 2030.

[President José Ramos-Horta And Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Of Bangladesh Held A Meeting To Discuss Ways To Deepen Relations Between The Two Countries](#)

New York, 19 September 2023, President Horta expressed his gratitude for Bangladesh's contribution to the United Nations missions in Timor-Leste between 1999 and 2006, which played a decisive role in the maintenance of peace and security and the construction of the country's democratic rule of law. The two leaders also discussed their shared concerns on important global issues such as the Rohingya crisis and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the prolonged armed conflict in Ukraine. They agreed to work together to overcome these challenges by promoting new partnerships of cooperation in areas such as health, education, vocational training, food security, sustainability of the economy, agriculture, and the environment.

[President José Ramos-Horta Calls On ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan To Lead Myanmar Accountability](#)

New York, 19 September 2023, In a meeting with ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan at the UN Headquarters in New York, President José Ramos-Horta expressed grave concern over the ongoing violence and human rights abuses in Myanmar. He urged Prosecutor Khan to play a leading role in ensuring accountability for the perpetrators of these crimes. The ICC is the world's only permanent court with jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. It plays a vital role in promoting accountability and deterring future atrocities.

[President José Ramos-Horta Participates In Citigroup's Global Innovation Challenge On Food Security](#)

New York, 19 September 2023, President José Ramos-Horta participated in Citigroup's Global Innovation Challenge on Food Security, delivering a keynote speech on the theme: "Investing in Food Security: Innovative solutions to address the hunger crisis". The event was held at Citigroup's headquarters in New York. The President's participation in this event underscores his commitment to addressing the global hunger crisis through innovative solutions. His speech highlighted the importance of investing in food security and the role of innovation in tackling this pressing issue.

[President Of The Republic Holds Bilateral Meeting With President Of Millennium Challenge Corporation \(MCC\)](#)

New York, September 20, 2023, The President of the Republic of Timor-Leste, José Ramos-Horta, met with the Director-General of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Alice Albright at the Harvard Club Hotel, New York. This meeting was held on the occasion of President Ramos-Horta's participation in the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which took place from September 17 to 24, 2023. During the meeting, President Ramos-Horta and Albright discussed the MCC's \$450 million compact with Timor-Leste, which was signed in 2016. The compact was designed to support Timor-Leste's development priorities, including improving infrastructure, strengthening governance, and promoting economic growth.

[President Participates In The 26th High-Level Meeting Organized By The Nizami Ganjavi International Center](#)

New York, September 20, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, participated in the 26th High-Level Meeting organized by the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (GNIC), with the theme "Moving towards the future, rebuilding multilateralism." The event was held as one of the events of the 78th United Nations General Assembly at the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York, USA. The event was attended by over 30 Heads of State and Government from over 40 nations worldwide. The meeting discussed the challenges and opportunities that the world faces in the 21st century, and how to use multilateralism to resolve these challenges. The speakers emphasized the importance of cooperation and dialogue between nations and the need to work together to build a more just and equitable world.

[The Head Of State Met With The President Of The Open Society Foundation \(OSF\)](#)

New York, September 20, 2023, The President of the Republic of Timor-Leste met with the President of the Open Society Foundations (OSF), Alexander Soros which was first founded by his father George Soros, a businessman and philanthropist who is the world's largest private funder of independent groups working for justice, democratic governance, and human rights. OSF operates in more than 120 countries around the world, using grants, research, advocacy, impact investing, and strategic investigations to support the growth of inclusive and vibrant democracies. In the past three decades, OSF has focused on supporting people who are working to make their communities more just, free, and harmonious.

[Summary Of The President Of The Republic's Speech At The 78th United Nations General Assembly](#)

[Complete Speech: <https://tinyurl.com/3esh4kbd>]

Link Video: [President speech at the 78th UN General Assembly](#)

New York, September 21, 2023, President Ramos-Horta delivered his speech at the 78th UN General Assembly on multilateralism, Timor-Leste's progress, and the need for international support. His declaration was well received and underlined Timor-Leste's commitment to peace, democracy, and development.

[President Of The Republic Participates In High-Level Session Of The Conference "Have They Forgotten Us?" Highlights The Need For Global Solidarity With The Rohingya](#)

New York, 21 September 2023, On Thursday, international leaders gathered at the United Nations headquarters for a conference titled "Have they forgotten us?" The event, held on the sidelines of the 78th UN General Assembly, was aimed at reinforcing global solidarity with the Rohingya minority in Myanmar, who have been subjected to ongoing persecution.

[President Of The Republic Meets With Director-General Of The International Organization For Migration \(IOM\)](#)

New York, September 21, 2023, President of the Republic José Ramos-Horta and the Director-General Elect of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Amy Pope, met on the 16th floor of the Grand Hyatt

Hotel, 109 East 42nd Street, New York, United States of America (USA). The meeting took place on the occasion of the President of the Republic's participation in the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which took place from September 17 to 24, 2023. During the meeting, the programs implemented between Timor-Leste and the IOM over the past two decades were discussed, as well as the possibility of establishing a new cooperation partnership in the areas of migration management and disaster risk management in the context of climate change.

[The President Of The Republic Participated In The Second Meeting Of The Global Group Of Heads Of State And Government For The Prevention And Control Of Non-Communicable Diseases \(NCDs\)](#)

New York, September 21, 2023, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, José Ramos-Horta, participated in the second meeting of the World Leaders Group on Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control. This event took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York, United States, during the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The co-chairs of this meeting were President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

[President Of Timor-Leste Attends Aosis Leaders' Summit In New York](#)

New York, September 22, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, attended the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) Leaders' Summit on Friday, September 22, 2023. The summit was held in conjunction with the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which ran from September 17 to 24. The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is an intergovernmental organization formed in 1990. It represents small island and low-lying coastal countries that are particularly vulnerable to climate change and its related effects on the ocean. Despite contributing less than 1% to global greenhouse gas emissions, these states are among the most affected by climate change.

[President Of The Republic Meets With Un Secretary-General](#)

New York, September 22, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, at the United Nations Secretariat in New York, United States of America on Friday, September 22, 2023. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including the situation in Timor-Leste, the UN's role in the country, and the global political landscape. President Ramos-Horta expressed his appreciation for the UN's support for Timor-Leste's development and reaffirmed his commitment to working with the UN to promote peace and stability in the country.

[President Of Timor-Leste Participates In High-Level Summit Of The G7+](#)

New York, September 22, 2023, The summit was held in Conference Room 7 at UN Headquarters in New York, USA, on the occasion of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which took place between September 17 and 24, 2023. The g7+ is an intergovernmental organization composed of conflict-affected countries united by a vision of peace, stability, and development. The organization provides a platform for these countries to collectively voice the need for national dialogue and reconciliation to address conflicts.

[President Of The Republic Meets With The Prime Minister Of Cambodia](#)

New York, September 22, 2023, President of East Timor, José Ramos-Horta, met with Prime Minister of Cambodia, Mr Hun Manet, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed the special relationship between Cambodia and East Timor. The president expressed his gratitude for Cambodia's unconditional support for East Timor's accession to ASEAN. He also renewed the invitation for outgoing Prime Minister Hun Sen to visit East Timor at a mutually convenient time.

[President José Ramos-Horta Attends The 2023 Global Citizen Festival](#)

New York, September 23, 2023, The 2023 Global Citizen Festival, an annual event with a mission to End Extreme Poverty NOW, took place in Central Park, New York City. The festival is more than just a concert; it's a movement that brings together Global Citizens, artists, activists, world leaders, philanthropists, corporate leaders, and more. One of the key highlights of the festival was the presence of world leaders. President José Ramos-Horta of Timor-Leste was one of the prominent figures who addressed the event. His participation underscores his commitment to global issues and his dedication to representing Timor-Leste at such a high-profile international platform.

[President Of The Republic Meets With Group Of Companies From Malaysia](#)

Presidential Palace, Nicolau Lobato, Dili, September 27, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, today met with the Quam Plus International Financial Group from Malaysia at the Presidential Palace. The objective of the meeting was to discuss ways to strengthen relations between the two countries, especially in the area of business investment from Malaysia to Timor-Leste. The group's representative, Tian Chua, said that they were also presenting a report on the progress and achievements of the investment plan to the President of the Republic. "We have been here in Timor-Leste for several months to assess the potential in Timor-Leste," the group's representative told the press after the meeting with the Head of State.

[The Head Of State Met With The Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão](#)

Presidential Palace Nicolau Lobato, Dili, September 28, 2023, The Head of State met again with the Head of Government, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, to share information on their recent working visits abroad. As we know, the Head of State was in New York to participate in the 78th UN General Assembly, while the Head of Government was in China to participate in the Asian Games. On this occasion, the Head of Government also provided information on the Council of Ministers meeting that had just taken place. "We continue to discuss the problem of rising prices, which is affecting the quality of life and the pockets of many people, including fuel prices. We are working on solutions to resolve this problem," said the Head of Government, Xanana Gusmão. The Head of Government informed that in the coming days, each ministry will present their work plans for the discussion of the 2024 General State Budget

[President Of The Republic Holds Meeting With Government Members On 2024 Cultural And Sports Events Plan](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, September 28, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, held a meeting with government members to discuss the preparations for the 2024 cultural and sports festival, which will be held in Dili and other municipalities in Timor-Leste. The festival will take place from August 15, 2024 to September 15, 2024, with a wide range of cultural and sports activities. It was initiated by the President of the Republic with the aim of promoting national unity and stability, as well as tourism.

[The President Of The Republic Awarded The Timor-Leste Colar Medal To Vincent Braganza](#)

The Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, 28 September 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, awarded the Order of Timor-Leste's Collar, to Dr. Vincent Braganza at the Presidential Palace, in recognition of his tireless contributions to saving lives and his efforts to obtain medical equipment for Timor-Leste to overcome the challenges of the past ten years.

[President Of The Republic Participates In Chinese National Day Ceremony](#)

Dili, September 28, 2023, President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, participated in the ceremony for the National Day of the People's Republic of China at the Chinese Embassy. In his speech, the Head of State congratulated and wished the Chinese community celebrating their 74th national day. The President recognized China's great contribution to the self-determination process, especially as a permanent member of the UN Security Council that supported the Timorese people's right to independence. China was also the first country to establish diplomatic relations with Timor-Leste shortly after the restoration of independence.

[Manny Pacquiao Thanks The Timor-Leste People For Their Warm Welcome](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, September 29, 2023, International boxer Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines met with President of the Republic José Ramos-Horta at the Presidential Palace today. Pacquiao declared that he was happy to visit Timor-Leste and said that this was his first visit to the country. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the President and the Timorese people for receiving him so warmly. Pacquiao also hoped that this would not be his last visit, as he planned to support Timor-Leste in promoting boxing competitions and exploring opportunities for other forms of collaboration.

[Possibility Of Mining And Gas Investment From China](#)

Presidential Palace Nicolau Lobato, Dili, September 29, 2023, The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, today received a delegation from the Federation of Industry and Commerce “All China” and the China Petroleum Industry Chamber of Commerce. The presence of the two institutions in Timor-Leste is to see the potential of natural resources, especially mining and gas, and to meet with competent institutions in these areas in the nation, to see the possibility of future investment.

[United Kingdom Commits To Supporting Timor-Leste's Economic Development](#)

Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, Dili, September 29, 2023, President José Ramos-Horta met with UK State Minister for the Indo-Pacific, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, on Friday to discuss economic development and prosperity for the Timorese people.

[President Ramos-Horta Commemorates 78th Indonesian Independence Day](#)

Dili, September 30, 2023, President Ramos-Horta celebrated Indonesia's 78th Independence Day, emphasizing the deep bonds shared by Timor-Leste and Indonesia. The event marked the end of Dutch colonial rule in 1946, signifying Indonesia's journey toward freedom.

During the reception, President Ramos-Horta congratulated Indonesia and expressed gratitude for the strong relationship between the two nations. He highlighted their shared geography, history, and cultural connections, calling it a "brotherhood."

[President Of The Republic, José Ramos-Horta, Meets With Indian Minister Of State](#)

Dili, 30 September 2023, President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, met with Indian Minister of State, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, to discuss the construction of a residence for Indian diplomats in Timor-Leste.

"India fully supports Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN as the 11th member, and we will accompany and await Timor-Leste's process to complete the requirements to become an ASEAN member," said Indian State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

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