

Timor-Leste welcomes Bernard Collaery



Australian barrister, lawyer, and former politician, Bernard Collaery (photo Tatoli/ Francisco Sony)

Dili, 18 may 2023(TATOLI)– Timor-Leste welcomes Australian barrister, lawyer, and former politician, Bernard Collaery, who arrived at around 11:00 TLH, at the Nicolau Lobato International Airport by private jet.

Mr. Collaery and Delegation were welcome by the MKOTT (Movimento Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor).

Speaking to journalist, Celestino Gusmão, MKOTT representatives said the 2013 revelation that Australia had spied on Timor-Leste during the 2004 negotiations was a major turning point in the Timor Sea negotiation process.

A former Australian intelligence officer known as Witness K and his lawyer, Bernard Collaery, played key roles in providing the information.

“All our leaders must come together to provide support so that they do not feel alone in this process because at this time Witness K remains in charge, we must find any way to help him,” explained Celestino at Nicolau Lobato International Airport.

He admitted that what the two people did could not be paid for with anything, even what the Government had done so far was not enough just to give medals of appreciation.

“Their contribution is infinite. MKOTT recommend the Government of Timor-Leste grant them a full right to become Timorese citizens,” he said.

According to Celestino, Timor-Leste has a full obligation to give the greatest appreciation to Bernard Collaery.

Bernard Joseph Edward Collaery is an Australian lawyer and former politician. Collaery was the first member of the Legislative Assembly in the Australian Capital Territory for the Residents Rally party, from 1989 to 1992.

He served as Deputy Chief Minister and Attorney-General from 1989 to 1991 in the Kaine Alliance Government.

In June 2018, the Director of the Commonwealth Public Prosecution charged Collaery under the National Security Information Act (NSI) with disclosing protected intelligence.

The case relates to the Australian and Timor-Leste spying scandal, in which the Australian government bugged Timor-Leste’s offices for profit during commercial negotiations in the resource-rich Timor Sea process. However, in July 2022, the charges were dropped by Attorney General Mark Dreyfus.

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Horta to award the Order of Timor-Leste to Collaery, Bracks and Mitchell

DILI, 19 may 2023 (TATOLI) – The President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, will award the Order of Timor-Leste to Bernard Collaery, Steve Bracks and Harold Mitchell for their immense contribution and dedication to the struggle for maritime sovereignty of Timor-Leste.

The award ceremony will take place at the celebration of the 21st Anniversary of the Independence Restoration Day, at the Palace of the President of the Republic, in Dili, on may 20, 2023.

The Order of Timor-Leste would be conferred to these three Australian Nationals in recognition of their remarkable contribution to the nation's struggle for its maritime sovereignty.

On august 30, 2029, Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak and Australia's former Prime Minister, Scott John Morrison, signed an exchange of diplomatic notes for the ratification of the Treaty Establishing the Maritime Borders in the Timor Sea, signed by the two countries on March 6, 2018, in New York.

Bernard Collaery was representing a witness in a case brought by the Timor-Leste government against the Australian Government over the bugging of the Timor-Leste cabinet offices during the negotiations for a petroleum and gas treaty in 2004.

Steve Bracks also made a significant contribution to Timor-Leste achieving full sovereignty over its water. Last year, Steve Bracks was appointed Australia's Special Representative, representing the Australian Government for the Greater Sunrise gas project, to consult with the Timor-Leste Government and other key stakeholders including the Sunrise Joint Venture.

Harold Mitchell is also a good and true friend of Timor-Leste who will be awarded the Order of Timor-Leste for his great contribution to the establishment of the Timor-Leste-Australia maritime boundaries. On 19 May 2023, Timor-Leste's charismatic leader and chief maritime border negotiator, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, met with Bernard Collaery to thank him for his contribution to Timor-Leste's victory over the maritime border dispute between Timor-Leste and Australia.

“On behalf of the Timorese people, Gusmão expressed his deep gratitude to the true friends of Timor-Leste for their dedication, commitment, and support to Timor-Leste's struggle to gain its water sovereignty from its closest neighbor, Australia,” President Horta said in a statement, today.

Horta stressed that Timor-Leste is now focused on bringing oil and gas from the Greater Sunrise field to be processed in Timor-Leste.

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Advogadu Bernard Collaery konvida timoroan apoiu “Testemuña K” livre hosi alegasaun



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DILI, 19 maiu 2023 (TATOLD) – Advogadu Internasionál, Bernard Collaery, konvida timoroan hotu atu fó apoiu ba “Testemuña K” hodi hetan liberdade tanba sala viola lei segredu hodi fó sai kona-ba Austrália nia destinu ba Timor-Leste.

Advogadu Bernard Collaery husu ba ativista hotu-hotu iha Timor-Leste no mós ema Austrália atu kontinua halo advokásia liuhosi mídia hodi públika artigu sira atu fó apoiu ba sasin-na’in ka testemuña K atu livre hosi alegasaun ba asuntu spiritizmu.

“Ami sente terus iha justisa no prezisa apoiu vítima sira-nia sofrentu ba justisa. Tanba, lei ne’ebé Austrália halo ne’e la-sala. “Ha’u laiha buat ida atu ko’alia ho Governu Timor-Leste.

Maske nune’e, ha’u iha Timor-Leste atu hatudu solidariedade ba povu Timor-Leste, tanba ha’u mós servisu ba justisa,” Advogadu Bernard Collaery hateten iha nia diskursu iha Faról, sesta ne’e.

Nia hatutan, atividade foinsa’e timoroan sira-nian tenke kontinua halo advokásia iha mídia, atu dudu Governu Austrália hodi liberta testemuña K hosi prizaun.

Tenke husu deskulpa ba Austrália tanba na’ok ema Timor nia riku soin tasi nian, ida-ne’e nu’udar protesta boot ida hasoru Primeiru-Ministru Austrália nian atu luta iha imi-nia fronteira marítima, no nia sei fó konsellu barak liután se timo oan sira-nia lideransa prezisa.

“Ha’u lakohi interven iha política doméstika, ne’ebé tuir desizaun Governu Timor-Leste nian, maibé ha’u iha kompromisu atu apoia povu Timor,” nia dehan.

Testemuña K nu’udar ema katóliku, nia ema aten-brani no aten-brani, ne’ebé hetan informasaun kona-ba Austrália nia espiaun iha Timor-Leste kona-ba asuntu kesi-malu marítimu.

“Tenke husu Timor-oan sira atu hetan perdua, perdua, no hasai tiha nia hosi nia konviksaun. Ita tenke fó perdua ba tribunál Supremu atu hasai tiha ita-nia fiar no halo nia livre,” nia hateten.

To’o oras ne’e, iha tinan 2004, espiaun Austrália sira dada Governu Timor-Leste nia edifísiu atu hetan liman iha negosiasaun atu aumenta rezerva mina-rai no gás iha tasi Timor.

Kontratu rekursu sira-ne’e importante tebes ba ekonomia no prosperidade nasaun ida-ne’ebé foin daudaun ne’e seidaun iha.