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## **The analysis of Rectification of State Budget Year 2010 for Security and Defense Institutions**

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In this edition we are focused on the ratification of the State budget for government institutions that are assigned to deal with Security and Defense.

On 31 May 2010, The Council of Ministers approved the State ratification budget totalling \$837,981,000 USD, which is an increase from last budget in 2009, which was only \$659,996,000 USD.

The original budget for the Ministry of Defense and Security totalled \$28,630,000 USD. Total budget allocation to F-FDTL and PNTL is \$51,940,000 USD which from this figure, \$28,613,000 USD was allocated to F-FDTL, and \$23,327,000 USD was allocated to PNTL.

The Council of Ministers meeting on 2 June 2010 saw released, the resolution to guarantee the development of a temporary Port in Hera village, for which \$7,100,000 USD was allocated. At the same time, the Council of Ministers also approved a project of construction to the International company LIFESE Engineering, Co, from Australia through a single source system. FM highlights that, the National Parliament Committee B needs to better monitor this project. FM also questions why the Council of Ministers have allocated such a large budget for the temporary Port for F-FDTL Navy?

In addition, FM is also preoccupied in regards to the establishment of the National Direction of Conflict Prevention in the Community (DNPCC), by the State Secretary for Security's office. DNPCC have a budget totalling \$128,000 USD, which is a tremendously large budget. FM also questions why the National Parliament Committee B, during its two years since inception, has not facilitated any of the activities of DNPCC.

FM recommends to National Parliament Committee B, to supervise and monitor the execution of the budgets that were allocated to the State Secretary for Defense and Security, as well as write a report that the National Parliament Committee B can distribute to the public, for the people to be informed.

FM also recommends that SES and SED need to have better capacity to design a specific program, in regards to the execution of the budget in a transparent and accountable manner.

FM recommends to the National Parliament Committee B, to conduct an open meeting with SES and SED, and involve all the civil society organizations which are focused on the Security Sector. The object of this meeting will be to exchange information about the execution of the budget, and provide civilian oversight to the budgets being allocated to the Government's Security Sector.

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