

Govt gives Pelican Paradise 10 days to vacate resort project site

DILI, 16 April 2026 (TATOLI) — Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão said on Wednesday the government has given developer Pelican Paradise 10 days to vacate land at its resort project site in Tibar and Tasi Tolu.

The site, where the foundation stone was laid in November 2023, must be cleared to make way for new investments, Xanana Gusmão told reporters after his weekly meeting with President José Ramos-Horta at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, in Dili, today.

“There is already a resolution instructing the Vice Prime Minister, Francisco Kalbuadi Lay, to contact Pelican Paradise to agree on a 10-day deadline for their departure, freeing up the space for other investments,” he said.

The Prime Minister added that attracting new investors to the project could help prepare Timor-Leste to host the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in 2029.

Gusmão said the government had fulfilled all requirements requested by the developer, including providing essential infrastructure such as electricity and water at the project site.

“The state fulfilled all the developer’s requests, including providing electricity and water. However, additional financial demands were later introduced, including requirements for further bank guarantees, which we consider inappropriate for an investor of this scale,” he said.

Pelican Paradise has proposed a large-scale development covering around 588 hectares between Tasi Tolu and Tibar, with an estimated investment of more than \$700 million.

The project includes hotels, residential plots, golf courses, a youth development centre, an international school, a hospital and commercial areas.

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Pelican Paradise stays silent after government eviction order

DILI, 17 April 2026 (TATOLI) — Pelican Paradise has declined to comment after the Timor-Leste government ordered the developer to vacate its project site in Tibar within 10 days.

The site, where the foundation stone was laid in November 2023, must be cleared to make way for new investments, Xanana Gusmão told reporters after his weekly meeting with President José Ramos-Horta at the Nicolau Lobato Presidential Palace, in Dili, on Thursday.

Gusmão said the measure is intended to open the Tibar site to other potential investors, particularly as Timor-Leste prepares to host the ASEAN Summit in 2029.

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Gusmão added that the government had fulfilled several key requests from the developer, including the provision of electricity and clean water to support the project, but said the developer had failed to deliver any progress.

Valued at about \$700 million, the Pelican Paradise development includes plans for a five-star resort, golf course, residential zones and commercial facilities along the Tasi-Tolu–Tibar corridor.

Governu fó tempu loron 10 ba Pelican Paradise hamamuk fatin

DILI, 16 Abril 2026 (TATOLI)—Primeiru-Ministru, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, hateten Governu foti ona desizaun klaru fó tempu loron 10 ba Empreza Pelican Paradise atu hamamuk fatin.

“Iha ona rezolusaun ida atu Vise-Primeiru-Ministru, Francisco Kalbuadi Lay atu kontakta ho Pelican Paradise hodi konkorda malu fó loron 10 sira atu sai. Hamamuk fatin atu ema seluk bele tama fali,” Xanana Gusmão hateten ba Jornalista sira iha Palásiu Prezidensiál Nicolau Lobato, Bairru Pite, hafoin hala’o enkontru semanál ho Xefe Estadu José Ramos-Horta, kinta ne’e.

Nia dehan, bainhira investór seluk atu tama bele ajuda preparasaun Timor-Leste nian bainhira sai uma-na’in ba simeira ASEAN 2029.

Nia hatutan, Governu kumpre hotu ona saida mak Pelican Paradise husu oinsá halo instalasaun eletrisidade no dada bee-moos ba fatin Pelican Paradise nian iha Tibar.

“Ita responde ona, dada ona eletrisidade, dada ona bee ba, agora nia husu tan osan rihun balun tan atu sai hanesan garantia iha banku. Be ó investór boot ida osan laiha, ah, ne’e labele,” Xanana dehan.

Antes ne’e, projetu Pelican Paradise iha Timor-Leste nu’udar investimentu boot ida ho valór maizumenus millaun \$700 hodi harii kompleksu resort fitun lima, kampu golf no instalasaun sira seluk iha área Tasi-Tolu to’o Tibar.

Projetu ne’e, jere husi empreza Singapura Pelican Elixir Hotel, Unip. Ltd., hetan aprovasaun iha 2018, maibé hetan ona atrazu sira iha implementasaun no problema sira progresu nian, ne’ebé hamosu apelu sira atu kansela kontratu.

Pontu Xave sira Projetu Pelican Paradise nian:

Totál Investimentu: Kalkula ba tokon \$700 USD, ho valór espesífiku ba área Tasi-Tolu nian maizumenus tokon \$110 USD.

Fatin & Dimensaun: Lokaliza iha Tasi-Tolu (Dili) to’o Tibar (Liquiça), nia luan fiktar 550-558.

Fasilidade sira: Otél ho fitun lima, kampu golfe, rezidensiál, no instalasaun komersiál sira.

Impaktu Empregu: Faze dahuluk hein atu emprega maizumenus traballadór lokál 1,000.

Estatutu Atual (2026): Governu Timor-Leste hanoin hela atu kansela projetu ne’e tanba laiha progresu ne’ebé signifikativu, ho FONGTIL dudu atu tau empreza ne’e iha lista negra.

Projetu ne’ebé iha inísiu hetan apoiu liuhusi Trade Invest Timor-Leste, renova beibeik ona ninia kompromisu maibé hetan kontratempu iha implementasaun iha terrenu.

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Pelican Paradise lakohi fó komentáriu kona-ba Governu fó prazu hamamuk fatin

DILI, 17 abril 2026 (TATOLI)—Jestaun Pelican Paradise, afirma katak sei la fó komentáriu kona-ba instrusaun Governu nian ne'ebé ezije kompañia atu husik fatin projetu iha durante loron 10 nia-laran.

Jestór Projetu Pelican Paradise, Osvaldo Boavida, hato'o lia hirak ne'e ba TATOLI liuhosi online WhatsApp, katak sira-nia parte hili dalan lakohi fó komentáriu kona-ba desizaun ne'e.

“Bom dia!, konfirmasaun Primeiru-Ministru hato'o ne'e. Husi parte kompañia no ha'u sei la halo komentáriu, agora desizaun sira, na'in -lun sira (Governu) mak hatene. Obrigado”, Osvaldo Boavida, hatan ba Tatoli, sesta ne'e.

Antes Ne'e, Primeiru Ministru Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão deklara Katak, Governu foti ona desijaun ne'ebe firme hodi fó Pelican Paradise loron 10 hodi hamamuk fatin projetu iha área Tibar.

Desizaun ne'e halo liuhosi rezolusaun Governu nian ne'ebé fó knaar ba Vise-Primeiru-Ministru Francisco Kalbuadi Lay hodi halo komunikasaun ho kompañia hodi konkorda kona-ba prazu.

Tuir Xanana Gusmão, pasu ida ne'e ho objetivu atu loke oportunidade ba investidór sira seluk hodi utiliza área ne'e, partikularmente hodi apoia Timor-Leste nia preparasaun hodi sai uma-na'in ba Simeira ASEAN 2029 nian.

Nia subliña mós katak Governu kumpre ona pedidu oioin husi kompañia sira, inklui fornesimentu eletrisidade no bee-moos iha área projetu nian.

Projetu Pelican Paradise nu'udar investimentu boot ida ho valór maizumenus millaun \$700 , ne'ebé abranje konstrusaun resort fitun lima, kampu golf, área rezidensiál, no instalasaun komersiál sira iha rejiaun Tasi-Tolu to'o Tibar.

Maibé, dezde nia aprovasaun iha 2018, projetu ne'e seidauk hatudu progresu signifikativu, ne'ebé dudu Governu atu konsidera asaun tuirmai kona-ba nia kontinuasaun.

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