

## **March 1981 meeting to reorganise the Fretilin-led armed resistance in East Timor:**

***Uncorrected machine (Google) translation of Abilio Araujo's introduction to the written record.***

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It is with great joy and deep emotion that we present you this publication, that resulted from the transcription of the tapes recorded inside the country and documenting the first National Conference elapsed de ~ 1 to 8 of March 1981, in Politico-Military Region Nakroma for the reorganization of the country and the constitution Party ML / FRETILIN.

The great importance and profound historic significance of this Conference 1 National, to the heroic struggle of resistance maubere people as well as for the fight more general the oppressed peoples of the world, is well reflected in the documents that then transcribed according to the following scheme:

- Brief summaries of the situation of the country before 1 ~ National Conference elapsed de 1st to 8th March 1981.

II - Opening speech of 1 ~ National Conference delivered by Comrade Conference President Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao.

III-Act of the Conference

And the heroic account of the recent history of a people who, on 7 December . Seen his parents in 1975 invaded by barbarian aggressor; a people that has been humiliated in their values, robbed and stripped of their belongings; raped and butchered, a people weeping for her dead who already have hundreds of mi ~ Ihar the that does not slow down in their march to liberdade despite the high price that comes serr is obliged to pay in human lives and suffering. (The testimony of a plen people ~ mind conscious of its place in the world; un people who takes his story of a big way, sacrificed and universal.

It is the message that the Commander-in-Chief Comrade Xanana transmitted in you in His speech. we want to make clear. the message that, "We are workers, revolutionary workers to defend a fair ideal, a supreme ideal - of the save humanity by saving our people. And so, we are Communists. It this duty, the sacred bond that unites us all true Communists of the world whole at any latitude. The less dense the most populated country; island small to the largest continent; both in an underdeveloped country like the more advanced; a socialist or a capitalist country; all true Marxist-Leninists are united by a unique and sacred ideal for a beautiful and radiant ideal. We feel honor to be part of this great movement in our country also hoisted the banner of the Salvation of Mankind. "

The grandeur of the historic event that was 1 ~ National Conference for the Constitution Party and Reorganization of the country is thus possible henceforth be sized not only in historical perspective as well as the fullness of a process of struggle and liberation of Maubere people.

There is however, that the place and time for explaining about the essence immeasurable and content of the documents now coming will print. Instead, we recommend its depth study as each

word or each line written this document reflect the experience of blood, sweat and tears, as well as determination, courage and revolutionary optimism of a people whose heroism and bravery is reason of pride for the entire humanity combatant. After all, could not resist this presentation note, quote, once again, the Commander-in-Chief Comrade in the following passage from his eloquent opening speech at the Conference:

"We're not meeting to draft a statutory provision creating the party. Our party is not created by Decree-Law. We are here to answer the deepest aspirations of our people. We are here to ensure the continuity of the Revolution. Our Party was born of the blood of the revolution. Our Party has established itself in the consciousness Maubere People 'of.

Two years on that historic event, the Maubere People fearlessly and tirelessly continues its war of National Resistance under the undisputed Party ML / FRETILIN. The aplicação, Maubere by combatants, the line in. Itica military and drawn by the Party, resulted in a build up of successive victories over Indonesian aggressors, the past two years. By the year 1981, considered as the year of National Reorganization, followed in 1982, proclaimed by the party, as the year of the beginning of the strategic offensive and required the development of own revolutionary war for total liberation of the Motherland Maubere busy. The year 1983 is the year of National Unity.

In summary: People Maubere conferred by the leading role of the Party ML / FRETILIN and rectified the errors and failures of previous policy direction, which threatened to collapse, completely, the bone politico-military resistance Maubere, a new era had just been inaugurated.

The Party directs the fight either in the occupied areas (cities, towns, fields concentration, prisons), either in the Armed Resistance. On this front of struggle, FALINTIL as combative forefront Maubere People, judiciously apply new methods and tactics to combat synthesized by their own experience of struggle against the Indonesian attacker, who already constitute a modest contribution to the enrichment of revolutionary theory, in particular in the field of national liberation war in island countries. In several fronts of struggle, the party develops a correct policy of the United Front of all social strata Maubere who oppose the Indonesian-colonial expansionism.

It was not long that the Indonesian colonial-expansionist enemy began to feel her powerlessness to destroy Maubere Resistance. Against his will, click the Indonesian generals headed by the bloodthirsty Suharto was obliged to acknowledge to the Maubere People and to the World, the existence of organized struggle in East Timor, and its political direction. Preliminary discussions elapsed in March 1983 in the areas controlled by FALINTIL between the supreme commander of the occupying forces and Colonel Purwanto Comrade Commander-In-Chief Xanana Gusmão, are undoubtedly one of the tangible results of heroic action Maubere People under the direction its vanguard, the Party ML / FRETILIN.

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