

**Presidency of the Republic
Office of the President**

Presidential Decree No. /2008

Whereas the serious events that occurred this morning, 11 February 2008, whereby armed groups led by former Major Alfredo Alves Reinado attempted to take the lives of both the Head of State, His Excellency Dr. Ramos Horta, and the Head of Government, His Excellency Mr. Xanana Gusmao, in coordinated attacks that were carried out simultaneously, causing injury to the President of the Republic and seriously disturbing the established democratic and constitutional order.

Whereas the Democratic Rule of Law was seriously challenged by subversive, violent and undemocratic means that were used against the highest representatives of the State.

Having regard to the constitutional principles that were jeopardized and that it is incumbent upon the State to safeguard, having obtained an authorization from the National Parliament, having heard the Council of State, the Government and the Superior Council of Defence and Security, the President of the Republic, in the use of powers that are exclusively incumbent upon him pursuant to article 85(g) of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, declares a state of emergency across the whole national territory for a period of 48 (forty-eight) hours that shall begin at 10.00 pm on 11 February 2008 and end at 10.00 pm on 13 February 2008 and during which the following rights shall be suspended:

1. Freedom of movement, with a curfew being imposed between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am
2. Freedom to assemble and demonstrate.

Dili, 11 February 2008

The Acting President of the Republic

[signed]

Vicente da Silva Guterres