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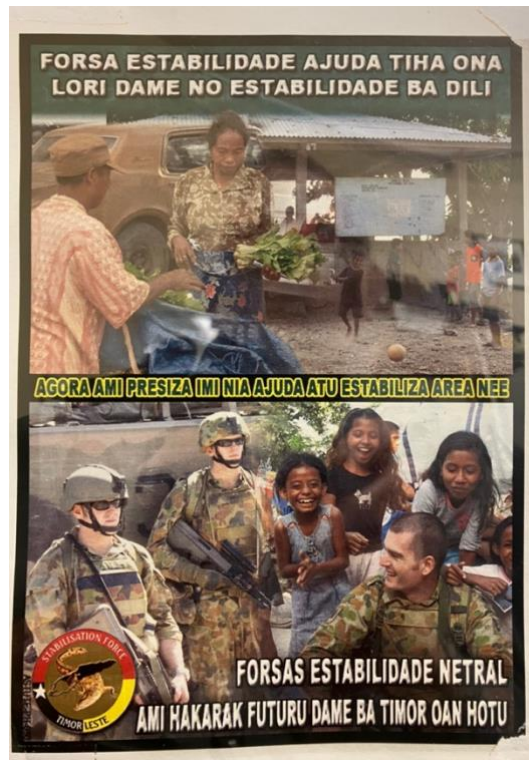
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Forthcoming Anniversaries

- 29 January 1941:** Italians evacuate Derna
- 29 January 1943:** Japanese attack Wau Airfield, New Guinea
- 30 January 1941:** 6 Div occupies Derna
- 30 January 1942:** Japanese attack Ambon, New Guinea
- 30 January 1968:** First Battle of Saigon begins Operation Coburg for 2 and 7 RAR
- 1 February 1943:** Last Australian forces sail for home from the Middle East
- 1 February 1942:** First air attack on Port Moresby, Papua
- 1 February 1968:** 3 RAR recaptures Bà Rịa, Vietnam
- 4 February 1942:** Axis forces recapture Derna. Japanese demands for the surrender of Singapore rejected
- 5 February 1917:** Capt Henry Murray, 13 Bn, awarded the VC for his actions at Stormy Trench, north east of Gueudecourt, France
- 7 February 1941:** Two 6 Div brigades capture Benghazi, Libya, from Italians

Propaganda Leaflets - Timor-Leste



Until mid-2006, Australian forces in Timor-Leste operated under a joint command known as Joint Task Force 631. From May 2006, after agreement with the United Nations, the overseas deployment was known as the International Stabilisation Force (ISF).

The ISF was under ADF command, and did not operate within the United Nations command or operational structure. Since its initial deployment in Timor-Leste, the ISF had been commanded by an ADF officer. It ceased its security operations on 22 November 2012.

We have three different two-sided colour leaflets distributed by the ISF. This one reads in Tetum "Stabilisation Force have helped bring peace and stability to Dili; Now we need your help to stabilise this area; Stabilisation Forces are neutral; We want a peaceful future for all Timorese"

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Victoria signed 'highly unusual' defence deal with Israel in 2022: [\(F\)ABCNews](#)

Ukraine

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