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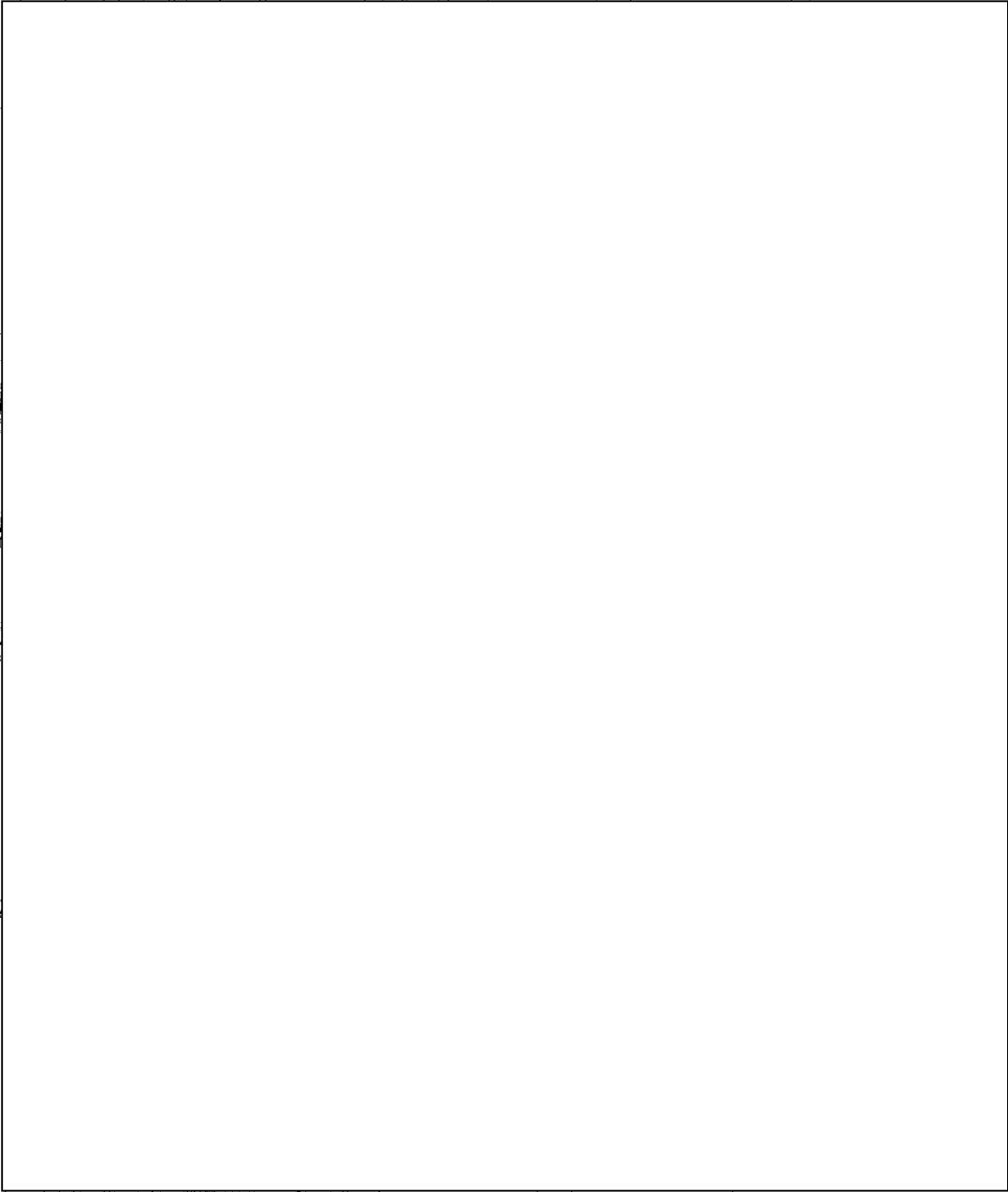
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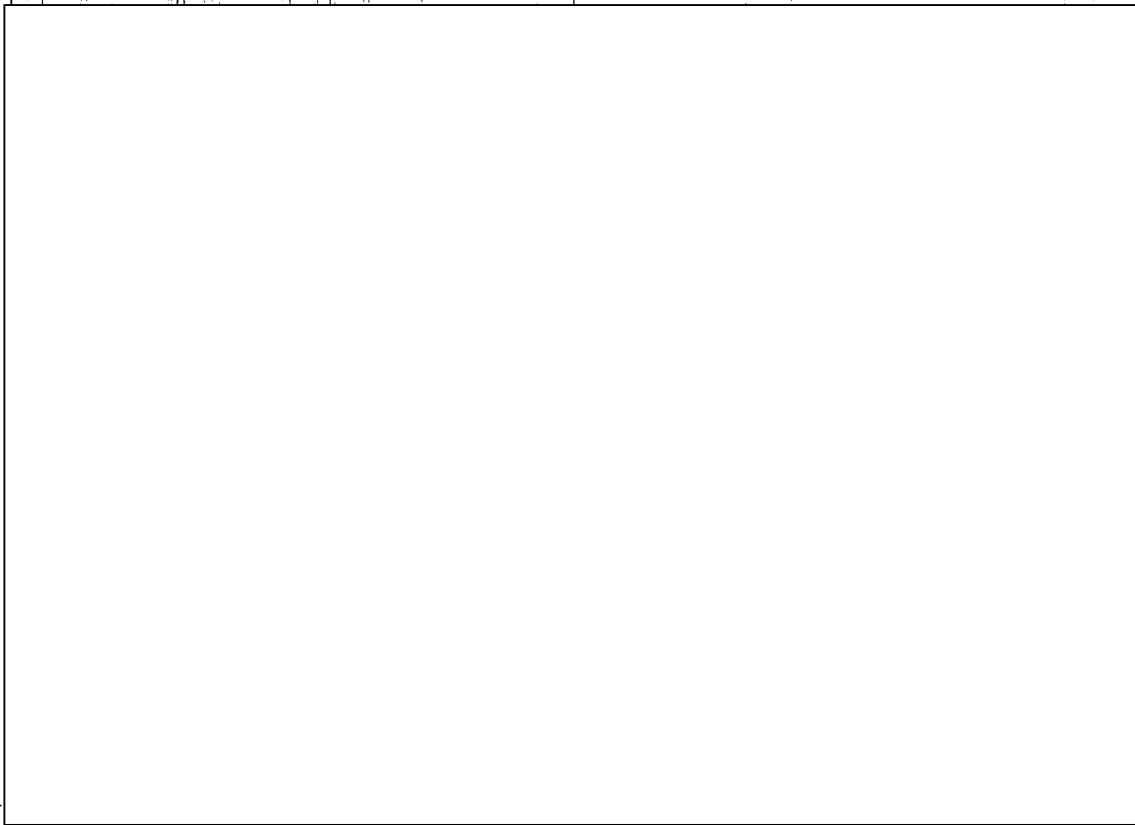


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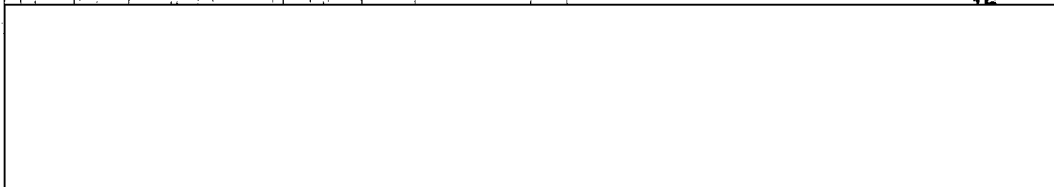
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PORTUGUESE TIMOR

Indonesian reinforcements have reached the front lines in Portuguese Timor, following an unsuccessful Fretilin counterattack against Lahamea. The arrival of reinforcements and continuing aerial reconnaissance suggest that a new Indonesian offensive against Atabai and Bobonaro can be expected soon.

The Fretilin counterattack on October 23 was beaten back by Indonesian heavy weapons fire, possibly including PT-76 tanks committed earlier in the week.

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A second infantry battalion from Java has been dispatched to Timor. Two companies were airlifted in and deployed immediately to the front. The rest of the battalion with attached artillery has sailed on a merchant vessel. Jakarta has consistently underestimated the strength of the Timorese leftists, and further reinforcements may be necessary.

On the political scene, Jakarta has agreed to meet with Portuguese diplomats in Rome on November 1. Indonesia will undoubtedly continue to insist that the Portugal regain control of Timor or authorize Indonesian intervention. Lisbon still hopes for UN or multination intercession, but these hopes are growing increasingly dim. Indonesia is continuing to deny invasion, but the continued flow of reinforcements implies that military pressure will increase until a bid for integration from the Indonesian-backed Timorese factions can be used to justify unification with Indonesia.

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