



Press Release
Baucau District Court
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Baucau District Court conducts hearings outside normal working hours

On 10 March 2015, the Baucau District Court conducted hearings outside normal working hours, and finished at 8.10pm, in order to hear three cases which had been scheduled for trial in this court.

These cases comprised one case of simple offences against physical integrity and kidnapping, one case of simple offences against physical integrity characterized as domestic violence, and one case of simple offences against physical integrity.

“JSMP values the dedication and commitment shown by the courts, both through the mobile court and the permanent courts in the districts. This once again shows extraordinary dedication that we should respect to further motivate the courts to do work which they have shown serves the public through the justice sector,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

JSMP observed that hearings outside normal working hours often take place at the Baucau District Court. Previously, on 10 June 2014, the Baucau District Court conducted hearings in 6 cases until 7.20pm and on 25-27 February 2015, JSMP observed that the mobile court in Bobonaro District conducted hearings until 9pm.

JSMP hopes that these practices will set an example for other public institutions to ensure that all people can receive the services they need based on the circumstances and difficulties they face.

These three cases were presided over by single judge Hugo da Cruz Pui. The public prosecution service was represented by Domingos Barreto, and the defendant was represented by Jose Maria de Caitano (*trainee public defender*) and public defender Juvinal Yanés.

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