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**FIRST JUDICIAL QUESTIONING IN THE CASE OF THE
SUSPECT 'OAN KIAK'**

On Monday 21 August 2006, the Dili District Court held its first judicial questioning in the case of the suspect 'Oan Kiak'. This questioning lasted for two hours and finally the Panel decided to place the suspect in temporary detention pursuant to the Timor Leste Criminal Procedure Code so the Prosecution Unit could continue their investigations into this case to determine if the suspect did in fact commit the crime of which he is accused.

As stated in the press conference held by the Australian Federal Police Commander, Steve Lancaster on Friday 18 August 2006, the suspect 'Oan kiak' voluntarily handed himself over to the International Police forces in Timor Leste who are stationed at the Kaikoli Detention Centre, Dili. Mr. Lancaster also stated that the police had issued a warrant of arrest for the suspect even though the suspect had voluntarily surrendered himself.

The judicial questioning was presided over by Judge Dora Martis who was assisted by Judge Ana Paula. Two prosecutors were present, namely Felismino and Aderito Tilman. The suspect was represented by two lawyers, namely Pedro Aparicio and Augusto Marques

JSMP is supportive of these procedures and hopes that they can be applied in other cases, to ensure that cases are processed in accordance with the principles of a fair trial.

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