Correction of Press Release: Wednesday 3 July 2013 regarding the mobile court in Bobonaro District

This press release is issued with the aim of correcting certain dates that were mentioned in the JSMP Press Release dated 3 July 2013 in relation to "the mobile court" conducted in Bobonaro District. Notwithstanding, JSMP maintains and continues to defend the substance of the aforementioned publication issued by JSMP.

Date of hearings

The mobile court conducted by the Suai District Court in Bobonaro actually conducted hearings on 26, 27 and 28 June 2013. However the JSMP publication only referred to 26 and 27 June 2013 in accordance with the dates that JSMP conducted monitoring. JSMP did not cover the hearings that took place on 28 June 2013 due to other commitments in Dili.

Total Number of Cases

According to the agenda the mobile court heard a total of 19 cases. In its previous publication JSMP only mentioned 8 cases (these were the cases monitored by JSMP on 26 and 27 June 2013).

Presiding judge who announced final decision

In the JSMP publication entitled "Suai District Court fails to protect victim of sexual violence when mobile court conducted in Bobonaro District" in Case No. 102/PEN/2012, the final paragraph states that the judge who announced the decision was Dr. Pedro Raposo Figueireido. However the aforementioned hearing was presided over and decided by presiding judge Dr. Costânçio Barros Basmery who was representing the panel of judges trying this case. The public prosecution service was represented by prosecutors Dr. Felismino Cardoso, Dr. Jacinto Babo Soares and Dr. Benvinda do Rosario and the defendant was represented by public defender Dr. João Henrique de Carvalho.

JSMP also mentioned in its publication that the decision was announced on 26 June 2013, however the actual date was 27 June 2013.

We wholeheartedly apologise to those parties who have some involvement in this process for these errors.

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