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Courts start their judicial recess

Each year between 01 August and 15 September 2020 the courts in Timor-Leste have a judicial recess. The courts will recommence trials as per normal starting on 16 September 2020.

During this period the courts in the four jurisdictions of Dili, Baucau, Suai and Oekusi will suspend normal trial proceedings, but will continue to attend to urgent cases in shifts to deal with summary proceedings, defendants in detention/prison and first questioning, as well as civil cases involving interlocutory injunctions.

“Court actors need some time to rest because of their excessive work load, and the large number of cases before the courts and some cases are very complex and they need to expend a lot of energy, and therefore they deserve this entitlement,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

This judicial recess is offered to court actors so they can enjoy their entitlement to a holiday and a rest, but at the same time it allows them to organise themselves properly so they can continue providing judicial services to further improve their productivity.

Recalling the importance of this holiday for court actors, JSMP hopes that after this recess they will continue their work with renewed enthusiasm to meet their duties and obligations as provided for in the Constitution and the law.

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