

Francisco Guterres Lu Olo for President

“I shall be a President of all and for all”

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Lu Olo Tells Horta: There is Only One FRETILIN Candidate

Lu’Olo tells Horta: There is only one FRETILIN candidate FRETILIN Presidential candidate, Francisco Guterres Lu’Olo today demanded that his opponent stop misusing the FRETILIN name in his campaign.

“Why does Mr. Horta need to use the name of FRETILIN? He knows the truth, that he left FRETILIN in 1984, in a very difficult time. Mr. Horta is not a member of FRETILIN now, and he is not a FRETILIN candidate. He should stand for what he is, not pretend to be something he is not.”

“FRETILIN protested about Mr. Horta’s attempt to use the name of FRETILIN in the first round. Now he is doing it again, telling people he was the one who brought the FRETILIN flag to Timor-Leste. He knows very well that people in rural areas especially have great respect for FRETILIN. I joined FRETILIN from its very beginning, and stayed with it until today.”

“Mr. Horta says he will save FRETILIN, but FRETILIN saved itself in 2001, when it withdrew from CNRT, and reformed as a political party to contest the first elections.

“I am very happy to see many young people at our rallies. The majority of our people want to keep the FRETILIN tradition alive, to continue to defend our independence. Following the debate on TVTL, I have received many messages of support from many people across the country. I am very grateful and proud to have this support. It shows me that people appreciate the clear message we are giving. I do not pretend to be something I am not.”

“I also want to thank Jacob Xavier from PPT and Manuel Tilman from KOTA, who have called on their members to vote for me. Their support for me shows very clearly that the attempts to divide Timorese into east and west did not succeed. We are one people, the Maubere people, and I promise to be a President for all.”

“I ask every citizen of our country to vote again for our independence, and for national unity. There is only one Timor-Leste, and there is only one FRETILIN. From Nicolau to Lu’Olo, the same thinking, the same aspiration: the liberation of the Maubere people.”

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