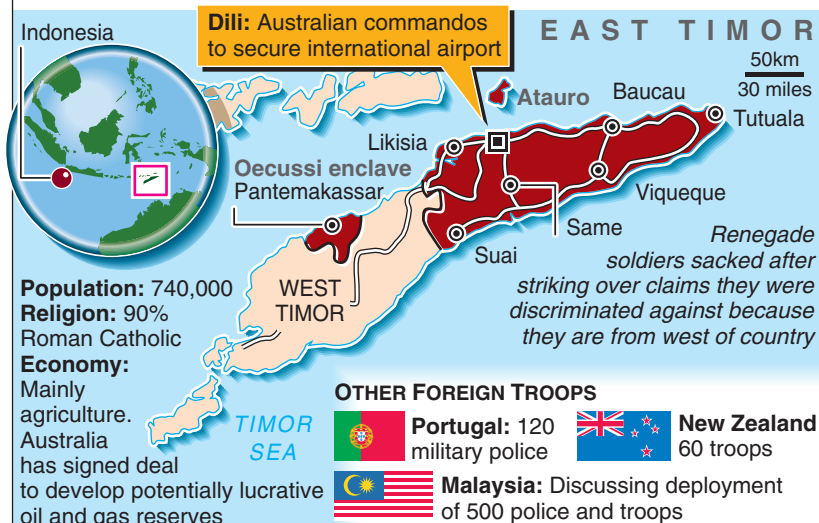


Australian troops deployed to East Timor

Australia has sent 150 commandos to East Timor, ahead of a deployment of 1,300 troops, to restore order after fighting erupted in the capital, Dili, between government troops and 600 sacked military police. The tiny country has just celebrated the fourth anniversary of its independence



Australia's military – total 52,000 active duty and 20,000 reserve personnel – are now deployed in:
Iraq – **1,400** troops
Afghanistan – **550**, another **240** due in July
Soloman Islands – **400**