

Emergency rule imposed in East Timor

President Xanana Gusmao is taking control of East Timor's national security to try to defuse mounting unrest sparked by a split in the army. The violence, triggered by the sacking of around 600 soldiers from the west of the country who claimed discrimination by eastern leaders in the 1,400 strong army, marks the worst crisis in the nation's seven-year history

Prime Minister **Mari Alkatiri**: Blamed by some in government for failing to stop unrest



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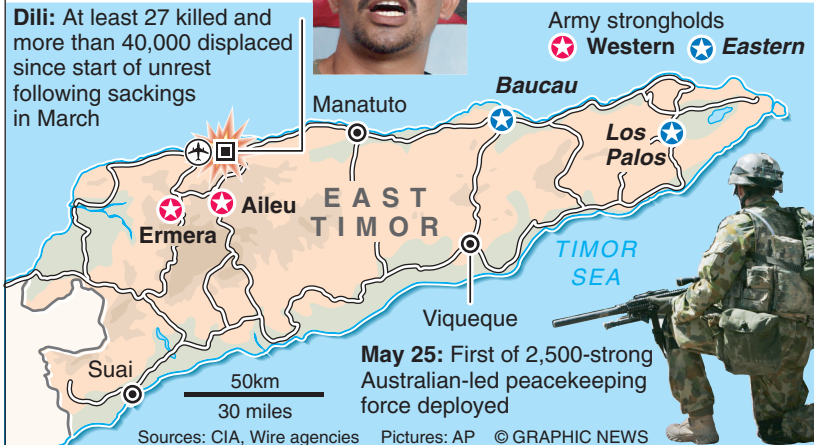
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Alfredo Reinhado, emerging as key player in crisis



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Formed major part of **Falintil** guerilla movement which resisted rule by Indonesia before independence, and largest part of army since 2002



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