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**Press release**

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 27 September 2019**

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved the Government Decree, presented by the Acting Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Agio Pereira and the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority of Timor-Leste (ANPM), which regulates the procedure concerning the allocation of areas of the territory of Timor-Leste to research and oil production activities.

The analysis of the Government's resolution on the authorisation to open public tenders for the conclusion of petroleum contracts was also continued, with a view to carrying out research and oil production activities under the Law of Petroleum Activities and the Tegulation of Petroleum Public Procurement.

The Acting Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Fidelis Leite Magalhães, gave a presentation to the Council of Ministers on the disease that has caused the deaths of hundreds of pigs in the country. Samples were taken from these animals and sent for laboratory analysis in Australia confirming that these animals suffer from African swine fever. This disease is highly contagious among animals, not producing effects on humans and has affected several Asian countries. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in collaboration with the Government of Australia, has taken all necessary measures to limit the effects of this outbreak, for which there is still no remedy, cure or vaccine. **ENDS**



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