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## **Press Release**

## Celebration of Idul Adha 2020

The VIII Constitutional Government presents its congratulations to the Muslim community of Timor-Leste in the Idul Adha celebrations, which this year is celebrated tomorrow, July 31.

Idul Adha, also known as the Great Feast or Feast of Sacrifice, is one of the most important ceremonies in the Islamic religion, which recalls the sacrifice of Abraham, and which follows the pilgrimage to Mecca. It is celebrated from the tenth day of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah (last month of the lunar year, in the Islamic calendar).

The people of Timor-Leste continue to embrace a variety of traditions, cultures and religions, which characterize the nation, and which share the universal values of forgiveness, friendship, tolerance and peace.

The Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Government Spokesperson, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, on behalf of the Government and the entire Timorese People, wishes the entire Muslim community of Timor-Leste and the world a happy celebration of the Idul Adha. The Government also expresses the wishes that "in the spirit of Idul Adha, the Muslim community continues to contribute intensively to national development and that Timor-Leste continues to be an example of solidarity and religious harmony, in the region and in the world, stand as a beacon of these valuable values". **END** 

