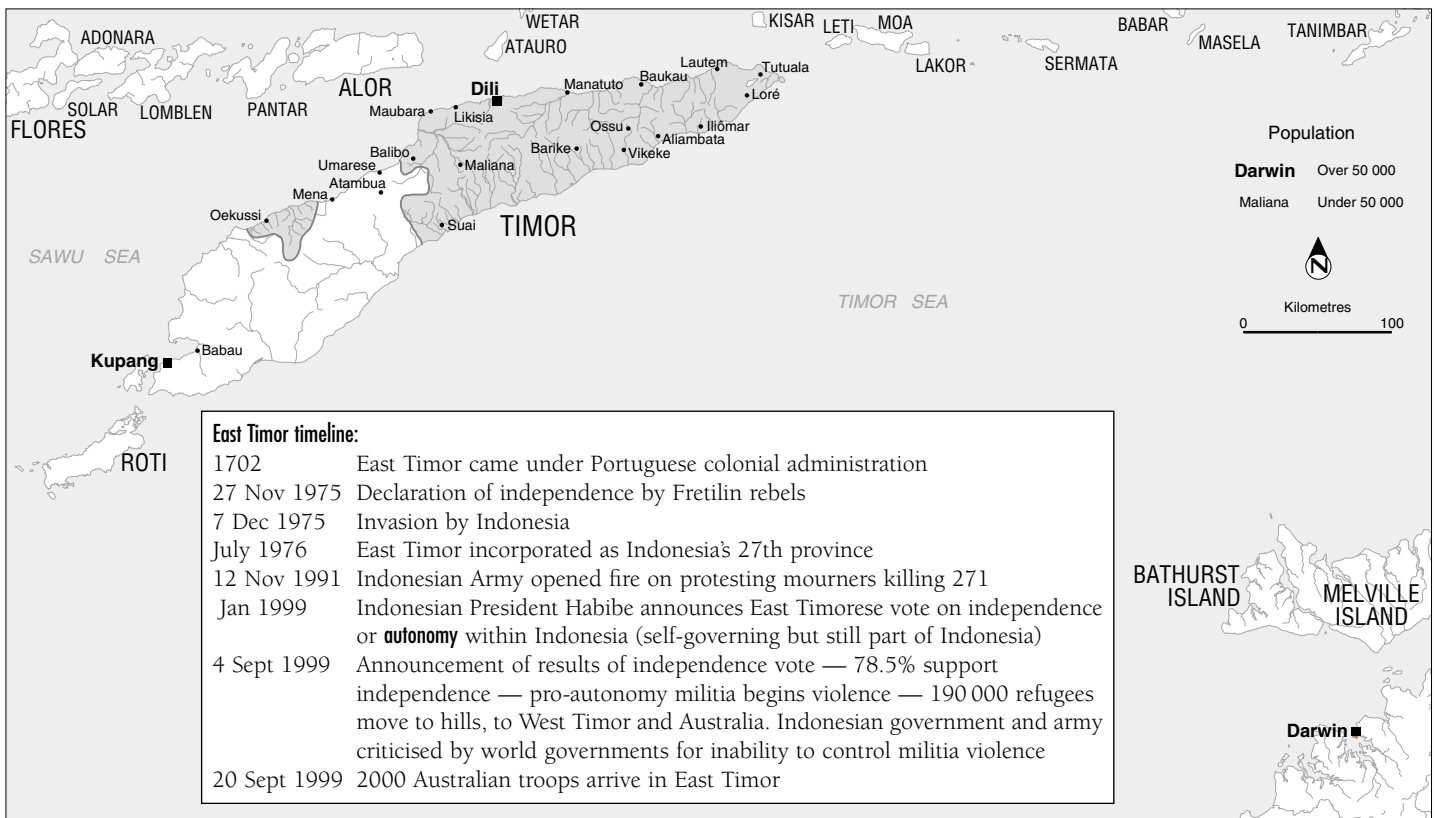


**DATELINE:** On 20 September 1999, an Australian-led United Nations peace keeping force, Interfet, commanded by Major-General Peter Cosgrove arrived in Dili, the capital city of East Timor. This force was sent to control the violent actions of Indonesian militia (private armies not under control of the Indonesian Government) after 78.5% of the people of East Timor voted for independence on 4th September. The mission has been called the United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor (UNAMET). Countries contributing to UNAMET include Australia, Britain, USA, France, New Zealand, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Canada, Japan, Malaysia and Brazil. Some countries will provide troops and others will contribute financial aid.



East Timor map and timeline of events

- Using the map of East Timor above, answer the following questions about troop and refugee movements:
  - How far is it from Dili to Darwin? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How far is it from Dili to the West Timorese town of Atambua where East Timorese refugees are in camps? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What would be the approximate population of Atambua now that some 100,000 East Timorese refugees are based there? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How far is it from Dili to the border town of Balibo where Interfet forces have extended their control since their arrival? \_\_\_\_\_
  - From Dili, in what direction would Interfet troops have travelled to Balibo? \_\_\_\_\_
- According to the timeline above, how many years is it since the Fretilin rebels declared East Timor's independence from Indonesia? \_\_\_\_\_
- Using the map of South-East Asia on pages 144–145 and the Land Use in Indonesia map on page 146 of the *Jacaranda Atlas* answer the following questions:
  - How far is it from Dili to Jakarta? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Dili closer to Darwin or Jakarta? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What type of vegetation covers most of East Timor? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What difficulties might this present for the UN forces? \_\_\_\_\_
- Look carefully at the map of Global Defence and Conflict in 1999 on page 25 of the *Jacaranda Atlas*. List three other places near to Australia where there is civil unrest. \_\_\_\_\_  
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