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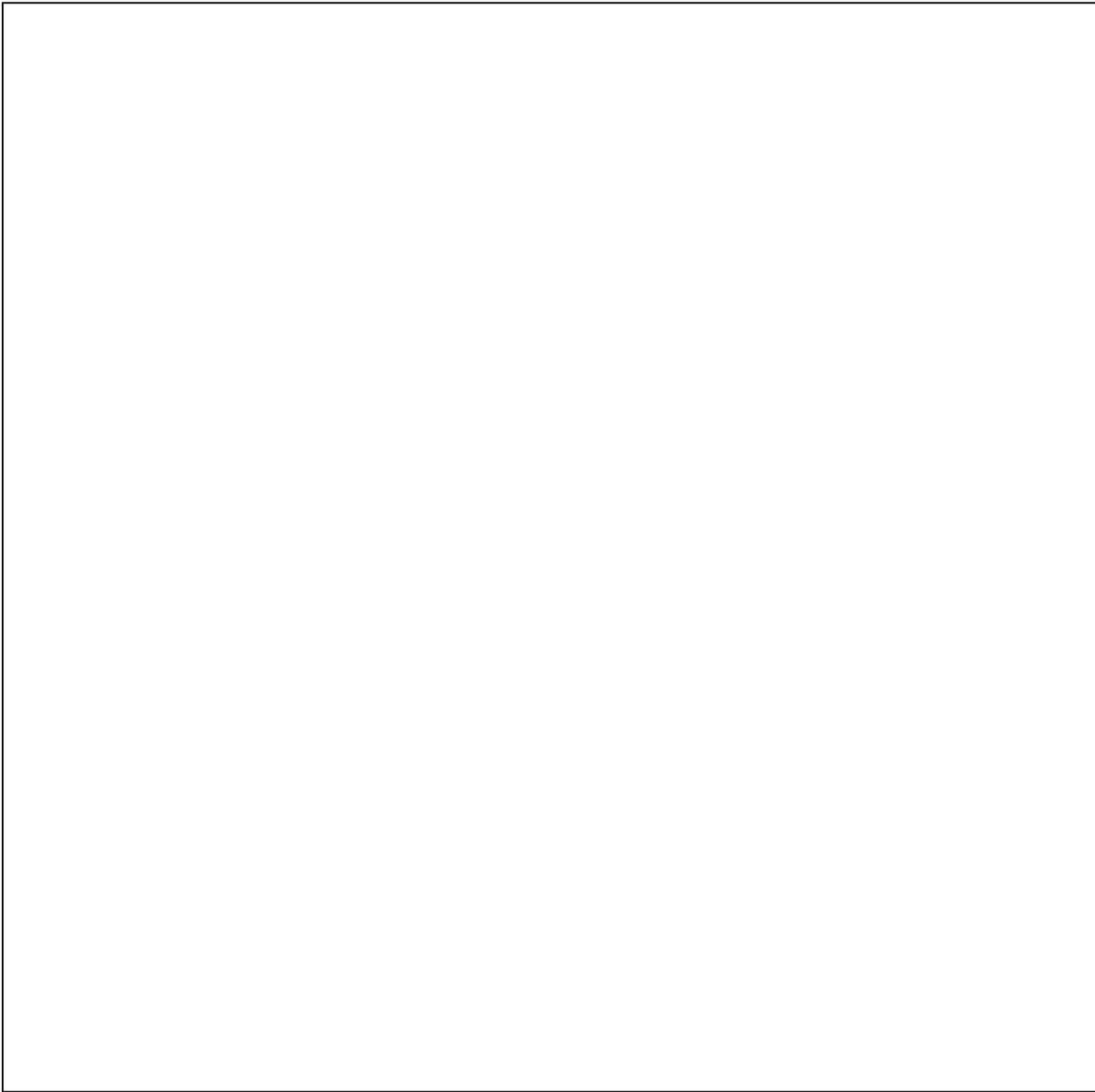
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INDONESIA: New Attacks in East Timor

Indonesia is now engaged in its largest military operation to date against the insurgent forces in East Timor. The

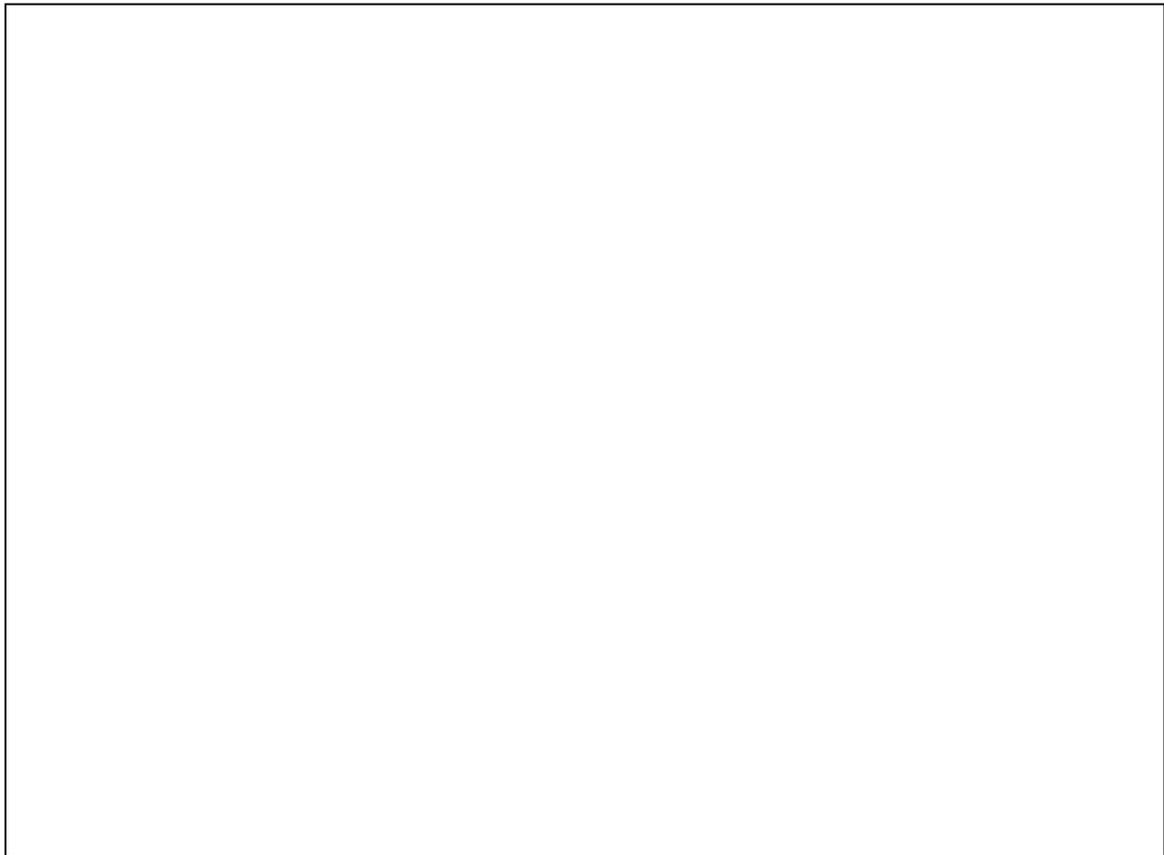
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operation, the second in a year, is taking place in an area where Indonesian troops have previously encountered stiff resistance and taken heavy casualties. [redacted] [redacted] the Fretelin has improved its military operations over the last year, and the Indonesians most likely will find it difficult to destroy the rebel groups' military effectiveness within the next year or so.

Since the Indonesians captured most of the populated areas and important military installations in the former Portuguese colony more than two years ago, they have had difficulties extending their control to the countryside and in some cases, even pacifying areas near the large populated centers.

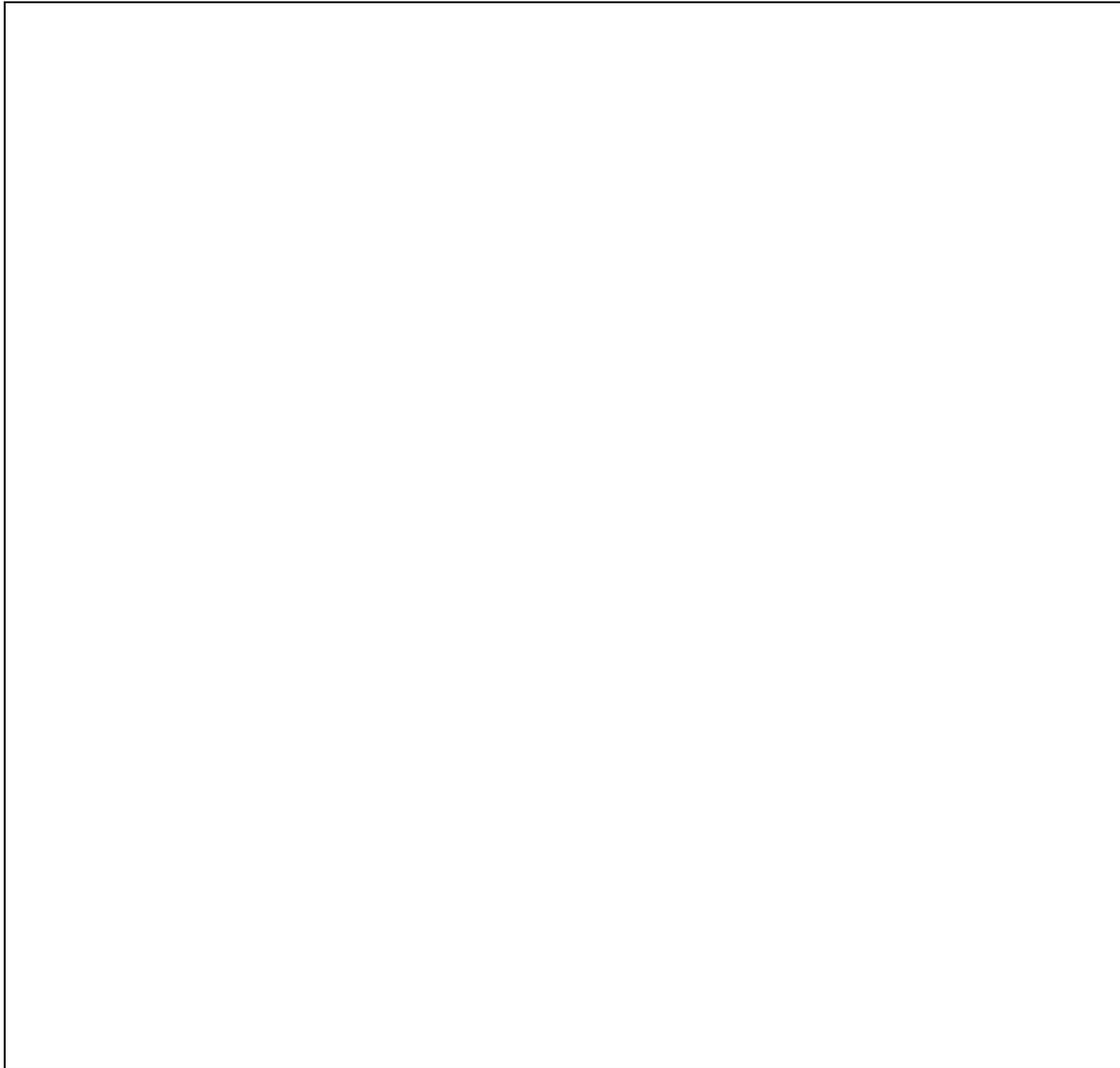


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