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euroAtlantic, the first Portuguese commercial company lands at Dili Airport transporting GNR (Portuguese militarised police force) military staff to Timor

in a few hours euroAtlantic airways will become the first Portuguese commercial company to land at the Nicolau Lobato International Airport (DIL in IATA code) or (WPOL in ICAO code), serving Dili the capital of East Timor using Boeing 757-200 equipment. euroAtlantic is transporting a contingent of the GNR of the Alfa Sub-grouping on the same plane which will arrive in Lisbon early on Wednesday morning with 140 GNR military passengers who will also become the first passengers to fly directly between the capitals of the two countries on a civilian flight.

The company founded and Chaired by Tomáz Metello in which the Pestana Group holds a stake on the occasion of the independence of the newest State of the United Nations put a Portuguese contingent of the Blue Helmets (UNO) in East Timor, bringing back the outgoing troops. More recently euroAtlantic was in the news again in Timor when after, in the timeframe of 12:48 hours, it answered an urgent request by the Portuguese government which transported to the field a public unrest intervention force of the GNR. One of its Lockheed Tristar, using an improvised communications system, landed at Baucau Airport, with the Foreign and Defence Minister at the time, today the President of the Republic Ramos Horta, accompanied by the Portuguese Ambassador in East Timor João Ramos Pinto who were on board the L1011 to, in the name of the government, thank the collaboration of euroAtlantic with a landing only possible by dint of the great professional experience of its pilots.

euroAtlantic airways has vast experience in the transport of military forces and contingents. Its permanent staff includes pilots and technicians trained at the Military Academy deriving from the Portuguese Air Force which boast commendations for work in relevant services. The United Nations and the North Atlantic Alliance Treaty Organisation (NATO) frequently use euroAtlantic to station "Blue Helmet" forces or NATO troops in conflict areas.

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