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# THE JUST ENDEMNIZATION IN THE EXPLOITATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITY IN THE TIMORESE LEGAL SYSTEM.

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#### **Abstract**

**Introduction:** Expropriation for public utility and established in article 54 or paragraph of the Constitution of the Republic Democratic of Timor-Leste (CRDTL) is common to the legal system of the vast majority of the state, but the legal requirements and administrative processes by which this prerogative is exercised in each of them and mostly different. With all the legislation create the Law no. 8/2017 of 26 April on expropriations for public utility, to protect the rights over real estate of citizens and communities. To the extent that they must obtain the just indemnity that is sufficient calculations with adequate and fair payments, but in reality, not yet the just indemnification.

**Objective:** to make known to the citizens or owners of real estate the right to contest when someone violates their right to obtain just indemination, despite contributing to the state, we must have adequate and fair counterparts with the expenses for their appropriate through the obtainment of just indeminization so that we weigh to obtain a dignified housing.

**Methodology:** We used the deductive methodology in this elaboration, because all the research is done through the library and other references were consulted on the internet as an auxiliary means.

**Discussion:** The ordinary legislature establishes in law 8/2017 the and office for the calculation of the value of the compensation through is the market value to fix that the compensation is fair to expropriated, not and sufficient to guarantee a fair compensation because there are some imove is that it does not have a commercial value, but it has a personal value that is not easily compensated. In Timor-Leste,

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many people who suffer because of expropriation and do not receive fair compensation from the state, because ours is still at the beginning of development and society is obliged to sacrifice its ownership for the development of its country.

Conclusion: The just compensation in the expropriation in the public utility in the Timor-Leste legal system, considered with duty of the state to make expropriation of the amount of the indemnity before the expropriated, the implementation in the capital of the nation cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

KEYWORDS: Fair Compensation, Exploration, and Legal Planning

#### INTRODUCTION

tect the rights over real state of citizens and commu- public interest. nities. To the extent that they must obtain just compensation that is sufficient calculations with adequate The expropriator and the one who hasthe compenation.

The purpose of this is to make known to citizens or In Timor-Leste this prerogative and many times pre- property owners the right to contest when someone sented as an absolute power of administration. The violates their right to obtain just indemination, altinterpretation of expropriation is often conveyed by hough contributing to the State, we must have adethe public administration and politics and that, when quate and fair compensation with the expenses for the state needs a property for any public purpose, their property through the obtainment of just indemiwhether they want it or not, its holder has to accept nation so that we weigh to obtain a decent housing. and offer his right without challenge, often the ex- Expropriation is contingently reserved in the Constipropriation proceedings do not meet the legal re-tution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, quirement, the indemination is not sufficient and not hereinafter of the CRDTL, in Article 54(1). 3 and determined by the administration, justified only by regulated ordinarily in law 8/2017 of 26 April, howthe obligation of each one to contribute to the devel- ever, does not contain its concept. Expropriation and opment of one way. The expropriation for public the action and effect of expropriation. This verb reutility and established in Article 54(3) of the Consti- fers to the conduct developed by the public admintution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste istration to deprive the property of a private of his (CRDTL) is common to the legal system of the vast right, in the context of an indemnity, with for exammajority of the State, but the legal requirements and ple to deprive a house or a land of the private indiadministrative processes by which this prerogative is vidual for a public interest purpose. Exploitation is exercised in each of them and, mostly different. an instrument which the administration uses to im-With all the legislation create the Law no. 8/2017 of plement state plans, by extending the right of owner-26 April on expropriations for public utility, to pro-shipand in particular for the purpose of pursuing

and fair payments, but in reality, not yet just indemitence to declare the public utility of the expropriation, in accordance with Law No. 8/2017 of 26 April, Article 34. No. 1, it is part for the Council of Ministers

favor of whom the expropriation, that is, that case is the direct administration of the state.

As we have said before, although our Constitution object of public utility (Article 4 (1) and in the reso-ble property. lution to request the declaration of expropriation,

to make a declaration of public utility, and it has the public utility, but we try to explain us much as posright to indemarination by virtue of that condition. sible. As we do not know, the state may, at any The beneficiary of expropriation is the entity which time, deprive someone of his property and the rights requests the declaration of public utility (Art 33). To inherent in them by force of expropriation. Howevthe competent organ to prologize and stand it, in er, the state must also show the expropriated that the the object of his property is subject to expropriation and one who assigns the object of expropriation to pur- for public utility or interest put in public. Thus, our sue inter this public through expropriation, in this legislator explains the reasons for public utility such as those provided for in article 4. No 3° of the law: 8/2017.

does not rule on expropriation, but I have defined Real estate refers to immovable things that are susthe conditions of expropriation as provided for in ceptible to expropriation. In our code o say civil, in Article 54. No. 3 of the CRDTL, determines that." its art. 195 o. no 1. It designates that the following and expropriation for utility públic a so has a fair are real estate: tourist and uraneous goods, waters, mediate place inaccordance with the law." This trees, shrubs and natural fruits, when they have been article has a further need for expropriation: it must connected to the soil, the rights inherent in real esserve as a public utility, it can only happen for pay- tate, the integral parts of the tourist and urban buildment of a just indemination and it has to be long in ings. Rustic building is understood as a limited part order to take a real expropriation, if it is not true that of the soil and the buildings existing in it that do not one of them will no longer be able to, we find rela- have economic autonomy, and by urban building tives an expropriation for public utulity. Therefore, any definition incorporated in the soil with the land the concept of public utility is linked between inter that serves as a place of place (No 2 of the same artiand a public interest and private interest, but rather cle). The expropriation of the movable property what is prehensible and public interest than private referred to implies the loss of the property which is interest. The process of expropriation is also close- the subject of the right of ownership and of properly linked to the concept of public utility, this link ty, as for sub o epigraph example, usually occurs exists from this the in the process of procedure to and in the possession and of the assets. Expropriawhich the expropriation is possible If the object of tion also applies to the obligatory rights of the the property is to be expropriated must pursue an right, (e.g., lease of the right), which affect immova-

the cause of the expropriation must be duty identi- We now conjugate the concept of expropriation and fied and substantiated in accordance with the law public utility. Expropriation for public utility is con-(1) (b) of article 33 of law 8/2017. As the legisla-stitutionally provided for in article 54 (3) of the tion does not determine exactly the assumptions of CRDTL, "Right of private property and data" Bepublic utility. ed by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

THEORETICAL INQUIRY

fore we talk about the concept of the expropriation The right of insemination which the state guarantees of public utility, let us mention a little about private to the expropriated is not any compensation, but a appropriation and gift because both are o closely just compensation provided for it. The just imlinked. On the other hand, we have a fundamental demnization by expropriation aims to reconstitute right, which is a limitation. The private property is a the value of the good to be expropriated and exposiright which a State gives to its citizensare those with tion of the proprietary that the exprobated held, so different powers such as to enjoy, enjoy, enjoy, and that there is no inequality among others who are not dispose of a detirminated good that pertains to them. expropriated. The state and obligation to give in-The use and enjoyment represent in the use of the demnification to the expropriated and compensate thing and become proper the fruits which the thing him for the loss of the if well creating a correspondproduces the disposition signee the power to align ing patrimonial situation of equal value. The obligaor burden the good respectful fruits. Andalthough tion to indemnify and deal with in article 497 et sethe proprietor has his exclusive right before his quency of the CCT, under a general regime of the ownanddade, he may be expropriated for reasons of obligation to imdeminization on the violation re-The expropriation of public utility ferred to above which says the second "whoever is exists as a memory of private prairieland private obliged to repair a damage and more reconfirmaproperty and of and race the solution of the conflict tion on situation would exist, if not if it had effected between public interest and private interest through the event which required the repair " and further the payment of a just indemination to the postbags acknowledged that natural compensation did not of the expropriated relative their property rights cit-fully repair the damage or is excessively harmful to the debtor, in accordance with article 501(1) of the CCT.

The just imdemnization and an economic guarantee The form of the resolve of the compensation is out that the state assurances to the expropriated to con- in article 501 (2) of the CCT. This article deals with fession the sacrifice that is requested of him, borne the theory of difference, according to which damage of equal value that the expropriated had at the time is assessed in the sense of property by making a of expropriation. As we have already mentioned concrete assessment of the changes made to the asbefore, the just imdemniza and one of the requisites sets of the injured party. For the assessment of this of validity of the expropriative self and main guar- change, a comparison is made between the actual antee of the expropriated legally provided for in the current property situation of the injured party and CRDTL in its art.54° n° 3 that says the following his current hypothetical property situation if there "the expropriation for public utility can only be were no such thing as being that it is not possible made by means of the payment of a just compensa- that there is no present property damage. Our constition" if the expropriated person is not entitled to tution, in its art.54°. n.3, does not divide the criteria compensation, then there will be no expropriation. is compensatory rivers to apply directly to objective,

**AJMCRR, 2023 Volume 2 | Issue 7 | 4 of 10**  ation of the damage arising from the expropriation and the administration is obliged to adopt measures only determines that the compensation must be fair. providing or providing benefits. But the ordinary legislator left the choice crit is rivers indemnities and misall of evaluation. Thus, the Fair compensation and a right of the expropriated -patrimonial nature.

nor does it indicate m is all or mechanisms of evalu- fices in the legal capacity of the people or citizens

legislature establishes in the ordinary law, law which the state guarantees Constitutionally. This 8/2017 that the critis the river of the market value compensation referred to and the restitution of the for the fix of a fair compensation. Under article 57, extropriate assets which is sacrificed and offered to the right compensation must cover all the financial the state by means of expropriation in return fora costs resulting from expropriation such as: costs of payment of the compensation. The CRDTL is safere-store, commercial losses and also values of a non guarded in its art.54 o. no 3 and this provided for in art. 56°. n. °. 1 of law 8/2017 that says the compensation for public utility can only be allowed if there The amount of immovable property and the expro- is a guarantee and made of the payment of the compriation by the expropriated is based on the criteri- pensation. This payment may only be repaid after on of the market value on the soil and the replace- the whole process of expropriation has been carried ment value of contracts and plans that exist there, out until the attempt to grant it by private law, to on the basis of article 58 of the same law also pro- benefit from expropriation, to DNTPCS and the vides in article 56 of the 2, if there is agreement be- intermediates having agreed on the amount of the tween the parties, preference should be given to the amount of the amount to be paid for the property payment of compensation through the census of which has been sacrificed (Art. 30 No. 1 all numimmovable property of the state and in addition the ber. A number of laws 8/2017), and to need public law also establishes a mechanism to safeguard this acquisition and drawn up relative the not arrivthose interested (holders of rights in rem and hold- er public or other form established by law for the ers of obligatory rights) who re affected by expro-transmission of the rights in question (art.31°. n. 1 of priation in a loss. of life at least equal to that which the same law). In accordance with article 60 of they were before the expropriation under art. 8<sup>no</sup>. .4. Law 8/2017, compensation is paid in cash and only the studies provided for are fundamental for the re- applicable once or in and in a specie through the alization of expropriation either for the purpose of centennial of an equivalent good except parts have compensation or to ensure that this principle of been agreed by means of payment of compensation safeguarding and respected, article 18 of the same in black or in the centennial and goods or rights law. The criteria referred to above must comply (art. 61 o. n 1°), if there is an agreement between with the material principles of the Constitution in the expropriated and the exproriating entity at the particular the principle of equality and proportion- time of the attempted acquisition by means of pubality. The administration is prohibited from adopt- lic law, with paragraph 2 of the same article of iming measures which entail unequal burdens or sacri- portance in the practice of implementation in the

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field study cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, tion in accordance with the law and recognizes to 2023).

### **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

relating to these properties of particular through expropriated. expropriation, is a rule of guarantee because by con-

the citizen a guarantee of just compensation and payment of this amount of compensation, that is to say, this article in addition to providing for the right Republic Democratic of Timor-Leste, Rule of Law, of citizens, the ligislador is also established the this means that the state is subordinate to Constitu- power and duties of the state that at any time detion and the laws. The acts of the State shall be valid prive that right by expropriation by reason of preif they have been conformed to the Constitution and sager the interest and public payment of a just comthe other ordinary laws (Art. 1 <sup>(1)</sup>) and 2. From pensation. Law No. 8/2017, and of April 26 of the RDTL). The state, the organ and agent of the public expropriation for utilityin its art. 56. On the content administration may act only on the basis of law of the duties of the state and with the motive of within the limits imposed by law in the sense that it safeguard which cannot be done, because of exprorespects the principle of legality. In accordance priation, leave the persons affected by it in a situawith this principle, the intervention of the state with- tion the worst they were in before the expropriation, in the framework of rights, freedom and guarantees and this rule imposes on the state to fulfill its duty may be carried out on the basis of the law. The du- of guarantee a just compensation to its citizens ties of the state of the RDTL which we are referring them. Although the state has more power to exproto now and in the face of an expropriation for public priate the property of the individual, it does not utility which is provided for in article 54<sup>(3)</sup>, namely, mean that the State acts in an arbitrary manner to the guarantee of just compensation and the realiza- deprive these goods, the property can of and reproof tion of the payment of the amount agreed between the his owned private gift to the state but in return, of a individual. Timor-Leste is a year in the beginning just compensation o with respect to the principles of of its development, with all the state in need of in- equality and professionalism in the sense that, the frastructure, which must be obtained through expro- state forms a more or less equal life and rather that priation for public utility. As soon as it passes is to treat the expropriated in an equal way with through the plan It is 1 to the end of the public inter- those who are not expropriated in that it is not to est which gives rise to the duties of the state the know the criteria and compensates what we have context of Timor-Leste real situation cited by (Corte already mentioned before, they allow or do not allow equal legal treatment between them because the legislature constitutionally guarantees individuals State to fulfill its obligation to satisfy its citizens by the same right, the expropriated does not remain in a the development of the country they have the power situation of equality with those who have not been to deprive the immovable property and the rights expropriated in or receive compensation between

ferring on the public powers the power of expropria- After reaching the amount of compensation, the

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#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

mentative both legal and literary.

#### **DISCUSSION**

state has a duty to repay the amount in question be compensated, i.e., the compensation must be fair, withinthirty days. If you do not do your duty there is meaning that the state must guarantee a dignified consequently, which we address below. Under arti- life, equal to or better than before the expropriation, cle 54 (3), expropriation may only be carried out be- because for the community, his own and his own fore the state has been extended its duty to pay the (field study research) and the only relationship in his amount of compensation and this must be just. In the life, without the ground his life of his generation and context of expropriation for public utility, there is a thefuture will be more vulnerable. The CRDTL guarset of fundamental rights and principles which are antees the principle of equality between citizens, so linked to the end there is a fixed right of just com- everyone has equal rights and duties, the state when pensation to the expropriated. As we have pointed it wants to carry out its plan has to think about social out before, the essential element for the design of affection in the future so that it treats everyone infrastructure and structure for the development of a equally, regulation specially and between the exproprivate and private property is the particulates. The priated with those who are not expropriated. We can right of propriety and expropriation are linked, be- say that the Timor-Leste legal system on the exprocause there is an expropriation for public utility priation of the most power to the state to take away or whenever a violation of the fundamental right or in-deprive its fundamental right and particular over its terests is the right to private property, since it is an property for the public interest, without there being essential element subject to expropriation. In the Ti- any other circumstances and reasons that it has immor-Leste Constitutional system, the legislature de-plications not the future, whether I want or not, the fines the right to property as one of the fundamental individual must offer, for the sake of contributing to rights, because its existence is and the condition for the development of his country. The development the freedom of the people, as it helps to satisfy the that the state intends to do for the purpose of public fundamental needs of citizens to the constitutional interest, but in reserving a better life of its people detriment and accordance process cited by (Corte who are affected by expropriation thus give the room to improve the utility legal system in nation cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

We use the met the inductive ideology is based on In Timor-Leste, many people suffer because of exthe consultation of the reference books in the library, propriation and do not receive fair compensation and in this elaboration the internet is also used as an from the state because ours is still at the beginning of auxiliary means. Throughout the research and docu- development and society is obliged to sacrifice its mentary analysis of knowledge of science and argu- own and given to the development of its country. As for example the construction of the urban road, because of this the state cannot justify the reduction of the value of compensation with the idea that individ-The compensation which the state guarantees cannot uals have to contribute to national development, and

fully cover their losses. I think the researcher, should be revised, in particu- amount that was agreed, i.e., being insufficient, the lar to the and the inter regulation of these criteria for interested parties or the exapropriated may challenge the amount of compensation, the by materials, but in court. your building model, this should be by the value of the updated market, by materials, plus your model of As we have pointed out above, this judicial funcidentification, this should be by the value of the up-tiononly works if the amount paid to the expropriatdated market, tenor of each plant of the species and ed person is insufficient. If this happens c er, the offer a new place for people who depend on their expropriated person may challenge the amount reown and given to live with conditions Worthy to ceived in court, specifying this amount, presenting avoid the increase of poverty of the people and in to the applicant all means of evidence to the court addition the poor vulnerables in life much better so and the court after receiving the request for exprothat all enjoy their rights equally, all must respect priation within the time limit of the days to present the fundamental rights provided for in the CRDTL and request all means of evidence. The judge will and UDHR, people can be violate the right of others make an assessment of the evidence and will proif we do not stay under the law.

may apply to the right of the immovable financial 2023). fund to make the payment within the same period. If this is not done by the financial institutions re- CONCLUSION ferred to above, the entity would benefit from expro- We can consider the concept of expropriation as a

therefore settle for compensation which does not graph 2 of that article. If the payment of the The present ordinary law, amounts deposited has not been made equal to the

duce the evidence he deems necessary and make the decisions that fix the amounts due and determine the According to art. 62°. of law 8/2017, after the ad-completion of the deposit that is due, within a period ministration of the public to comply with all the pro- of four days. If, within the prescribed period, the cedures of expropriation, atis the attempt of acqui- amount which the judge declared in his decision is sition through private law, in which the interested not deposited, the judge may order payment by seal parties can agree on the amount of the amount to be of the securities provided or arrange for them which paid for the good and between the others which are is necessary, in particular, to send notice to the serpublished in the newspaper of the Republic the val- vice responsible to the state's avenues to replace the ue or amount of just compensation of the object sub- entity benefiting from the expropriation, to make ject to expropriation, it is incumbent upon the public the deposit of the missing amount (art. 53 o. of law administration within the period not to superior thir- 8/2017), in accordance with the same law can existty days to expedite the payment of the amount or ing in nation cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB,

priation or the public administration shall notify the process that the public administration uses to guide persons concerned of the deposit made on its behalf the right of the private property of the individual and with a financial institution in accordance with para- deprive his property and transfer that property to the

**AJMCRR, 2023 Volume 2 | Issue 7 | 8 of 10**  pensation, (3). Beneficiary of expropriation: and the lates the absolute right of another. entity that exercises the right of ownership of the individual, in this case and the right administration. The compensation to which it refers must be fair, it

patrimony of the state by reason of pursuing an end which must have a purpose of public utility. This of public interest by means of the payment of a just compensation also has its assumptions that must be compensation. This expropriation is regulated in the fulfilled by the state, namely civil liability, for the CRDTL, in article 54. n°. 3. and is specifically reg-damage fault and causal link; and compensation. ulated in law 8/2017 of 26 April on expropriation. The first when we are in a situation where it does for public utility. The subjects who are included in not imply a violation of a credit of the absolute an act administrative for expropriation are the three right of another, if this for convicted of having points: (1). The expropriator and the entity declar- caused a damage, then must a breach of obligaing the public utility of a good subject to expropriation and cause harm to another person then must be tion; (2). The expropriated person and the individu- held responsible for that damage. And finally, when al or rights older who has suffered because of this we are in a situation where the dentolegal link beexpropriation and the who has the right to just com- tween parties, only a person who unlawfully vio-

of the state. The beneficiary of the expropriation cannot be any compensation. According to art. 57 before carrying out the expropriation tends to iden- of Law 8/2017, the deal of compensation must tify the constitutional requirements as follows: Pub- commensal the financial smithereens, the reaccomlic utility, in order to stand before an expropriation modating, commercial losses the values without must first show the purpose of the good which is patrimonial nature. The criteria for its structure are intended to be exposed, the just compensation, and a good basis of the market value on the soil, the rea characteristic of the expropriation by utility pub- placement value of the contractions and the condilic. Without this assumption to extradition can be tions which exist there. In the calculated compensaaccomplished; legality, expropriation must be rec- tion are only calculated the damages incurred by the ognized, according to the laws and is not, and valid. expropriated. After reaching theamount of the sum of the compensation within 30 days. The just com-Public utility as a general interest of a community, pensation in the expropriation in the public utility in which the entity would benefit from it intends to the Timor-Leste legal system, considered with duty pursue. There are some presses for it to be in a situ- of the state to expropriate the amount of the indemation of public utility. The beneficiary of the expro- nity before the expropriated. In order for a fair compriation must show that the objects where the ex- pensation to be obtained, it must have the content of propriation is levied must have a motive of public the criteria for the calculation of compensation, utility, as an example provided for in article 4 o. n which is not provided for in our ordinary law in its ° .3 of Law 8/2017. The objects intended for expro- article 56. The award of fair compensation can be priation are of public utility are identic, since the carried out by two entities, it depends on the situaobjects relating to expropriation are the objects tion, it can be provided by the administrative func-

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tion and judicial function that exists in Timor-Leste process cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 12. CORREIA, Fernando Alves, "Manual do Direito 2023).

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