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Sandra da Costa as the young Beatriz

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Timor Leste's first feature film *A Guerra da Beatriz* starts filming

A GUERRA DA BEATRIZ

The first feature film to be produced in Timor Leste went into production on November 14, 2011. *A Guerra da Beatriz*, a co-production between FairTrade Films and Dili Film Works is a bold and historic film. It's aim is to tell the story of East Timor but also to kick start a vibrant film industry by drawing attention to the small country's mighty story, people, and landscapes.

You can read the story of the making of the film in Natalie Craig's feature story in the Age and the Sydney Morning Herald. See following link:

www.smh.com.au/entertainment/movies/of-love-and-war-20111231-1pgia.html

FairTrade Films would like to thank the individuals, organizations, and government bodies in Timor Leste who have so generously supported this film. You are all listed on the film's website.

Filming is complete on two thirds of the film. The final stage of filming will happen in April this year once further funds are raised. So please consider supporting the film again or becoming a new supporter. There are some great rewards in joining the fanclub or sponsoring the film.

For full details about the film to date visit the production's website www.aguerradabeatriz.com or the FairTrade Films site www.fairtradefilms.com



Co-director Bety Reis on set

PHOTOS A GUERRA DA BEATRIZ



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Jose da Costa as Tomas



Director Bety Reis as Estela

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TRAFFICKED - THE RECKONING -SBS

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The first production for FairTrade Films, *Trafficked – The Reckoning*, was screened on SBS1 in September last year. It received tremendous publicity and was very well received by critics and the public. A major story appeared in the Melbourne Age and the Sydney Morning Herald. See the following link:

www.smh.com.au/entertainment/movies/avenging-angels-20110903-1jrac.html

Trafficked - The Reckoning, was financed through SBS Television Australia, Screen Australia, and Film Victoria. It is the inspiring story of former AFP officer, Chris Payne, and his quest to find the man who enslaved a Thai girl in a Sydney brothel. Ning was thirteen when she was trafficked to Australia from Thailand and sold to a brothel. The first part of Ning's story was told in *Trafficked*, the highest rating Storyline Australia documentary for SBS. In 2007 she became the first slave in history to win victim of crime compensation. Filmmakers Stella Zammataro and Luigi Acquisto organised the compensation application and formed a strong bond with Ning, a bond that made them determined to find the man who put her to work in his brothel.

Trafficked – The Reckoning is a film for our times, but it is also a tough and suspenseful investigative documentary that takes us into the brutal underworld of the slave trade in Australia and Thailand. The investigation is the longest and most unconventional Chris Payne has conducted. It took eight months to find the man who imprisoned Ning. He was still operating the same brothel and it was still operating illegally. Ning successfully identified the man from photographs as did a former landlord.

The documentary has been accepted into competition at the Mumbai and Tahiti film festivals.

The DVD: Trafficked – The Reckoning

Trafficked – The Reckoning is distributed through FairTrade Films. To purchase the DVD visit the website www.fairtradefilms.com or contact Stella Zammataro by email at stella@abrafilms.com. In keeping with the policies of FairTrade Films a proportion of all proceeds from the sale of the DVD go to Ning, the young Thai woman in the film.



Chris Payne: Former AFP Officer

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Breaking News

Historic Legal Action

Ning is now working with a solicitor and barrister to prepare a civil action against the man who operated the brothel in Sydney for the torts committed against her as a child. The NSW police have also been sent a report outlining the evidence against the brothel operator.

New Films FairTrade Films is developing two projects that continue the company's concern with social justice, the issue of trafficking and East Timor.

The First Commandos is a two part drama series that tells the remarkable story of one of

the greatest episodes of the Second World War, Australia's campaign in Portuguese Timor. It is the story of three remarkable men from the 2/2 Independent Company, Australia's first commando guerrilla unit. Their time in Portuguese Timor changes each of their lives in a profound way and creates a unique bond with the people of Timor that endures for the rest of the men's lives. The series is based on an original outline by Luigi Acquisto of FairTrade Films and is being produced by David Elfick/Palm Beach Pictures in association with FairTrade Films.

Grey Man is a one-hour documentary that is in the

process of being commissioned by ABC TV in Australia. This powerful, suspenseful documentary embeds itself with a daring group of serving or former Australian soldiers and police as they rescue children from the sex trade in Asia. It will be directed by Luigi Acquisto and produced by Stella Zammataro.

