



AMM monitors leave Aceh

Aceh Monitoring Mission has successfully completed most of the tasks mentioned in the MOU

More than one hundred monitors from Europe and ASEAN will leave Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) in the coming week after the successful completion of their tasks. Around 85 will stay in Aceh until 15 June.

AMM is invited by the Government of Indonesia – and with the full support of GAM – to monitor the implementation of the peace agreement between the two parties signed in Helsinki, Finland, on August 15, 2005.

Aceh Monitoring Mission started officially on September 15 with a mandate until March 15. During those six months, AMM officials have monitored the relocation of non-organic military forces and non-organic police troops; decommissioned GAM weapons and monitored the former GAM combatants return to civil life; and monitored the legislation changes outlined in the MoU

The monitors have been working from fourteen district / sub district offices around Aceh and four Mobile Decommissioning Teams have travelled around the province.

Among the AMM officials leaving the coming week are Principal Deputy Head of Mission Nipat THONGLEK from Thailand and Deputy Head of Mission (Operations) Jaakko OKSANEN from Finland.

Where offices close down, part of the office equipment, office furniture and house furniture is donated to institutions in the local communities including schools and health centres. For example:

- The AMM office in Blangkejeren has donated beds and wardrobes to Orphan-Asylum Blangkejeren Budi Baik.
- In Subulussalam the primary School Sekolah Dasar Negeri No. 2 has received teaching material; the Islamic School Al-Iklas Pesantren has received a refrigerator; and the health clinic Subulussalam Puskesmas a washing machine.
- In Lamno the International Medical Corps have received beds and office equipment.

Head of Mission Pieter FEITH from Holland will continue to lead the mission in the following months. The new Principal Deputy Head of Mission will be Brigadier General Dato Mohd. Rozi Baharom from Malaysia.

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From 15 March to 15 June, around 85 AMM monitors from five ASEAN countries and twelve European countries will be based in the Head Quarter in Banda Aceh and in the following eleven district offices: Lhokseumawe, Bireuen, Meulaboh, Tapaktuan, Takengon, Langsa, Sigli, Kutacane, Blangpidie, Calang and Banda Aceh.

The mission is assisted by Swedish Rescue Service Agency and International SOS and it employs local staff as office employees, drivers and interpreters.

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