



AMM expresses its condolences and offers assistance to the people of Java

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Banda Aceh, Indonesia. The Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) expresses its deepest condolences to the people of Java in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake that took place in the area of Yogyakarta, Central Java on Saturday 27 May 2006.

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have suffered the consequences of the earthquake.

The AMM stands ready to assist the affected population in any possible way. By decision of the AMM Head of Mission, a SOS International medical team to the AMM (1 medical doctor, 2 paramedics, and 1 driver) have been deployed to the area and made available to the Government of Indonesia. The team will provide medical assistance to the victims of the earthquake.

A second medical team is available and ready to be deployed by tomorrow, Tuesday 30 May.

Note for editors:

1. The AMM, which is a civilian mission comprising of monitors from the EU and five ASEAN countries, has set up Headquarters in Banda Aceh and 11 District Offices throughout Aceh province: Banda Aceh, Sigli, Bireuen, Lhokseumawe, Langsa, Tapaktuan, Blang Pidie, Meulaboh, Calang, Kutacane and Takengon.

2. The EU and ASEAN fully respect the territorial integrity of Indonesia and see the future of Aceh as being within the unitary state of the Republic of Indonesia. The AMM is completely impartial by nature and does not represent or favour any of the parties.

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