



PRESS STATEMENT
On the outcome of the meeting of the
Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA)
Banda Aceh, 14 January 2006

The 27th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held in Banda Aceh today. The meeting was chaired by Pieter Feith, Head of the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), and was attended by delegations from the Government of Indonesia and GAM headed by Gen. Bambang Darmono and Mr. Irwandi Yusuf respectively.

The Parties discussed the issue of disputed amnesty cases. According to Chapter 3 of the MoU, the Government of Indonesia will, in accordance with constitutional procedures, grant amnesty to all persons who have participated in GAM activities. Political prisoners and detainees held due to the conflict will be released unconditionally. The parties agreed to make considerable headway on this matter by 15 February 2006.

The Indonesian police will deploy 1.750 junior police officers to the Province of Aceh for the purpose of a 6 month training. The Parties agreed that the ceiling mentioned in the MoU (9,100) applies to operational police forces only and that the police trainees are not included in the number on the condition that the trainees will not have any police responsibilities or operational duties; and that they will be easily distinguishable from regular police officers by wearing a different uniform.

The Parties noted with satisfaction that the 3rd instalment of economic facilitation packages to former GAM combatants is shortly to be completed.

Finally, the GoI Representative gave an update on the ongoing drafting process in Jakarta regarding the Law on the Governing of Aceh and on the preparations for the local elections in Aceh.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 28 January 2006 at 10.00 hrs.

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