



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 15 May 2006

The 34th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Monday 15 May 2006 under the chairmanship of the Principal Deputy Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Dato' Mohd. Rozi Bin Baharom. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by Colonel Amiruddin. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Mr. Bakhtiar Abdullah. The Governor's office was also represented.

The parties discussed the latest developments in the field of reintegration and heard a statement by the Chief Executive of the Aceh Reintegration Board (BRA), Husni Syabi, on his views and ideas for the continued efforts of BRA.

The GoI gave an update on the proceedings currently held in the National Parliament (DPR) on the draft Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA). The parties reiterated their wish to see the law finalised as soon as possible. This would subsequently allow for local elections to be held shortly thereafter.

The AMM presented some considerations on the post-AMM situation in Aceh. Looking beyond AMM's mandate peace should be self sustainable. Ownership of the process should gradually be taken over by the parties as the role of AMM is phased out. Direct consultations and contacts between the parties should be continued at all levels after AMM leaves and mechanisms put in place to ensure sustainability post-AMM.

The parties reiterated that all weapons in the possession of citizens in Aceh are considered to be held illegally. Anyone who has any arms or ammunition will face criminal charges. The responsibility of upholding law and order lies with the police.

The next COSA meeting is proposed for Friday 2 June or Saturday 3 June 2006 at 10.00 hrs.

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