



PRESS STATEMENT
On the outcome of the meeting of the
Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA)
Banda Aceh, 19 December 2005

The Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission Mr. Pieter Feith congratulated the GAM with the fulfilment of the MOU commitment to hand in 840 weapons. He did so when the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) today held its 24th meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Pieter Feith and was attended by delegations from the Government of Indonesia and GAM. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia was headed by Gen. Bambang Darmono. The GAM delegation was headed by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf. All parties showed a high commitment to the spirit of the MoU.

The Government of Indonesia and AMM noted with appreciation that GAM had completed today its decommissioning obligations under the Helsinki MoU by handing over the last of the 840 weapons mentioned in the agreement.

GAM handed over a total of 1018 weapons during the four phases. Of these AMM accepted 840. 178 were disqualified. 769 were accepted by the Government of Indonesia. GAM will confirm in writing that all arms, ammunition and explosives held by the participants in GAM activities have been decommissioned.

The parties agreed on the details for the last weapon cutting ceremony, which is scheduled to take place at Blang Padang sports field in Banda Aceh on 21 December. Included in the programme is cutting of six weapons and speeches by representatives of Government of Indonesia, GAM and AMM.

The Government of Indonesia will start the redeployment of troops as part of the fourth and final phase tomorrow, 20 December 2005.

The next COSA meeting will take place on 23 December 2005 at 10.00.

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