



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 2 September 2006

The 41st meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 2 September 2006 under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Mr. Pieter Feith. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by Minister Sofyan Djalil. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Irwandi Yusuf. The acting Governor of Aceh, Mustafa Abubakar, was also present.

All parties noted and welcomed the announcement by the GoI confirming that the local elections (Pilkada) will be held on 11 December 2006.

The parties had another exchange of views on the Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA), based on further clarifications provided by the GoI. The parties agreed that GoI and GAM would remain in contact to iron out problems that may arise.

The Paya Bakong incident of 3 July 2006 was thoroughly discussed. The parties called upon the family of the deceased victim to agree to an autopsy with AMM participation, following which conclusions will be drawn during the next COSA meeting.

The issue of an increase of the number of police officers in Aceh to maintain security during the upcoming Pilkada was discussed and agreed in principle. The meeting took note of a presentation by GoI making a case for such an increase. The parties agreed to revert to this issue at the next COSA meeting.

The next COSA meeting will be held on Saturday 16 September 2006 at 14.00.

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