



PRESS STATEMENT
On the outcome of the meeting of the
Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA)
Banda Aceh, 23 December 2005

The 25th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) Pieter Feith was held today Friday 23 December 2005. Delegations from Government of Indonesia and GAM attended this meeting. The GoI mission was headed by Colonel Amiruddin Usman. The GAM delegation was led by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf. All parties showed a strong commitment to the spirit of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding.

The parties noted that the fourth and last phase of relocation started on 20 December 2005 with 1621 non-organic TNI troops withdrawing from Lhokseumawe port. The redeployment of non-organic military personnel will continue on 27 and 29 December and the non-organic police forces will relocate on 31 December. A final TNI withdrawal ceremony with speeches will be held on 29 December at Lhokseumawe port. The total number of non-organic TNI personnel to be relocated in this final phase will be 6811 and the total number of BRIMOB/POLRI personnel to be relocated will be 2150.

The parties discussed the ceremonies to be held on 26 and 27 December.

The next COSA meeting will take place on 4 January 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

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