



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 25 February 2006

The 30th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 25 February 2006 under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Pieter Feith. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by Major General Bambang Darmono. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf. The Governor of Aceh, Mustafa Abubakar, was also present.

The AMM Head of Mission informed the parties about his recent meetings with vice President Kalla, Justice and Human Rights Minister, Awaluddin, and Minister for Information and Communications, Djalil, in Jakarta earlier this week. He reminded the parties in COSA of their commitment to build mutual confidence and trust and to that effect encouraged them to intensify the direct dialogue among themselves.

The parties discussed the serious incidents in Blangpidie and Alue Leuhob (sub district Cot Girek) Lhokseumawe. Regarding Blangpidie, AMM investigated what appears to be a serious incident. AMM expressed strong concern about any activities of illegal groups and parties constituting a violation of Art. 4.9 of the MoU. It requested GoI to investigate and report back to AMM no later than 9 March and discipline those involved. AMM will propose measures to ensure that SIRA is fully compliant with the MoU. Furthermore, AMM expressed its displeasure about incitement to violence against its monitors during the incident in Alue Leuhob, Lhokseumawe, and asked GoI to investigate the identity of the perpetrators.

The GoI presented an overview of its continued reintegration programme. The parties agreed on the need for a new joint structure and coordination mechanism for implementing the presented plan.

Regarding pending amnesty cases, AMM noted that progress has been made in clarifying 20 amnesty cases of which 13 will be released. Both parties committed themselves to keep up the momentum and directly exchange information with a view to resolving the remaining cases as soon as possible. Notwithstanding progress made thus far, AMM HoM will prepare himself for assuming his responsibilities under Art. 3.1.3 of the MoU.

The parties discussed preparations for the issuance of ID cards in time for the local elections in accordance with Art. 1.2.5 of the MoU.

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AMM noted with satisfaction the Government's intention to establish a Human Rights Court before 15 June.

The AMM confirmed that the verification process of organic TNI and Police has been completed and that GoI is in compliance with the MoU.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Sunday 12 March 2006 at 13.00 hrs.

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