



## **AMM regrets shooting incident in Paya Bakong**

### **Press Statement – 4 July**

**Banda Aceh, Indonesia.** The Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) deeply regrets the shooting incident that took place in desa Keude Paya Bakong, Lhokseumawe area, in the evening of Monday 3 July that lead to an unfortunate loss of life and injuries to two others. Our thoughts are first and foremost with the victims and their families.

No AMM personnel were wounded in the incident and all monitors who were present at the incident are safe.

AMM considers this a serious incident and further investigations will be conducted.

*"This serious incident will be further investigated and raised in the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA), as appropriate, with a particular view to clarifying the facts and ascertaining that the law has been respected; that no undue interference by TNI in law enforcement has occurred, nor any excessive use of force has been applied; and that disciplinary measures will be taken, as necessary, against offenders based on an authoritative report to be provided by the Government of Indonesia. AMM is particularly concerned that its monitors were placed in danger in the course of their duties"* stated AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Pieter Feith, in reaction to the occurred incident.

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*Note for editors:*

*1. The AMM, which is a civilian mission comprising of monitors from the EU and five ASEAN countries, has set up Headquarters in Banda Aceh and 11 District Offices throughout Aceh province: Banda Aceh, Sigli, Bireuen, Lhokseumawe, Langsa, Tapaktuan, Blang Pidie, Meulaboh, Calang, Kutacane and Takengon.*

*2. The EU and ASEAN fully respect the territorial integrity of Indonesia and see the future of Aceh as being within the unitary state of the Republic of Indonesia. The AMM is completely impartial by nature and does not represent or favour any of the parties.*

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