



Towards a weapons free Aceh

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The formal process to decommission the weapons of the Free Aceh Movement was successfully completed on 21 December, as they had agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Helsinki. GAM has now publicly declared that they have disarmed. They have committed themselves to a peaceful political process without weapons.

The Government of Indonesia take into account that there may be difficulties in collecting arms and ammunition from isolated places. Anyone who has any arms, ammunition or explosives should hand them in to the police before 31 December 2005. No action will be taken against them up to this date. After this time all weapons will be considered to be held illegally. Anyone who has any arms or ammunition after 31 December may face criminal charges.

AMM will do all it can to support the people of Aceh and the Government to create a safe, arms free environment.

AMM appreciates the strong commitment to the peace process by both parties.

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