



AMM Head of Mission meets with US Delegation

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Banda Aceh, Indonesia. On Saturday 25 February the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) was pleased to receive a visit by a high level US delegation including US Senator Feingold, Commander of the US Pacific Command, Admiral Fallon and the Chief Political Officer at the US Embassy in Jakarta, Mr. Desjardins.

The US delegation visited Saturday's Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) meeting in Banda Aceh where they had the occasion to meet and discuss progress made in the Aceh peace process with all the concerned parties. The Governor of Aceh was also present.

The AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Feith, together with Admiral Fallon and his delegation, and representatives from both parties to the peace process, later had the opportunity to meet local representatives of the Government, GAM and AMM at the Bupati Residence in Sigli. The meeting provided an opportunity to see the peace accord being implemented on the local level.

The AMM Head of Mission had a separate meeting with Admiral Fallon in Jakarta on 23 February where various aspects of the peace process were discussed as well as other regional issues of mutual interest.

The visit of Admiral Fallon to Aceh is part of a larger trip to the region.

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 12 District Offices throughout Aceh province: Banda Aceh, Sigli, Bireuen, Lhokseumawe, Langsa, Tapaktuan, Blang Pidie, Meulaboh, Lamno, Kutacane, Calang and Takengon. The mission also includes 2 Sub district offices in Blangkejeren and Subulussalam.

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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