



The EU High Representative for the CFSP, Javier Solana to visit Aceh on Saturday 22 April

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Banda Aceh, Indonesia: The European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), Mr. Javier Solana, will visit the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) and meet with the Aceh peace process stakeholders on Saturday 22 April 2006.

The EU High Representative, who will be accompanied by the Indonesian Minister for Information and Communications, Mr. Sofyan Djalil, will participate in a High-Level meeting of the Commission of Security Arrangements (COSA). He will also meet with the European Commission which will provide an opportunity to discuss wider European efforts to support the peace process and on-going tsunami reconstruction efforts. Mr. Solana will further meet with the UN Relief Coordinator, Mr. Eric Morris, and visit the AMM Headquarters.

During the day-long visit there will be several press opportunities. Following the High-Level COSA meeting a press briefing will be held by the EU High Representative, Mr. Solana, and AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Pieter Feith, together with Minister Sofyan Djalil, representing the Government of Indonesia and Mr. Malik Mahmud, representing the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). The briefing will take place at the steps of the main entrance of the Governor's Residence (Pendopo) at **11.00 hrs.**

At **17.00** hrs the EU High Representative will give a press conference at the AMM Headquarters in Darussalam. This will be an opportunity for Mr. Solana to convey his assessment of the peace process and the EU support to the post-tsunami reconstruction process as well as to answer questions. He will be accompanied by AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Pieter Feith. English/Bahasa interpretation will be provided at both press occasions.

Mr. Solana's visit to Banda Aceh is part of a larger visit to Indonesia. On Friday 21 April and Sunday 23 April, the EU High Representative will have bilateral meetings with Indonesian President, Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Vice-President Mr. Jusuf Kalla and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hassan Wirajuda. AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Pieter Feith, will accompany Mr. Solana throughout the visit.

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