

Evaluation of the Conduct of Cessation of Violence

As an evaluative response to the security situation in Aceh, RI and GAM Joint Committee on Security Matters have constituted a three-day meeting from 2nd – 4th April 2001 which was aimed at evaluating the conduct of the Cessation of Violence, which has been applied to the ground since 10th April 2001. The meeting was convened at the Kuala Tripa Hotel, Banda Aceh.

The results of the meeting are as follows:

1. Both sides maintain their agreement on the Cessation of Violence throughout Aceh as signed at the Commander-to-Commander meeting of 10th February 2001. The agreement is to continue to be used as the basis and guideline for all operations in the field.
2. Both sides have evaluated the implementation of the 13-day Peace Zone in the Districts of North Aceh and Bireuen. The results are as follows:
 - a. Opinion of the RI JCSM representatives:
 - 1) Based on the evaluation of the RI JCSM representatives and the Field Commanders of TNI/Polri, the thirteen-day Peace Zone in North Aceh and Bireuen was not a success, because violence by GAM continued, for example; there were twelve ambushes against TNI/Polri, three attacks against RI Headquarters, three shooting incidents, one killing, three explosions, one arson attack, one incident of extortion, as well as other acts of violence in contravention of the agreement on the Cessation of Violence.
 - 2) Considering the facts above, it is not reasonable to maintain or to prolong the Peace Zone because GAM did not obey the agreement.
 - b. Opinion of the GAM JCSM representatives:
 - 1) The evaluation of the 13-day Peace Zone pilot project in North Aceh and Bireuen revealed some progress.

- 2) Even though the violence throughout the Peace Zone could not be decreased as expected, and after considering public opinion, GAM recommends that the Peace Zone should be prolonged with improved mechanism as follows:
 - a) All security authorities should conduct effective socialization in advance down to all lower levels.
 - b) Add and empower the Monitoring Team on Security Matters (MTSM) and HDC staff.
 - c) All agreements to be socialized to the public.
- c. Since both sides' opinions are very different, the Peace Zone pilot project in North Aceh and Bireuen is not to be continued.
3. Both sides agree to reconstitute a meeting on or before 10th April 2001.
4. Both sides appeal to the TNI/Polri and GAM to restrain themselves and follow the 16 points of the Cessation of Violence Agreement in Aceh.

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