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1. INDONESIA OVERVIEW

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1.1 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Peacebuilding and Human Rights Initiatives

Govt. ex-rebels meet in Helsinki

Government officials held a two-day meeting in Helsinki with former leaders of the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) rebel group, more than three years after both sides signed a peace pact in the Finnish capital. Tarmizi Age of the World Acehnese Association (WAA) said state enterprise minister Sofyan Djalil led the government delegation at the informal talks that concluded Monday. Other officials included deputy coordinating minister for the people's welfare Farid Hussain, Director General for Human Rights Harkristuti Harkrisnowo and Indonesian Military official Lt. Gen. Bambang Dharmono. The former separatists were represented by Zaini Abdullah, Zakaria Saman, Muzakkir Manaf, Jahja Mu'az, Kamaruddin, Ampon Nazar and Ibrahim Syamsuddin. Also present were Peter Feith, the former head of the Aceh Monitoring Mission, and representatives of the Helsinki-based Crisis Management Initiative, which mediated the peace talks. Among the topics of discussion were the implementation of the law on the Aceh government, security and human rights.

Impunity and Access to Justice

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Komnas HAM Urges President to order the Attorney General Office (AGO) to relaunch investigations into "forgotten" human rights cases.

On January 14 The National Commission on Human Rights (Komnas HAM) called on President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to order the Attorney General Office (AGO) to relaunch investigations into the country's "forgotten" human rights cases. Chairman Ifad Kasim stated that the cases remain unsolved without any clarification from the government and that presidential backing was necessary to overcome obstacles blocking the investigations. Among the in total seven serious human rights abuses are the shooting deaths of three students during the 1998 demonstrations in Semanggi and on the Trisakti university campus in Jakarta, the disappearance of activists in Jakarta, also in 1998, and the Talangsari massacres in Lampung in 1989, Wasior and Wamena in Jayapura, Papua in the 1990s. These seven cases had been dropped even though the commission had sent the cases to the AGO several years ago. KOMNAS HAM only has the right to investigate the cases and only AGO could follow it up and bring the cases to the ad-hoc human rights court. The cases involve alleged killings or abductions of members of the public by Indonesian military (TNI) soldiers. Komnas HAM has accused some retired generals of involvement in the Talangsari abductions.

Prosecutors set for appeal against Muchdi's acquittal

State prosecutors have lodged an appeal with the Jakarta High Court against the recent acquittal of a former top spy for the murder of rights activist Munir Said Thalib. Attorney General's Office spokesman Jasman Pandjaitan said Monday prosecutors sought an appeal to prove judges made the wrong decision exonerating former State Intelligence Agency deputy chief Muchdi Purwopranjono. According to the Criminal Law Procedures Code, prosecutors have two weeks following a verdict to issue an appeal. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has expressed his support for the legal move to challenge the verdict. The verdict sparked protest from human rights activists across the country, who said the acquittal disgraced the country's struggle to uphold human rights and justice.

Muchdi Purwopranjono starts a legal suit against Kontras coordinator Usman Hamid

On the 8th of January Muchdi's lawyers Rusdianto and Ismail Tuasikal have filed a lawsuit against Commission for Missing Persons and Victims of Violence (Kontras) coordinator Usman Hamid for calling him "a killer" while in trial for the murder of assassinated human right activist Munir Said Thalib. Muchdi, the former State Intelligence Agency (BIN) deputy chief said he would not give up the fight against those who ruined his reputation. Rusdianto said after the questioning session that Munir's supporters had "humiliated" not only his client, but also Muchdi's family. In response, Usman Hamid said he was not deterred by Muchdi's action against him and would never stop seeking justice for Munir. Usman stated that it is an attempt to shut down his comments and shift the attention away from the main problem, which is solving who was behind the Munir murder. He continued that he is wholly convinced that Muchdi was involved in Munir's death.

Land Rights, Natural Resources and the Environment

Mudflow victims go on strike again for payment

Thousands of mudflow victims staged a protest in Sidoarjo, East Java, demanding the government to provide a bailout fund. The fund is meant for the compensation owed to them for their assets damaged in the Lapindo mudflow disaster. The protesters left their temporary shelters at Porong Baru Market in Porong district, carrying banners and handing out pamphlets as they moved in a long convoy of trucks, pickup trucks and motorcycles. Sporting a police escort, they made their way to a gathering of legislative and independent presidential candidates at Delta Sports Stadium in Sidoarjo. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro has proposed a bailout plan to help the people and industries affected by the mudflow disaster that started in May 2006. The proposal has received the support of the House of Representatives, which has set up an interparty team to monitor its implementation.

Security Sector (Reform)

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15% salary increase of Indonesian soldiers planned

The Indonesian Military (Tentara Nasional Indonesia, TNI) plans to increase soldiers' salaries by 15 percent. TNI would increase daily meal allowances, currently Rp 30,000 (around US\$3) per day, and give a yearly bonus worth a month's salary. Currently, the lowest level soldiers receive Rp 950,000 per month plus daily allowances. Last year, TNI increased the salaries by 20 percent.

Cultural and Indigenous Rights

Number of violent cases against religious groups is rising

Executive director of International Center for Islam and Pluralism stated that in 2008 the number of cases of violence committed against religious groups increased towards 265 from 135 in 2007. A survey conducted by Setara Institute for Democracy and Peace found 60 percent of violent incidents against religious groups were committed by civil groups and more than 30 percent were by the state. Those committed by the state included the issuance of sharia-inspired bylaws in a number of regions and the government's inaction preventing attacks on certain minority groups by radicals.

Gender Violence

Domestic violence on the rise in South Sumatra

Violence against women in South Sumatra rose dramatically in 2008, from 396 cases in 2007 to 568 cases, a year-end report from the Palembang chapter of the Women's Crisis Center (WCC) has revealed. WCC Executive Director Yeni Roslaini Izi said on Wednesday that cases of domestic violence topped the list, with 210 incidence (39 percent); followed by sexual harassment with 100 cases (18 percent); child molestation with 69 cases (12 percent); rape with 61 cases (11 percent) and 47 sundry cases. Reports of human trafficking, however, dropped to 81 cases (14 percent) from 89 in 2007.

Minister for Women's Empowerment: Women still face discrimination

Although Indonesia, in 1984, has adopted the UN convention on the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW), many women in the country still face violence and discrimination, a high-level meeting on the convention concluded. Addressing the meeting, State Minister for Women's Empowerment Meutia Hatta said the abuses had been allowed to go on because of laws that encouraged discrimination and violence against women. Meutia added many women in certain areas still faced problems over dressing and attitude. In more remote areas, people ignored national laws and adopted customary laws that provided far more benefits to men than women.

Other

Granades hit political offices in Aceh

Several offices of political parties were attacked by grenades in January. On January 13 the head quarters of the Aceh Party, which is affiliated with the former Aceh Free Movement (GAM) was hit by a grenade. No casualties were reported in the attack which damaged the front of the party's office. On January 22 the office of Golkar Bireuen was hit by a grenade. Also in this attack there were no victims.

1.2 DEVELOPMENTS IN REGIONS WITH A PBI PRESENCE

Peacebuilding and Human Rights Initiatives

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Free healthcare and education for poor OAP

In his new year's speech, Papuan Governor Barnabas Suebu promised that education (kindergarten to middle school) and health care would become for free for native Papuans (OAP, Orang Asli Papua) in 2009. He continued that the implementation the various draft bills would have to go through the normal political bureaucratic process. At the end of January the Institute for Civil Strengthening (ICS) rendered the plan as impossible under the current Papuan budget. Budi Setyanto, the chair of the ICS, continued that previous Papuan annual budgets had been marred by misspending and mismanagement.

Impunity and Access to Justice

Several events of miss-use of weapons by police

This month there were several incidents in which Papuan police officers misused their firearms. On the 30th December, police in Wamena accidentally shot a civilian at the market (pasar baru) while trying to shoot a thief. In Merauke, a drunk off duty police officer shot 4 bullets into guests at a wedding party, to which he was an attendee, killing one, Safruddin, while injuring another. In Timika, police shot and killed Simon Frader during a protest on the 24th January while attempting to fire warning shots to disperse the crowd. In Nabire police fired and injured 5 protesters who were part of a group occupying the General Election Commission (KPU) office in protest of the indefinite delay concerning local elections. Although police have stated their commitment to investigate the death of Simon Fader in Nabire, as well as not to hinder the investigation concerning the shooting in Nabire, a positive commitment to improve the discipline of individual police officers remains missing. In the other incidents questions concerning the prosecution of those involved still remain unclear or unanswered.

Buchtar Tabuni intimidated and beaten while in police custody

According to Markus Haluk, the head of the Papuan student organization AMPTPI, Buchtar Tabuni and Seby Sambom have been intimidated and beaten while in police custody. Although rejected by Waterpauw, Direktor Research and Criminal Polda Papua, PBI client Kontras Papua confirmed these accusations. The month of January has also seen Buchtar Tabuni be officially charged with subversion at the Jayapura District Court under chapter 106, 107 and 110 of the penal code (KUHP). His legal team include ALDP (Alliance for a Democratic Papua) and PBI client Kontras Papua while the judges overseeing procedures are; Maskel Rambolanyi SH, Es Hutomo SH and Michael Rambani SH. Evidence includes photos, testimony and a CD of the demonstration in October. Meanwhile, the case against Seby Sambom is still being compiled by police.

Land Rights, Natural Resources and the Environment

Freeport clearing of settlers at kilometer 74

On the 21st January, Freeport security guards, working alongside members of district police and specifically assigned security forces, began evicting gold prospectors from Kilometer 74. The company has stated that the move is for the safety of the traditional gold prospectors as the area is prone to landslides and floods. Local community organizations, who believe the move is connected to Freeport production not being hampered by outside communities, protested against the evictions.

Cultural and Indigenous Rights

Manokwari 11 sentences lengthened

The prison sentence of 11 citizens in Manokwari including Jack Wanggai, previously sentenced under subversion, has been increased from 8 months to 3 years and 3.5 years respectively (for Jack Wanggai) after the prosecution appealed to the Jayapura High Court. The 11 are charged under subversion for raising the Bintang Kejora flag, an action deemed illegal under the controversial Regulation 77, at a peaceful demonstration in Manokwari last March. The defense,

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led by PBI client LP3BH, intends to appeal the case to the Supreme Court in Jakarta, an action that may make the case even more high profile. The case has already attracted the attention of international NGO's and governments including Amnesty International. Amnesty International These INGO's urged that the Australian Government opens inter-governmental talks with Jakarta in order to highlight the contradiction between the implementation of Regulation 77 and Indonesia's Human Rights commitments as both a signatory of Human Right Conventions and a member of the UN Human Rights Council.

Department of Religion representation in Keerom criticized, in disregard of Otsus

The head of the Department of Religion (a civil service department) for Papua has said that the Department of Religion in Keerom is under fire for not representing the religious demographics of Kabupaten Keerom. The Religious Department of Keerom has announced that 20 of its 23 seats will be held by Muslims, most of whom reside in Jayapura rather than Keerom. PBI client Deacon John Djonga claimed the representation to be unacceptable and dangerous as it could undermine Papuan and Non-Papuan relations and thus lead to a horizontal conflict. He subsequently joined 3 other religious representatives in a trip to Jakarta to protest the decision to the Minister for Religious Affairs. Although the Department of Religion did not receive the delegation, they proposed to add 5 indigenous Papuan and Christian/Catholic candidates on top of the already announced 23 seats, thus bringing the number of seats to 28. Deacon John Djonga is not satisfied with this decision and believes it will do little to solve the problem of proportional religious representation.

Clearing at Theys Eluay's grave

On the January 31 the Bupati (government official on regency level) of Jayapura, along with local representatives of the government, police and military, removed the people and tents around the grave of Theys Eluay, the former chairman of the Presidium of the Papua Council (PDP) who was killed in 2001. The dispersion of DAP (*Dewan Adat Papua*, Papuan Traditional Council) and the students occurred under heavy police presence but was peaceful. DAP stated the grave was property of adat rakyat (the traditional local community) rather than the local government while the Bupati responded that the removal of the site was to uphold the cleanliness and beauty of Sentani and the Jayapura Regency.

Other

Earthquake hits Manokwari and Sorong

On 4th January 2009, two major earthquakes hit Manokwari and Sorong and were followed by more than 1649 aftershocks over the next 10 days. The initial earthquakes were measured at 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale with aftershocks reaching 6.1 RS. Two people died, hundreds of homes were completely destroyed and many more buildings were damaged in Manokwari. In Sorong, a reported 600 homes were damaged with 20 people being treated for injuries. Reacting to the natural disaster, the President declared a state of emergency and sent three cabinet ministers to assess the damage as well as national recovery and aid agencies. Meanwhile PAST clients LP3BH also assisted in the post-Earthquake response.

Nabire Bupati and Vice-Bupati step down without replacement

On the 10th January, the Bupati and Vice-Bupati of Nabire (the head and deputy head of the regency administration) formally stepped down without a replacement due to continuous procedural delay to the Pilkada (election of the Bupati) in Nabire. The latest delay was from the January 28 to June 2009. The Governor is now to pick a caretaker Bupati until 2010. A local NGO working on the local elections (KMPP) asked Benny Swenny, the head of the General Election Commission (KPU) in Papua, to visit Nabire and explain what is happening. KMPP also occupied the KPU office in Nabire on the January 28. In its action to disperse the people occupying the office, the police fired into the crowd and injured 5 people. 7 people were arrested in connection with the occupation of the KPU office but were released the following day (see also above).

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An attack on a police post in Puncak Jaya results in increased police presence and a shooting incident in the area

On January 9 a group of more than 20 people attacked a police post in Tingginambut, Puncak Jaya Regency and stole 4 weapons. The wife of one of the policemen got injured in the process. On January 12 the Kapolda, a criminal investigation unit, Brimob (a special force unit of the police) and Kasat Intel (an intelligence unit) visited Tingginambut. At the request of Bupati Enembe (the head of the regency's administration), the Kapolda gave a 3 weeks deadline for the community to help them in getting the weapons back. The Kapolda stated that if the deadline is not met there will be further steps taken. On January 14 the Deputy Governor called the Bupati to have a persuasive approach and not start any sweepings yet. On January 19 Goliath Tabuni, a senior figure in the armed wing of the OPM was reported to be in possession of the 4 weapons. This information is reported to come from Yendenak Wonda, an OPM member who was shot by a special force unit (Brimob / Densus 88) during a 'mapping' trip to a suspected OPM headquarter at Tinggineri, Puncak Jaya. Wonda is said to have confessed to being a member of the group that raided the police post in Tingginambut.

2. ACTIVITIES OF PBI INDONESIA

2.1 SUMMARY OF TEAM STATUS

PBI currently maintains three sub-teams within Indonesia, one based in Jakarta and two in Papua: Jayapura and Wamena.

Jakarta Sub-Team: Max Baroni (Italy), Roggie Cale (USA), Bente Hansen (Germany), Lynda Mills (United Kingdom), Hanna Senft (Germany), Arthur Van Witzenburg (Netherlands).

Jayapura Sub-Team: Chris Chaplin (United Kingdom), Sophie Crocker (United Kingdom), Henning Borchers (Germany), Frank Tool (USA).

Wamena Sub-Team: Esther Cann (United Kingdom), Jacob Nerenberg (Canada), Harold Passage (Netherlands), Meriam Passage Smith (Netherlands), Johanna Wolf (Germany).

2.2 MEETINGS WITH AUTHORITIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Meetings with the authorities and diplomatic corps are essential in order to socialize the work of PBI as well as enable such work to be carried out. These meetings also provide room for PBI to express concerns about current issues and situations of which we have first-hand knowledge due to the field work carried out by the teams. The following meetings were held during January:

Indonesian Authorities

- 06/01/2009 Head of Police at Provincial Level (Kapolda) Papua, Jayapura (Jayapura team)
- 11/01/2009 Head of Police at District level (Kapolres) Tares Banda Aceh (Jakarta team)
- 13/01/2009 Deputy Commander for the Military District (Wakil Dandim) Banda Aceh (Jakarta team)
- 19/01/2009 Commander for Military Resort (Danrem) Lhokseumawe (Jakarta team)
- 20/01/2009 Head of Police at District level (Kapolres) Lhokseumawe (Jakarta team)
- 20/01/2009 Advisor to the Governor (Penasihat Gubernur), Jayapura (Jayapura team)
- 23/01/2009 Commander for Military District (Dandim) Bireuen (Jakarta team)
- 23/01/2009 Head of Police at District level (Kapolres) Bireuen (Jakarta team)
- 24/01/2009 Regent (Bupati) Bireuen (Jakarta team)

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- 27/01/2009 Commander for Military District (Dandim) 1701, Jayapura (Jayapura team)
- 28/01/2009 Commander for a Military Resort (Danrem) 172, Jayapura (Jayapura team)
- 29/01/2009 BRA (*Badan Reintegrasi Aceh*, Aceh Integration Institute) (Jakarta team)
- 29/01/2009 Commander of Sub-District Military (Danramil), Arso (Jayapura team)
- 29/01/2009 Commander of Sub-District Military (Danramil), Skanto (Jayapura team)
- 29/01/2009 Police at the sub- district level (Polsek), Skanto (Jayapura team)
- 29/01/2009 District Police Intelligence (Intel Polres), Arso (Jayapura team)
- 29/01/2009 Regent (Bupati) Jayawijaya, Wamena (Wamena team)
- 30/01/2009 BRR (*Pelaksana Badan Rehabilitasi dan Rekonstruksi*, Implementation Institute for rehabilitation and reconstruction) (Jakarta team)
- 30/01/2009 Police at Provincial Level (Polda) and Intel Polda NAD (Jakarta team)
- 30/01/2009 Vice Governor NAD (Jakarta team)

Diplomatic Corps

- 08/01/2009 Italian Embassy (Jakarta team)
- 16/01/2009 UK Embassy (Jayapura team)
- 26/01/2009 German Embassy (Jakarta team)

2.3 MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

PBI Indonesia Project maintains regular contact within Indonesian civil society through regular meetings with civil society organizations. By doing so, we are able to gather and exchange information, monitor the current Human Rights situation and develop an in-depth analysis of the internal political situation. The following meetings were held during January:

Meetings carried out by Jakarta sub-team

- 08/01/2009 FKK (*Forum Komunikasi dan Koordinasi*, Communication and Coordination Forum), Jakarta
- 08/01/2009 KKP (*Komisi Keadilan Perdamaian dan Pastoral Migran-Perantau, Konferensi Waligereja*, Justice and Peace Commission), Jakarta
- 12/01/2009 Aceh Institute, Banda Aceh
- 12/01/2009 (former) SKPK-HAM (Solidaritas Persauderaan Korban Pelanggaran HAK Asasi Manusia, Association of Victims of Human Rights Abuse), Banda Aceh
- 13/01/2009 AJMI (Aceh Judicial Monitoring Institute), Banda Aceh
- 13/01/2009 Interpeace, Banda Aceh
- 14/01/2009 LP3BH (*Lembaga Penelitian, Pengkajian dan Pengembangan Bantuan Hukum*, Institute of Research, Investigation and Development of Legal Aid), Jakarta
- 14/01/2009 Koalisi NGO Ham (Aceh NGO Coalition for Human Rights), Banda Aceh
- 14/01/2009 LBH (*Lembaga Bantuan Hukum*, Legal Aid Foundation), Banda Aceh
- 15/01/2009 Partai Rakyat Aceh (Aceh Community Party), Banda Aceh
- 15/01/2009 PB Ham Takengon (*Pos Bantuan Hukum dan HAM*, Human Rights and Legal Aid Post), Banda Aceh
- 15/01/2009 R.S. (Ratna Sari), Banda Aceh
- 16/01/2009 ACSTF (Achenese Civil Society Task Force), Banda Aceh
- 16/01/2009 KontraS Aceh (*Komisi untuk Orang Hilang dan Korban Tindak Kekerasan*, The Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence), Banda Aceh
- 16/01/2009 R PUK (*Tim Relawan Perempuan untuk Kemanusiaan*, Women's Volunteer Team for Humanity), Banda Aceh
- 19/01/2009 R PUK, (*Tim Relawan Perempuan untuk Kemanusiaan*, Women's Volunteer Team for Humanity) Lhokseumawe
- 20/01/2009 Jari (Womens Network for Justice Aceh), Lhokseumawe

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- 20/01/2009 LPL-HA (*Lembaga Pembelaan Lingkungan Hidup dan Hak Asasi Manusia Aceh*, (Defending environment and Human Rights institute), Lhokseumawe
- 20/01/2009 PB HAM (*Pos Bantuan Hukum dan HAM*, Human Rights and Legal Aid Post), Lhokseumawe
- 21/01/2009 LBH APik (*Lembaga Bantuan Hukum- Assosiasi Perempuan Indonesia untuk Keadilan*, Legal Aid Organisation- Association of Indonesian Women for Justice), Lhokseumawe
- 21/01/2009 Sahara, Lhokseumawe
- 22/01/2009 RATA (Rehabilitation Action for Torture in Aceh), Bireuen
- 23/01/2009 Deacon John Djonga, Jakarta
- 26/01/2009 Partai Aceh (Aceh Party), Bireuen
- 27/01/2009 *Perhimpunan Bantuan Hukum dan HAM Indonesia (Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association)*, Jakarta
- 27/01/2009 CEPA ((Communities and Education Programme in Aceh), Bireuen
- 27/01/2009 LINA (*Liga Inong Aceh*, Aceh Women's League), Bireuen
- 27/01/2009 Skop HAM, Bireuen
- 27/01/2009 Village Alen udeung, Bireuen
- 28/01/2009 Suciwati, Jakarta
- 28/01/2009 LSPENA (Lembaga Swadaya Pembangunan Nasional, National development Institute), Bireuen
- 28/01/2009 Persaudaraan Aceh, Bireuen
- 29/01/2009 APG (Aceh Peace Generation), Banda Aceh
- 29/01/2009 IOM (International Organization for Migration), Banda Aceh

Meetings carried out by Jayapura sub-team

- 05/01/2009, 10/01/2009, 14/01/2009& 23/01/2009 JAPH & HAM (*Jaringan Advokasi Penegakan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia*, Advocacy Network for Upholding Law and Human Rights), Jayapura
- 12/01/2009 Foker LSM, Jayapura
- 14/01/2009& 18/01/2009 LP3BH (*Lembaga Penelitian, Pengkajian dan Pengembangan Bantuan Hukum*, Institute of Research, Investigation and Development of Legal Aid), Jayapura
- 19/01/2009 KPKC (*Keadilan, Perdamaian dan Keutuhan Ciptaan*, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation), Jayapura
- 23/01/2009 SKP Jayapura (Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian, Office for Justice and Peace), Jayapura
- 29/01/2009 Deacon John Djonga, Jayapura
- 30/01/2009 KontraS Papua (*Komisi untuk Orang Hilang dan Korban Tindak Kekerasan*, The Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence), Jayapura
- 30/01/2009 BUK (*Bersatu untuk Kebenaran*, United for Truth), Jayapura

Meetings carried out by Wamena sub-team

- 05/01/2009, 12/01/2009& 19/01/2009 JAPH&HAM (*Jaringan Advokasi Penegakan Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia*, Advocacy Network for Upholding Law and Human Rights), Wamena
- 08/01/2009 Sunspirit Aceh, Jakarta
- 19/01/2009& 21/01/2009 YSBA (*Yayasan Silimo Bina Adat*, Space for Local Culture Foundation), Wamena
- 19/01/2009& 26/01/2009 KK (*Komunitas Korban*, Victim Community), Wamena

2.4 PROTECTIVE SERVICES/PARTICIPATORY PEACE EDUCATION

Jakarta sub-team

The Jakarta sub- team provided check in calls for Yan Christian Waranussi from LP3BH and Deacon John Djonga during their visit in Jakarta.

Three members of the Jakarta team conducted a fieldtrip to Aceh to meet with previous partners and clients, security forces, Indonesian government and civil society organizations.

Jayapura sub-team

The Jayapura sub-team received a request for a Strategic Accompaniment for PBI client, JAPH&HAM at the end of December in relation to a meeting JAPH&HAM requested with the Chief of Police for Papua and West Papua Provinces. JAPH&HAM wished to speak to the Head of Police in connection with the August 9th shooting of Opinus Tabuni in Wamena, which has yet to be resolved. However, the Chief of Police did not respond to JAPH&HAM's request and therefore the Strategic Accompaniment has been delayed indefinitely. The team was also visited by the Human Resources Coordinator for a week of one-on-one meetings and group discussion.

On January 29, two members of PAST went on a field trip to Arso and Skanto in Keerom to visit PBI client Deacon John Djonga and socialize with the military in the area.

Wamena sub-team

The Wamena sub- team provided check in calls with Matius Murib from Kontras, Paulus, Elkana and Oskar from JAPH&HAM and Tinus from Komunitas Korban, they all were fine in the month of January.

At the end of this month we prepared a fieldtrip to Napua on a repeated request from Komunitas Korban but it has not been carried out yet.

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