

Statement of the Ministry of Defense 22 May 2011

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• The Ministry of National Defense is pleased to inform the national and international public opinion about its first steps to effectively and permanently implement the country's commitment with the spirit and provisions of the package solution agreed during the meeting of the Five Foreign Ministers of Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand, held on 07 May 2011 in Jakarta.

• It is worth recalling in the speech delivered by H.E. Gen. Tuot Bouth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense to the 39th ASEAN National Defense Ministers' Meeting on 07 May 2011, stressed point 8 in writing that "only agreed to the recent developments on conflict resolution. Cambodia's main priority remains the process of conflict resolution by peaceful means only and this must be based on the principles of international law and UN Charter. Cambodia has repeatedly expressed its support for the Treaty of Friendship related to the settlement

of Indonesian objectives, as well as the package solution agreed upon in the meeting of the Five Foreign Ministers of Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand on 07 May 2011 in Jakarta."

• The Ministry of National Defense wishes to confirm its stance that in the process of implementing the package solution agreed in the meeting of the Five Foreign Ministers of Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand on 07 May 2011 in Jakarta, the signature part 9) that aims to accept the offer on the package solution is a main factor proceeding to the implementation of other actions as already stated in the package solution and further offered in H.E. Gen. Tuot Bouth's speech given on 07 May 2011 at the 39th ASEAN National Defense Ministers' Meeting.

• In a meeting between Cambodia and the National Defense Ministers in Indonesia, H.E. Donk Hengpran also signed to encourage the Foreign Minister to speed up the work to have the package solution, already agreed by the Five Foreign Ministers on 07 May 2011, signed so that Indonesian army base can be allowed to logistic mission.

• The Ministry of National Defense categorically states any bilateral information or misinformation contradictory to the spirit of the agreement, which is the outcome of the meeting of the Five Foreign Ministers of Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand on 07 May 2011. The agreement has already clarified the provisions of the package solution as well as the Cambodian Minister of National Defense's position, clearly expressed in the 39th ASEAN National Defense Ministers' Meeting.

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