

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ON THE DEMARCATION AND SURVEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN MALAYSIA (SABAH & SARAWAK) AND INDONESIA (KALIMANTAN UTARA & KALIMANTAN BARAT)

21 NOVEMBER 2019

His Excellency Dato' Dr. Xavier Jayakumar, Minister of Water, Land and Natural Resources Malaysia and His Excellency Prof. Drs. H. Muhammad Tito Karnavian Ph.D, Minister of Home Affairs Republic of Indonesia witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Republic of Indonesia on the Demarcation and Survey of the International Boundary between Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak) and Indonesia (Kalimantan Utara & Kalimantan Barat) at Kuala Lumpur.

The MOU was signed by Datuk Zurinah Pawanteh, Secretary General, Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Malaysia and Dr. Hadi Prabowo MM, Secretary General, Ministry of Home Affairs Republic of Indonesia. A map attached to the MOU has been signed by both signatories as well as by Dato' Sr Dr. Azhari bin Mohamed, Director General, Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia and First Admiral Bambang Supriadi, Director for Defense Territory, Ministry of Defense Republic of Indonesia. The signing was held back to back in conjunction with the Forty-Third Meeting of the Joint Malaysia - Indonesia Boundary Committee on the Demarcation and Survey of the International Boundary between Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak) and Indonesia (Kalimantan Utara & Kalimantan Barat) (JMI-43).

The MOU is deemed as a special milestone in the bilateral relation between the two (2) countries in finding closure to long overdue Outstanding Boundary Problems (OBPs) namely the international land boundary near the vicinity of Simantipal River in Pensiangan district/Lumbis Ogong district and the sub-sector from boundary marker C 500 to boundary marker C 600 in Sipitang/Sebakung district. Both segments are located in Sabah/Kalimantan Utara that have remained unresolved since 1978 and 1989 respectively.

The signing of the MOU has reduced the number of OBP segments on the border of Malaysia - Indonesia from nine (9) to seven (7), three (3) in Sabah - Kalimantan Utara Sector and four (4) in Sarawak - Kalimantan Barat Sector.

The signing has paved the way for both countries to further formalise the resolution of the remaining three (3) OBPs in Sabah - Kalimantan Utara Sector in Pulau Sebatik (Tawau district/Nunukan district), the Sinapad - Sesai Rivers and the sub-sector from boundary marker B 2700 to boundary marker B 3100, in Pensiangan district/Lumbis Ogong district by the year 2020.

The JMI-43 Meeting further agreed to recommend to the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation between Malaysia and the Republic of Indonesia for the mandate to begin the discussion on the four (4) OBPs in Sarawak - Kalimantan Barat Sector.

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