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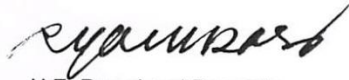
REPUBLIK INDONESIA

**Joint Statement  
Between  
The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia  
And  
The Department of Defense of the United States of America  
30 May 2019  
Jakarta, Indonesia**

1. In conjunction with the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of diplomatic relations, this official bilateral meeting between Indonesian Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu and Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan underscores the continuing strong partnership and important relationship between the two ministries.
2. This Statement reaffirms the sound mechanisms and agreements outlined in the 2010 Framework Arrangement on Cooperative Activities in the Field of Defense, and the 2015 Joint Statement on Comprehensive Defense Cooperation. This Statement asserts the strong desire of both countries to continue to strengthen the defense partnership to address regional and global challenges.
3. The strong and resilient Indonesia-U.S. military relationship is founded and guided by the principles of equality, reciprocity, respect for international rules and norms, respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, and the pursuit of mutual interests. Indonesia and the United States are committed to sustaining those characteristics of collaboration, candid discussion, and information sharing that deepen trust and enable close cooperation to address common security challenges.
4. Both leaders reiterate their commitment to strengthening the existing robust bilateral exercise program to enhance capacity and interoperability. Both ministries affirm support for the expansion in our Army to Army exercise next year, and by normalizing the Army special forces relationship beginning in 2020 with a Joint Combined Exercise Training with KOPASSUS.

5. Both ministries emphasize the importance of strengthening cooperation to combat transnational threats, across the sea, land, air, and cyber domains. In support of greater information sharing, both ministries support the possibility of increased information sharing and exchange of views on an assessment of regional threats by using ASEAN Our Eyes (AOE) as the platform for strategic information exchange among ASEAN Member States. Both ministries recognize the importance of normalizing U.S. Special Forces training with KOPASSUS to build trust and expand counter-terrorism interoperability.
6. Indonesia and the U.S. share a common regard for honoring the service and sacrifice of its military members. Both ministries discussed the importance of supporting the sanctity of remains entombed in vessels like the World War II wreck, USS Houston, and of cooperation to identify U.S. remains in Indonesia.

For the Ministry of Defense  
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Minister of Defense

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