



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL JAVA

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, The Indonesian Embassy in Canberra would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Government and People of Australia for their concern, sympathy and assistance in relation to the tragic earthquake on Saturday morning, May 27, 2006 in central Java, particularly in the region of Yogyakarta and the surrounding area. As of Monday morning May 29, 2006, the Indonesian Ministry of Social Affairs has estimated that 4,983 people have died with a lot more seriously injured.

All relief efforts are being coordinated by the National Coordinating Agency for Disaster Relief (BAKORNAS PB) through the Earthquake Command Centre (Posko Bencana Alam) in Yogyakarta, tel. +62 274 577127 or +62 274 519441. Currently the BAKORNAS PB has announced that emergency assistance be preferably in the form of antibiotics, children food, blankets and tents.

For emergency inquiries regarding the safety of Australian nationals in the affected area, kindly contact the Embassy on 02-62508642 or 62508643.

To honour the victims of the disaster, the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra will organise an interfaith prayer ceremony on Tuesday, 30 May 2006 at 6.30 pm at the Balai Kartini, Indonesian Embassy, 8 Darwin Av., Yarralumla, ACT 2600. The Indonesian community in Canberra as well as friends of Indonesia are cordially invited to attend the event.

The Indonesian Embassy in Canberra will constantly update its website at <http://www.kbri-canberra.org.au> with the latest information regarding the relief efforts underway in central Java.

Canberra, May 29, 2006

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