



IRWANDI YUSUF IS PROJECTED TO BECOME THE NEW GOVERNOR OF ACEH

11 December 2006

A Quick Count conducted in Aceh's direct governor election projects the independent candidate pair Irwandi Yusuf and Muhammad Nazar will be the next governor and vice governor. This pair received 38.57% of the vote while candidates Humam Hamid and Hasbi Abdullah received 17.04%, followed by Malik Raden and Sayed Fuad Zakaria with 12.96%, Azwar Abubakar and Nasir Djamil with 10.40%, Ghazali Abbas Adan and Shaladhuddin Alfata with 7.97%, Iskandar Hoesin and Saleh Manaf with 5.08%, Tamlicha Ali and Harmen Nuriqmar with 4.58%. Meanwhile candidates Djali Yusuf and Syauqas Rahmatillah have received 3.39% of the vote.

This Quick Count, which was conducted by *Jurdil Aceh* with the support of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) also found that the polling and counting process was in general conducted peacefully, transparent and in order.

The voter turnout or the rate of participation of registered voter who cast ballots in the biggest local election in Indonesian history was relatively high 85%. This figure is considered high compared to other local elections. The invalid ballot rate was 3.46%.

Based on this observation result from Jurdil Aceh volunteers, the election process generally proceeded in order with 96% of polling stations properly prepared, and 87% polling stations opened on time. Meanwhile, 96% of the polling process proceeded orderly because 94% of polling officials understood their roles. There were a few cases of voters who did not bring their voting cards but were still allowed to vote (8%) and 86% of polling stations were closed before the proper time (14:00 WIB).

The election process proceeded transparently in 96% of observed polling stations, while 89% of polling stations were monitored by candidate agents and 97% of the agents signed the official voting certificate.

The election was also very peaceful with 97% of polling stations reporting no cases of intimidation and 97% reporting no cases of violence.

Overall, 99% Jurdil Aceh observers stated that the voting and counting process was conducted fairly and transparently.

These findings and projection are based on the results of a Quick Count of the Aceh election conducted by Jurdil Aceh with the support of the National Democratic

Institute for International Affairs (NDI). This program received support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

This count is based on the observation of the polling and counting in 335 polling stations from across the province proportional to the population and number of polling stations in each area. The polling stations were selected randomly using a statistical method which is accepted internationally and was proven to be accurate in the Indonesian National Elections in 2004.

The margin of error of the Quick Count +/- 2% at a 95 % confidence level.

**Table 2: Projection of Candidate Vote Results
in the Aceh Governor Election December 11, 2006**

No.	Candidates	Vote Projection
1.	Ir. H. Iskandar Hoesin, MH & Drs. H.M. Saleh Manaf BSc	5.08 %
2.	Letjen TNI (Purn) H. Tamlicha Ali & Drs. Tgk. Harmen Nuriqmar	4.58%
3.	Drs. H.A. Malik Raden, MM & H. Sayed Fuad Zakaria, SE	12.96%
4.	Dr. Ir H. A. Humam Hamid, MA & Drs. H. Hasbi Abdullah, Msi	17.04%
5.	HM Djali Yusuf & Drs. H.R.A Syauqas Rahmatillah MA	3.39%
6.	Drh. Irwandi Yusuf MSc & Muhmamad Nazar Sag	38.57%
7.	Ir. H. Azwar Abubakar, MM & M. Nasir Djamil SAg	10.40%
8.	Drs. Ghazali Abbas Adan & Drs. H. Shalahuddin Alfata	7.97%

* Data collected until 21:47 WIB, December 11, 2006 (335 Polling Stations)

**Table 1: Quick Count Qualitative Observation Results
of Aceh Governor Election December 11 2006**

No.	Questions	Yes	No
1.	Was the polling station set up properly?	96%	4%
2.	Were all materials available on time?	92%	8%
3.	Did the voting booths guarantee the secrecy of the voting?	97%	3%
4.	Was the opening of polling station conducted according to the rules?	87%	13%
5.	Was the voting exercised in orderly manner?	96%	4%
6.	Was polling official familiar with rules in the polling stations?	94%	6%
7.	Was there any intimidation around the polling station?	3%	97%
8.	Was there any violence around the polling station?	3%	97%
9.	Were you able to monitor all aspects of opening, voting, and counting?	96%	4%
10.	Was there evidence of organized fraud attempts?	4%	96%
11.	Were there any voters that have voted but allowed to vote again?	2%	98%
12.	Were there voters who did not bring their voter card but were allowed to vote?	8%	92%
13.	Was the polling process closed according to election regulations (at 13:00 WITA)?	86%	14%
14.	Were counting procedures conducted according to the rules?	96%	4%
15.	Was there a candidate witness at the polling station?	89%	11%
16.	Did the candidate witnesses sign the forms vote count certification forms?	97%	3%



JURDIL is a standard of election observation which is trusted as independent, accurate and neutral. First used during the three national elections in 2004, this standard was developed by NDI together with partner organizations LP3ES, Yappika, and JAMPPI. This method of projecting election results was proven to be extremely accurate by NDI's JURDIL partners during the 2004 National Elections.

Jurdil Aceh is a local organization network that is non-partisan, independent, and credible. Jurdil Aceh members are Aceh Development Fund (ADF), Community for Aceh Resource Development Fund (ADF), Community for Aceh Resource Development (e-card), Forum LSM Aceh, and Katahati Institute. Each of these organizations have been involved in election monitoring activities. To support Aceh local election, Jurdil Aceh has conducted Voter Registration Audit (VRA), voter education, and candidate's debate.



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