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## **THE FIRST LOCAL DIRECT ELECTIONS IN INDONESIA CONSIDERED PEACEFUL, TRANSPARENT AND IN ORDER 2 June 2005**

The vote polling and counting in Indonesia's first local executive elections for District Leader and Deputy District Leader in Kutai Kertanegara District, East Kalimantan Province are considered peaceful, transparent and conducted according to election regulations and procedures. The conclusion was reached following direct observation of the election day process by *Pokja 30*.

The election process was peaceful. From observation results, 98.43% of polling stations were free of incidences of intimidation and 98.95% were free of incidences of violence.

Election authorities carried out the preparation and implementation of the election procedures according to correct procedures and enforced election regulations. Based on the data, election authorities had prepared 95.81% of the polling stations according to regulations laid out by the KPUD. The implementation of the vote polling was conducted in an orderly fashion in 96.86% of the polling stations. Polling stations official understood election regulations and procedures in 97.38% of the polling stations. For instance, 79.58% of the polling stations were open according to regulations. In 97.38% of the polling stations voters with ink on their fingers were not allowed to vote again. In 97.38% of the polling stations the counting process was conducted according to election regulations. Finally, 96.34% of the polling stations were free from visible attempts at election fraud.

The voting and counting process was considered extremely transparent. Based on the data, 92.67% of *Pokja 30* volunteers were able to observe all aspects of the election process. Party agents representing candidates were present in 97.38% of the polling stations and 99.48% signed the official protocol and the vote recapitulation certificate. Secrecy of the voting booths was guaranteed in 97.91% of the polling stations.

These findings are based on a Quick Count of the election process in Kutai Kertanegara District which was conducted by *Pokja 30* with the assistance from the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). This count is based on the observation of the results from 191 polling stations from across the district 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 is  $\pm 2\%$  with a confidence level of 95%.

The objective of the Quick Count is to provide a report to the public regarding the quality of the voting process and a verification of the counting process which is independent, neutral and timely. The Quick Count provides a contextual and systematic report on the election process and contributes to public confidence in the vote result.

*Pokja 30* (Forum Himpunan Kelompok Kerja 30) is a non-governmental, non-profit and independent organization founded in 1999 and works on public policy issues. Since its

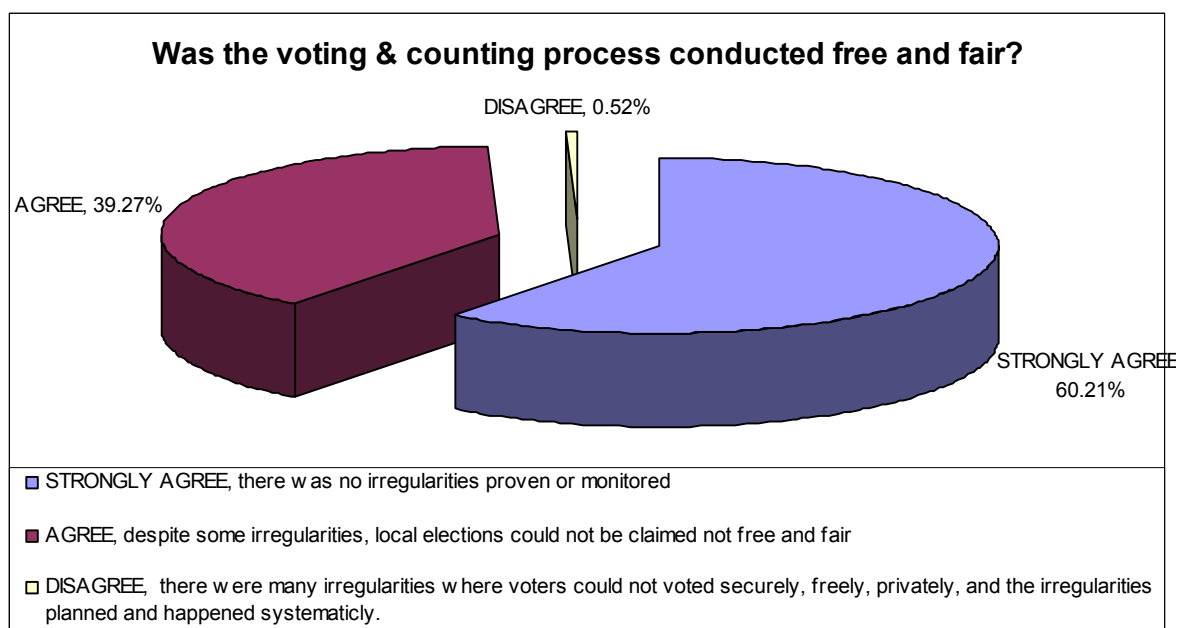
foundation, Pokja 30 has conducted many activities related to public policy including research on the quality of Water Services in Samarinda and Tenggarong Cities. Pokja 30 has also conducted analysis of the City of Samarinda and East Kalimantan Province budgets. Pokja 30 also has conducted a voter behaviour survey during the Indonesian legislative elections in 2004 using an Exit Poll method, and a survey on voter perception and preference regarding the political platforms of the presidential candidates in Samarinda.



The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) is a non-partisan, non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Washington, DC that has been working for more than twenty years to strengthen democracy worldwide. Working with local partners, NDI has conducted Quick Counts in more than two dozen countries including in Indonesia's National Elections in 2004.

### Qualitative Monitoring Results (Reports from 191 polling stations)

No.	Questions	Yes	No
1.	Was the polling station set up properly?	95.81%	4.19%
2.	Was the voting booth guarantee the secrecy of the votes?	97.91%	2.09%
3.	Was the opening of polling station conducted according to the rules?	79.58%	20.42%
4.	Was the voting exercised in orderly manner?	96.86%	3.14%
5.	Was polling official familiar with rules in the polling stations?	97.38%	2.62%
6.	Was there any intimidation around the polling station?	1.57%	98.43%
7.	Was there any violence around the polling station?	1.05%	98.95%
8.	Were you able to monitor all aspects of opening, voting, and counting?	95.29%	4.71%
9.	Was there evidence of organized fraud attempts?	3.66%	96.34%
10.	Were there any voters that have voted but allowed to vote again?	2.62%	97.38%
11.	Were counting procedures conducted according to the rules?	97.38%	2.62%
12.	Were there candidate witnesses in the polling station?	97.38%	2.62%
13.	Did the witnesses sign the forms certifying vote counting results?	99.48%	0.52%



**Comparison between the KPUD Provisional Count and the Quick Count:**

Candidate Pair	KPUD (21:00, 1 June 2005*)		Quick Count (21:00, 1 June 2005)		Percentage Difference
	Percentage of Vote	Number of Votes (251,268 votes counted from a total of 375,925 voters – 66.8%)	Percentage of Vote (Margin of Error $\pm 2\%$ )	Sample Size (Polling Stations)	
Aji Sofyan Alex – H Muhammad Irkham	33.77%	84,846	33,14%	191	0.63%
Tajuddin Noor – Abd. Djabar Bukran	5.98%	13,790	5,94%	191	0.04%
Syaukani HR – Syamsuri Aspar	60.68%	152,474	60,92%	191	0.24%
Invalid Ballots	0.06%	158	1.96%	191	1.90%

*\*Source: Kaltim Pos, 2 June 2005, page. 1*

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