

## PRESS ADVISORY

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Community for Aceh Resources Development

### **e-CARD Will Publicize Their Independent Monitoring Results on the Quality of the Opening and Voting Processes in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam**

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**Thursday, April 9, 2009: 19:00**

**Banda Aceh** -- e-CARD will publicly announce their independent election monitoring results on the quality of the opening and voting processes using the Sample Based Observation (SBO) method in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam on Thursday, April 9 at 19.00. The observation results from more than 700 e-CARD volunteers who will observe a statistically random sample of 600 polling stations in 23 municipalities/cities in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) province will be publicized through several press conferences. On Election Day, e-CARD observers will directly observe the voting process and record the official voting count results for the Aceh House of Representatives (DPRA) in randomly selected polling stations.

#### **Sample Based Observation as an election-monitoring tool.**

The SBO is an election observation tool that uses statistics to collect information on the entire process of Election Day implementation. One of the main objectives of the SBO is to provide independent verification of the official vote count process.

#### **e-CARD press conference schedule**

Date	Activity	Place
9 April 2009 at 19:00*	<i>Press Conference I: Quality of the opening and voting processes in Aceh</i>	Aceh I Room Hermes Hotel Jl. T. nyak makam Banda Aceh
10 April 2009 at 15:00*	<i>Press Conference II: Vote counting and monitoring results in Aceh</i>	Aceh I Room Hermes Hotel
11 April 2009 at 11:00*	<i>Press Conference III: Independent verification of the Aceh House of Representative (DPRA) vote count</i>	Serambi Hall, Ground Floor Hermes Hotel

\*Tentative. Please contact Mira Maruto at 0811893128 to confirm schedule and location for the press conferences.

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