

Tijdens de activiteiten in Ambon in het kader van de World Peace Day, zijn vanmorgen zeven mensen gearresteerd. Zes personen zouden in het bezit zijn van een RMS-vlag en 1 persoon is opgepakt omdat zijn jas de kleuren bevatte van een RMS-vlag. Het bezoek van de Indonesische president, die de activiteiten officieel opende, gaat gepaard met veel militair vertoon. Militairen en politie stellen zich daarbij heel agressief en intimiderend op tegen over de Molukse gemeenschap.

En dit is was Antara News meldde:

President happy Maluku people now living in peace.

Ambon, Maluku (ANTARA News) - President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said he was happy to see that people in Maluku were now living in peace with one another.

"I am really happy with the fact that the people of Maluku now live peacefully and that various development programs and social services in the region are running well," the president said at a ceremony to observe World Peace Day here on Wednesday.

Yudhoyono said that while making the 36-km trip from Pattimura international airport in Laha village to Ambon city, he had seen encouraging signs of development.

"I saw various signs of active development such as roads that have been widened and damaged buildings that have been rebuilt. This is an encouraging result of development carried out in support of the peaceful co-existence of the people of Maluku, particularly the people of Ambon city," the president said.

The president got an even stronger impression of the Maluku people's peaceful co-existence when he saw honest and cheerful smiles on the faces of youths who had lined some of parts of the road from the airport to Ambon city to greet him.

"This is really a beautiful situation which reflects increasing harmonious relations and a barometer of harmonious life in Maluku province," he said.

He hoped that the harmonious relations would be maintained and the "pela and gadong" principle which the Maluku people inherited from their forefathers was always upheld in their social life.

"The harmonious inter-faith relations as preserved in the `pela and gadong` cultural frame constitutes a guarantee of life condition in Maluku to remain peaceful," the president said.