

Republik Maluku Selatan



Pemerintah Republik Maluku Selatan

Government in Exile of the Republic of the South-Moluccas

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The government of the Republik Maluku Selatan (RMS) supports the desire of the Kanaks, the indigenous people of New Caledonian, for independence.

Today, Sunday October 4th, 2020, the second referendum will take place in which the inhabitants of this archipelago in the Pacific can express themselves as an independent nation to break free from the French republic, of which New Caledonia is part as an autonomous territory.

The Kanak people are the largest population group and has been struggling for independence since 1980.

The hostilities led to an agreement in 1998 in which it was agreed that a referendum on the future of the island state will be held in 2018, 2020 and 2022. The first referendum was in favor of the part of the population made up of people of non-Kanak origin, mainly of French and European descent.

The government of the Republik Maluku Selatan wishes to see the balance in the second referendum turns in favor of the Kanak people.

The people of the South Moluccans Republic (RMS) and their government in exile show their solidarity in the efforts of the Kanaks because we can fully identify ourselves in the struggle of the Kanak people.

Despite the fact that our starting situations differ from each other - the RMS was proclaimed as an independent state on April 25, 1950. After several years of armed struggle, the territory of the RMS was annexed and occupied by the Indonesian Republic to this day, despite the principles of international law - we know and experience what it means not to be in charge of your own territory.

The South Moluccas are one of the richest areas in Indonesia, while the revenues does not or hardly benefit its own population. The government of the Republic of the South Moluccas also strives for peace, security and prosperity for its people and that the people have the opportunity to determine their own fate and future.

The government of the Republic of the South-Moluccas wholeheartedly wish the Kanak people are able to do so in the very near future.

Mena Muria!

Republic of the South-Moluccas

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